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EMERGING ENTERPRISES PRO BONO PROGRAM

Supporting market-based development
and businesses with a social, economic
or environmental impact across the
developing world.

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“As a small business owner, having good legal counsel can be the difference between staying in business or closing your doors. Our relationship with Sidley gives us confidence to build our company. I am so grateful for Sidley.”

FUNLAYO ALABI,
CEO AT SHEA RADIANCE

“Without the amazing efforts of Sidley’s pro bono legal assistance, we would not be able to deliver the impact our farmers need and deserve.”

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About the Emerging Enterprises Pro Bono Program

Launched by Sidley in 2012, the Program provides free legal support to eligible small and medium-sized for-profit enterprises and market-focused NGOs and nonprofits that have a clear social impact in developing countries.

Eligibility Criteria

We are happy to look at all applications to the Program on a case-by-case basis. Our typical pro bono clients satisfy the following criteria:

- Located entirely in—or have primary operations in—a developing country.
- Are engaged in activities with a commitment to delivering a positive social, economic, and/or environmental impact.
- Are unable to afford or otherwise access international legal services.
- Have established a presence in the local marketplace or jurisdiction successfully moving beyond the initial launch and sales phase.

In addition, we ask our clients to secure local counsel in case local law-related issues need to be addressed.



How We Can Help

- Do you need assistance with understanding the content and interpretation of various contracts (e.g., employment contracts, non-disclosure agreements, sales contracts, memorandum of understanding)?
- Do you seek legal advice related to data privacy protection?
- Do you need advice on addressing and removing trade barriers for products in regional and international markets?
- Do you need assistance to comply with regulatory requirements for health, safety, packaging, and product standards?
- Do you need advice on company structure and assistance with partnership or venture agreements?

Lawyers working under the Emerging Enterprises Pro Bono Program can assist you with these and other legal questions. We note that support in these areas is contingent on the availability of our lawyers in each field of expertise.

Our Impact

“The clients’ appreciation for the work, and the time spent finding solutions for their needs, is definitely something I value. Working so closely with the executives of these emerging companies helps you see firsthand how the pro bono legal work we do makes a huge difference.”

EDUARDO MARQUEZ CERTUCHA, ASSOCIATE IN SIDLEY’S HOUSTON OFFICE



12 YEARS



240+ CLIENTS



66.5K+ HOURS



60+ COUNTRIES



1308 LAWYERS AND SPECIALISTS



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FRUIT COMPANY



DIGITAL GREEN: SOUTH ASIA, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

About the Firm

Sidley is an elite global law firm. With 2,300 lawyers, annual revenue of US\$3.1 billion, and experience that spans 158 years, we have established a reputation using Built to WinSM legal strategies in successfully representing clients in more than 70 countries on complex transactional, investigation, regulatory, and litigation matters.

With 21 offices strategically situated in key commercial and financial hubs throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia Pacific, our perspective and our reach are truly global. Our lawyers and business professionals, fluent in more than 80 languages, possess the cultural awareness and cross-border legal acumen needed to bring clarity to a dynamic business landscape.

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