

Dear ,

May has been a great month for us. You may have heard us mentioned on National Public Radio or seen us referenced in the *New York Times*. We've got five highlights to share below, and you can always find many more at www.procon.org. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, referrals, and donations.

Please forward this email to anyone else you think might have an interest in the free research at ProCon.org. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,

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1. ProCon.org now has a successful [Volunteer Program](#)

On February 9, 2009, we launched a volunteer and intern program that is now 10 volunteers strong. We thank all the volunteers who have helped us so far, and we encourage others to consider becoming a ProCon.org volunteer or intern.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA:

2. [13 States Have Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana in 2009](#)

Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee are considering legislation to legalize medical marijuana in 2009. On May 18, 2009, the Minnesota state House and Senate passed a bill to legalize medical marijuana, but Governor Tim Pawlenty vetoed it two day later. We'll keep Minnesota on the chart for 30 days and then remove it bringing the list of 13 states down to 12.

PROSTITUTION:

3. [64.1% of the 64 countries we've researched to date have fully or partially legalized prostitution](#)

Of the 64 countries we've researched to date, 32 have legal prostitution, 9 have limited legality, and 23 have outlawed it. We've provided the legal status of prostitution, brothel ownership, and pimping as well as included a brief summary of current prostitution-related activity for each of these 64 countries.

SPORTS AND DRUGS:

4. [LA Dodger Manny Ramirez suspended for 50 games after testing positive for a banned substance](#)

The All-Star left-fielder will lose \$7.7 million of his \$25 million 2009 salary as a result of the suspension. ProCon.org has created a comprehensive biography for Manny Ramirez where you can read his statement in response to his Major League suspension as well as learn about his career and personal history.

5. "Core question" for Illegal Immigration ProCon.org ([What are the solutions to illegal immigration in America?](#)) and Israeli-Palestinian ProCon.org ([What are the solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?](#)) now in pro and con format by type of solution proposed.

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