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Annual Pro Bono & Public Service Awards
Call for Nominations

The Seventh Circuit Bar Association’s Pro Bono & Public Service Awards celebrate the legal profession’s commitment to community service and honor outstanding pro bono and public service work by members of the bar. Through the awards, the Association recognizes the exemplary work of attorneys from the host state of the Association’s Annual Meeting, Illinois in 2020. Awards are presented for work in each of the following categories of courts:

- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals;
- U.S. District Courts in Illinois; and
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts in Illinois.

Nominations must include a description of the nature and extent of the pro bono or public service work, and must identify the particular court in which the work was performed. Criteria for the awards include a significant pro bono or public service undertaking involving federal court litigation, and practice at the highest degree of excellence and ethics.

Recognizing that outstanding pro bono or public service can take many forms, nominations are welcomed of Illinois attorneys who have been court-appointed or who otherwise have taken on civil or criminal federal court matters on behalf of those in need, regardless of whether the work involved written advocacy, oral advocacy, or both. Nominations may be of an attorney, group, firm, or other organization. Nominations may be either for outstanding pro bono work, or for outstanding public service. Public service work includes but is not limited to legal aid.

To nominate an attorney or a group of attorneys for an award, please submit a letter of nomination, including the professional biography of the nominee(s), to the Pro Bono & Public Service Awards Committee, c/o Debbie Groboski, Seventh Circuit Bar Association, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1050, Chicago, IL 60604, or by email dg@ag-ltd.com. For further information, please contact Pro Bono & Public Service Committee Chair Margot Klein at margot_klein@ilnd.uscourts.gov.

Nominations must be received by March 16, 2020

Awards will be presented during the Seventh Circuit Bar Association’s 69th Annual Meeting, May 3-5, 2020, at the Radisson Blu in Chicago, IL.