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FROM: William J. Leahy, Chief Counsel

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RE: **NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR DUGGAN, MARSHALL, BLITZMAN,
FITZPATRICK AND LIACOS AWARDS – DEADLINE EXTENDED**

In 1988, the Committee for Public Counsel Services established the **Edward J. Duggan Award for Outstanding Service**. This award is given to both a Public Defender and Private Counsel attorney and is named for Edward J. Duggan (1915-2004), who served continuously from 1940 to 1997 as a member of the Voluntary Defenders Committee, the Massachusetts Defenders Committee and the Committee for Public Counsel Services. The award is presented each year to the public defender and private attorney who best represent the zealous advocacy which is the central principle governing the representation of indigents in Massachusetts. Selections are made by the elected officers and senior staff of the Committee for Public Counsel Services. Previous recipients of the Public Defender and Private Counsel Duggan award are:

Public Defender**Private Counsel**

1988	Brownlow M. Speer Chief Appellate Attorney	Louis D. Coffin Bristol County
1989	Milton L. Wright Attorney-in-Charge Roxbury Defenders Unit	Max D. Stern Suffolk County
1990	Lawrence J. McGuire Attorney-in-Charge Essex County	Kevin J. Reddington Plymouth County
1991	David M. Skeels Senior Trial Attorney Cambridge office	John H. LaChance Middlesex County
1992	Robert F. Fandel Attorney-in-Charge Plymouth County	Arnold I. Abelow Suffolk County & Paul V. Donahue Berkshire County
1993	Daniel E. Callahan, III Attorney-in-Charge Lowell office	Eileen D. Agnes Middlesex County
1994	Carol A. Donovan Appeals Unit	Steven J. Sack Suffolk County
1995	Bruce R. Bono Senior Trial Attorney Boston office	Robert L. Sheketoff Suffolk County
1996	Geoffrey C. Packard Senior Trial Counsel	Peter L. Ettenberg Worcester County
1997	Stephanie Page Senior Trial Counsel	Janice Bassil Suffolk County
1998	John G. Darrell Senior Trial Attorney Brockton office	John Salsberg Suffolk County
1999	Patricia A. O'Neill Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney	Terry Nagel Hampden County
2000	Mark D. Gagnon Barnstable office (posthumously)	Stephen Hrones Suffolk County

2001	Gordon A. Oppenheim Attorney-in-Charge Norfolk County	Wendy H. Sibbison Franklin County
2002	Benjamin H. Keehn Appeals Unit	Randolph Gioia Suffolk County
2003	Bruce E. Ferg Cambridge office	Joseph F. Krowski Plymouth County
2004	William W. Robinson Barnstable office	Rosemary C. Scapicchio Suffolk County
2005	Christopher S. Skinner Salem office	Charles K. Stephenson Hampshire County
2006	Michael S. Hussey Attorney-in-Charge Worcester County	Rebecca M. Young Suffolk County
2007	John P. Osler Attorney-in-Charge Cambridge Superior Court office	James B. Krasnoo Middlesex County
2008	Beverly J. Cannone Attorney-in-Charge Dedham Superior Court office	Larry Tipton Suffolk County

In 1994, CPCS established **The Thurgood Marshall Award**. This award is intended to recognize a person who has made significant contributions to the quality of the representation we provide to our clients. Previous recipients of the Marshall award are:

1994	Lisa M. Hewitt CPCS General Counsel
1995	Leslie Walker CPCS Private Counsel Division staff attorney
1996	Wilbur G. Hollingsworth, Chief Counsel Massachusetts Defenders Committee, 1961-1965
1997	Attorney Walter B. Prince Suffolk County
1998	Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. Harvard Law School

- 1999 David J. Hallinan, Executive Director
Essex County Bar Association Advocates, Inc.
- 2000 Attorney Patricia L. Garin
Suffolk County
- 2001 Kristen Gilbert Defense Team: David Hoose, Harry Miles, Paul
Weinberg, Anita Sarro Michelle Drake, Phil Kass & Tom Kirkpatrick
- 2002 Attorney Sam Silverman
Lexington
- 2003 Professor Stanley Z. Fisher
Boston University School of Law
- 2004 Attorney Paul J. Machado
Fall River
- 2005 ACLU of MA: John Reinstein, David Hoose and Bill Newman
- 2006 Attorney Bonnie G. Allen
Springfield
- 2007 Cathleen L. Bennett
Director, CPCS Criminal Defense Training Unit
- 2008 Attorney Arnold R. Rosenfeld
Boston

In 1996, CPCS established **The Jay D. Blitzman Award for Youth Advocacy**. This award is intended to honor a person, who need not be an attorney, who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the principle that children accused of crime, or otherwise at risk, are treated fairly and with dignity. For a more complete description of the Blitzman award, please contact Paula at (617) 988-8311. Previous recipients of the Blitzman award are:

- 1996 Ernest Hughes, Jr.
- 1997 The Children's Law Center
Lynn
- 1998 Tony Vuong
- 1999 Attorney Scott F. Busconi
Southborough
- 2000 Habiba Davis

- 2001 Attorney Kenneth J. King
Boston
- 2002 Second Thoughts Program
- 2003 Attorney Jenny C. Chou
Roxbury
- 2004 Robin Dahlberg
Lael E.H. Chester
Samuel Williams
- 2005 Attorney Patricia A. Downey
Plymouth
- 2006 Moacir Barbosa
Laurie Jo Wallace
Glenn Daly
- 2007 Attorney Richard J. Bowen
Andover
- 2008 Attorney Kristyn M. Snyder
Chelmsford

In 1998 CPCS created two new awards: **The Mary C. Fitzpatrick Children and Family Law Award** to honor a public or private attorney who demonstrates zealous advocacy and an extraordinary commitment to the representation of both children and parents in care and protection, children in need of services, and dispensation with consent to adoption cases, and **The Paul J. Liacos Mental Health Advocacy Award** to recognize a public defender or private attorney whose legal advocacy on behalf of indigent persons involved in civil and/or criminal mental health proceedings best exemplifies zealous advocacy in furtherance of all clients' legal interests. Previous recipients of the Fitzpatrick and Liacos awards are:

Fitzpatrick Award

- 1998 Carol A. Erskine
Worcester
- 1999 Robin L. Stolk
Attorney-in-Charge
Springfield CAFL office
- 2000 Leslie A. Donahue
Amesbury

Liacos Award

- Stan Goldman
Director, MHLU
- Robert H. Weber
Newton
- John G. Swomley
Boston

2001	Claudia L. Bolgen Woburn	Mark J. Gillis Boston
2002	Dorothy M. Storrow Greenfield	Michael F. Farrington Quincy
2003	Michael F. Kilkelly Malden	Laura A. Sanford Lexington
2004	Thomas A. Sebestyen Pittsfield	Sondra H. Schmidt Hingham
2005	Anita Baas Sullivan Wakefield	George B. Crane Pittsfield
2006	Amy Karp Boston CAFL	Alice Whitehill Wiseberg Boston
2007	Joan K. Katz Royalston	Debra Beard-Bader CPCS Alternative Commitment Unit
2008	Lisa Van Gordon d'Errico Northampton	Margaret L. Lunevitz CPCS Mental Health Litigation Unit

The Committee will present the awards at its annual training conference on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the DCU Center (formerly the Worcester Centrum Centre) in downtown Worcester.

Nominations for the public and private attorney Duggan awards, the Thurgood Marshall, the Mary C. Fitzpatrick and the Paul J. Liacos awards should be submitted to William J. Leahy, Chief Counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Services, 44 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108, **no later than Monday, May 25, 2009**. Nominations for the Blitzman award should be submitted by the same date to Joshua Dohan, Director, Youth Advocacy Project, Committee for Public Counsel Services, 10 Malcolm X Boulevard, Suite 2-1, Roxbury, MA 02119. Faxed nominations are acceptable: Leahy--617-988-8495; Dohan--617-541-0904.