

2009 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards



Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of
the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Invites
Nominations for the 2009 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards

Program Overview

In furtherance of SJC Rule 6.1, Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service, the SJC Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services will present awards to individual lawyers, law firms, government attorneys, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged including CPCS, legal services or similar providers who conduct non-program pro bono work. The awards will be presented in a ceremony at the John Adams Courthouse on October 28, 2009, in conjunction with the American Bar Association's recognition of National Pro Bono Month.

It is through "... commitment and hard work, [that] we can move closer to our goal of providing access to justice for all."

– Retired SJC Chief Justice Herbert P. Wilkins, upon establishment of the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services.

Program Statement

The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards Program seeks to identify and honor individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our Commonwealth's poor and disadvantaged. These services are of critical importance to the increasing number of people living in poverty who are in need of legal representation to improve their lives.

Award Criteria

Awardees will be selected from those who have excelled in providing volunteer services in one or more of the following ways:

1. volunteer participation in an activity or pro bono program which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population;
2. successfully litigated pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor; and/or
3. successfully achieved legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the poor.

Nomination Guidelines

- Kindly submit a brief narrative explaining how the candidate meets the criteria for *The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards*. Specify the nature of the pro bono contribution and identify those who have benefited.
- Information that would be helpful includes principal areas of practice, the number of years practicing law, hours spent on pro bono activities, other public service contributions, educational background, supporting documents and bar association activities.
- Include up to 3 letters of support, if available, from other individuals and organizations who are aware of the candidate's pro bono contribution.
- Nominations submitted in 2008 remain active for consideration in the 2009 Awards program.

Selection Process

- Nominations should be received by July 15, 2009.
- Submit all materials to: Richard McMahan, Esq., *The 2009 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards*, c/o New Center for Legal Advocacy, Inc., 18 Main Street Extension, 3rd Fl., Plymouth, MA 02360 or contact Alison Fallon at (508) 591-6680, afallon@ncla.net, if you have any questions.

The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards are named in honor of Attorneys John Adams and John Quincy Adams.



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Adams Awards Recipients, 2002 – 2008

May 2002 (inaugural awards ceremony)

Henry Raphaelson, Raphaelson & Raphaelson, Worcester

S. Stephen Rosenfeld, Rosenfeld & Rafik, Boston; Founder, Health Law Advocates, Inc., Boston

Foley, Hoag & Eliot LLP

May 2003

Michael G. Paris, Partner, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, Boston

Stanford & Schall, New Bedford

Women's Bar Foundation

May 2004

John A. Burdick, Jr., Worcester

Anna E. Dodson, Associate, Goodwin Proctor LLP, Boston

Bankruptcy Law Section of the Boston Bar Association

May 2005

Mark Berson, President, Levy, Winer & Berson, P.C., Greenfield

The Honorable Edward M. Ginsburg, retired, Middlesex Probate and Family Court; Founder,
Senior Partners for Justice

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., with special recognition to partners

Susan J. Cohen and Grant Sovern for their work on behalf of the Political Asylum/
Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project

June 2006

Marion E. Broidrick and Lawrence A. Zalis for their work on behalf of the Barnstable Action
for New Direction (BAND) Program

Heisler, Feldman, McCormick & Garrow, P.C., Springfield

Samual B. Moskowitz, Partner, Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., Boston

June 2007

Leigh-Ann Patterson Durant, Lexington, Associate General Counsel of Clinical Trials and
Medical Affairs for EMD Serono, Inc., Rockland, formerly of Nixon Peabody LLP

Holly Sanborn Dyar, solo practitioner, Plymouth

The Boston office of the law firm of Dechert LLP

June 2008

John G. Dugan, Millis, Principal in the law firm of Doherty Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, P.C.,
Franklin and Medfield

Edward Notis-McConarty, Newton, Partner, Hemenway & Barnes LLP, Boston

Francis J. (Jay) Lynch III, North Easton, Managing Partner, Lynch & Lynch, Boston and
South Easton

Christine J. Wichers, Cambridge, and Lisa M. Gaulin, South Boston, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, Boston