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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 2012. Awards are presented for work in each of the following categories:

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

Recognizing that outstanding *pro bono* or public service work can take many forms, nominations are welcomed of 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.

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.

To nominate an attorney or a group of attorneys for an award, please submit a letter of nomination and any supporting materials, preferably including the professional biography of the nominee or nominees, 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. Materials also may be e-mailed to: dgroboski@ag-ltd.com. Please include a description of the nature and extent of the *pro bono* or public service work and the court in which the work was performed. For further information, please contact *Pro Bono & Public Service Committee Chair Margot Klein* at margot.klein@comcast.net.

Nominations must be received by February 17, 2012.

The awards will be presented during the Seventh Circuit Bar Association's 61st Annual Meeting, May 6-8, 2012, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Chicago.