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First Annual Pro Bono & Public Service Awards **Call for Nominations**

The Seventh Circuit Bar Association is pleased to announce the establishment of its Annual *Pro Bono* and Public Service Awards. The awards are intended to celebrate the legal profession's commitment to community service and to honor outstanding *pro bono* and public service work by members of the bar on behalf of those in need. Through the awards, the Association will recognize exemplary work of practitioners from the host state of the Association's Annual Meeting, Illinois in 2010. Awards will be 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 appointed or who otherwise have taken on civil or criminal federal court matters, 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 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 Grobowski, 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 Awards Committee Chair Margot Klein at (312) 408-5149.

Nominations must be received by March 19, 2010.

The awards will be presented at the Seventh Circuit Bar Association's Annual Dinner, May 3, 2010, at the Hotel InterContinental in Chicago, as part of the Association's 59th Annual Meeting.