2012 PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARDS

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1, 2012, 5 P.M.

Thank you for your interest in the 2012 Pro Bono Publico Awards. The pro bono community of Utah seeks to recognize those who have provided or enabled the direct provision of legal services, free of charge, for Utah's most vulnerable citizens - people living in poverty, individuals with disabilities, veterans, seniors, minorities and victims of domestic violence. While the obstacles to equal access to justice continue to mount, the willingness of attorneys to help meet the legal needs of the indigent in their communities is important to those in need of service.

Awards will be presented in conjunction with the **Law Day Celebration at the Little America Hotel on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 12p.m**.

A nominee may be a lawyer, law firm or organization, law student, or law school, depending on the category. A nominee may be nominated for more than one category, if applicable. Nominators may make more than one nomination for an award; however a separate form is required for each nomination. Self-nominations are accepted. This is your chance to recognize and thank those who have used their talents to help the needy in Utah.

Please refer to the following award criteria when completing your submission:

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Each nomination will be judged by pro bono legal services rendered from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 and:

1. Must be in good standing with the Utah State Bar (for attorney nominations);

2. Have made such contributions primarily through organized pro bono programs, legal services programs (as defined by current federal poverty guidelines) or has worked with such organizations to improve the delivery of legal services to the poor;

3. Have voluntarily contributed a significant amount of time, with no expectation of being paid (other than the Legal Aid Attorney of the Year nominees); and

4. How the attorney has contributed to increased access to legal services for the poor?

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in each of the following categories:

Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
An attorney, who has demonstrated dedication to the delivery of legal services to the poor, has performed significant pro bono work and is in good standing with the Utah State Bar.

Legal Aid Attorney of the Year
A legal services staff attorney whose exceptional contributions have improved legal aid in Utah and has provided pro bono work outside the scope of his/her employment.

Young Lawyer
An attorney that is a member of the Utah State Bar in good standing under 36 years of age and/or a member who has been admitted to the state bar for less than five years, regardless of age who has performed significant pro bono work.

Senior Attorney
The award is intended to recognize and honor the contribution of a senior attorney, 65 or older, delivering pro bono legal services to the poor.

Law Firms
A law firm which has actively and successfully encouraged pro bono service by their attorneys.

Law Students or Law School Group
Any individual law student (enrolled the 2010 school year) that has provided pro bono work beyond the requirements of his/her law school or law school group whose goal is to install the ethical and the professional responsibility to provide legal services to all regardless of income.

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Type or print all information clearly and answer all questions thoroughly. Supporting materials such as letters of recommendation from employers, co-workers or clients or other relevant materials are encouraged.

Award Category (Please select one):

□ Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
□ Legal Aid Attorney of the Year
□ Senior Attorney
□ Young Lawyer
□ Law Firm
□ Law Student or Law School Group

Name of Nominee:

Utah State Bar Number: Firm:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

Name of Nominator:

Relationship to Nominee:

□ Check if self-nominating

Organization or Firm:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

□ Joint Nominator:

(Please use a separate sheet to list multiple references, nominators and contact information.)

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ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE NOMINEE'S PRO BONO WORK DURING 2011.

INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

1. The nature and description of the pro bono legal services provided between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011;

2. The number and description of individuals served or type of service provided;

3. Name and brief description of the organization and/or programs through which the nominee volunteered;

4. Why your nominee deserves the award for which he or she is being nominated;

5. Special qualities of the nominee and other public service work;

6. Any quotes from civil legal aid clients or comments from peers in the field;

7. Nominee's principal practice area(s);

8. Description of the employer's support of pro bono (if applicable attach current pro bono policy);

9. How the nominee's pro bono work benefited the client and/or community; and

10. Any other information you wish to provide about the nominee.

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NOMINATION PROCESS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

If submitting a hard copy:

One original copy of the completed nomination form and supporting materials (limited to 10 pages, single-sided) must be postmarked by APRIL 1, 2012 and sent to:

Pro Bono Coordinator
Utah State Bar
645 S 200 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

If submitting via email:

The entire nomination including the nomination form and all supporting materials must be submitted in one email communication by midnight APRIL 1, 2012 to: probono@utahbar.org.

If submitted electronically, you will receive a confirmation that your nomination was received within 48 hours.

The awards will be presented in conjunction with the **Law Day Celebration at the Little America Hotel on May 1, 2012 at 12 p.m**. Winners (and those that nominated them) will be informed via mail and receive invitations to the presentation.

If you have any questions, please call (801) 297-7027.