



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2010 LEWIS F. POWELL JR. PRO BONO AWARD

The Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award was established by the Special Committee on Access to Legal Services of the Virginia State Bar to honor those attorneys and attorney groups that have made outstanding pro bono contributions. The Access Committee annually reviews all nominations and decides upon the recipient. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is ~~February 12~~, 2010.** The award, a framed, limited-edition print of the painting *Patrick Henry Arguing the Parson's Cause*, will be presented at a ceremony in 2010.

CRITERIA

The recipient of the award must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- ◆ Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of pro bono legal services in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- ◆ Contributed significantly toward the development of innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services;
- ◆ Participated in an activity that resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs for legal services or in extending services to underserved segments of the population;
- ◆ Successfully handled pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor in Virginia;
- ◆ Successfully supported legislation that contributed substantially to providing legal services to the poor; or
- ◆ Devoted significant time to furthering the delivery of legal services to the poor in Virginia by handling pro bono matters or providing training or recruiting volunteer attorneys for pro bono programs.

The nominee must be a member of the Virginia State Bar or an organization or group comprised of such persons. Persons whose livelihood is derived from delivering legal services to the poor are not eligible. Please submit your nomination, describing how the nominee meets the above criteria, in writing, **including endorsements and any other supporting material**, to the Virginia State Bar Access to Legal Services Committee, c/o Maureen Petrini, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219 **by 5:00 PM, ~~Friday, February 12~~, 2010.** (There is no official entry form to complete.) Please be sure to include your name, the name and address of the nominee and phone numbers with your nomination. For more information, please contact **Maureen Petrini, Access to Legal Services Director, (804) 775-0522.**

PAST RECIPIENTS

The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr. (1991—Richmond) The late Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, prior to serving on the bench, helped create a national network of legal aid programs.

Oliver W. Hill (1992—Richmond) The late civil rights icon pioneered challenges to segregation as a lead lawyer in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Ellen S. Weinman (1993—Salem) Donated more than a dozen years to representing women and children survivors of domestic violence.

Marion Toomey Baker (1994—Lynchburg) Volunteered as the primary family law attorney at Virginia Legal Aid Society for over a decade.

The Honorable James Keith (1995—Fairfax) The late Circuit Court Judge served as an in-house pro bono attorney with Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV) for a dozen years after retiring from the bench.

John C. Kenny (1996—Richmond) The late Central Virginia Legal Aid board member helped generate thousands of dollars in charitable contributions and donations of professional services from volunteer lawyers.

Donald F. Mela (1997—Alexandria) Spent close to a decade assisting the pro bono efforts of the Alexandria Bar Association and LSNV.

John M. Levy (1998—Williamsburg) For 30 years, engaged in law reform work, recruited pro bono attorneys and personally delivered legal services to groups representing the poor.

The Law Firm of Hunton & Williams (1998—Richmond-based) (1) met the ABA's *Challenge* to major firms to devote 3% of billable hours to pro bono and, (2) implemented a menu of volunteer service options.

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association (1998) Sustained, for over 15 years, an effective pro bono program with Blue Ridge Legal Services that includes a presumption of universal participation.

Freddie Mac (1999—McLean) The Legal Division contributed direct pro bono legal services and other support to clients of LSNV for eight years.

Steven D. Rosenfield (2000—Charlottesville) For two decades zealously advocated on behalf of prisoners and the poor through pro bono and court-appointed cases.

The Virginia Beach Bar Association CLASS Project (2001) For seven years, VBBA volunteers aided survivors of domestic violence.

The Community Tax Law Project (2001—Richmond-based) Since 1992, more than 100 volunteer lawyers and accountants have assisted low-income taxpayers.

Donald T. Floyd (2002) Volunteered about 20 hours a week over eight years at Central Virginia Legal Aid.

Steven D. Benjamin (2003—Richmond) A lifetime of professional service has included ongoing leadership efforts to reform indigent defense.

Stephen A. Northup (2004—Richmond) Volunteered on death penalty cases and helped institutionalize pro bono at Troutman Sanders LLP.

The Fairfax Bar Pro Bono Program (2004) Developed an in-house capacity to supplement legal aid through new programs.

Joseph W. Gorrell (2005—Fredericksburg) Devoted at least one day per week for nine years to needy clients of Rappahannock Legal Services.

David P. Baugh (2006—Richmond) Devoted decades to pro bono representation on high-profile First Amendment cases and zealously defended, for nominal compensation, broadly unpopular indigent criminal defendants.

John M. Oakey Jr. (2007—Richmond) Subsequent to his retirement as a full-time partner at McGuireWoods LLP, he served more than eight years as a model pro bono attorney.

Volunteer Faculty and Cooperating Counsel affiliated with the Caplin Center at the UVa School of Law (2007—Charlottesville) Supervised and mentored law students to contribute exponentially to the thousands of hours of pure pro bono donated to the community.

Phyllis C. Katz (2008—Richmond) Co-founded LINC, the nonprofit Legal Information Network for Cancer, which over a dozen years aided more than 3,000 patients with the business side of breast cancer diagnoses.

Clarence M. Dunnville Jr. (2009—Richmond) spent a lifetime volunteering in the civil rights arena; advanced founding of a law school/community pro bono project in the boyhood home of Oliver Hill; and, accepted undercompensated court-appointed cases affording exploration of a civil right to counsel.