

Harrisonburg Attorneys Honored for Pro Bono Work

At an annual professionalism seminar held by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association in October, three Harrisonburg attorneys were honored for their significant pro bono activities over the previous year. The award recipients were: William W. Helsley; Bradley J. Moyers, of Clark & Bradshaw; and Dillina W. Stickley of Hoover, Penrod, Davenport & Crist. The awards were presented by Blue Ridge Legal Services President Dana J. Cornett. Helsley was selected for an award because of the number of pro bono cases he had concluded over the last year. Moyer was recognized for a domestic relations matter he had handled as a pro bono referral. Stickley was honored for her pro bono work and for her willingness to spearhead a new guardian *ad litem* program for incarcerated divorce defendants in cases where other pro bono attorneys are representing the spouse.



Harrisonburg attorneys receive Pro Bono Awards—Pictured here at a recent Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association professionalism seminar, from left to right, are Pro Bono Award recipients William Helsley, Bradley Moyers and Dillina Stickley, along with Blue Ridge Legal Services Board President Dana Cornett, who presented the awards.

Since 1982, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association has collaborated with Blue Ridge Legal Services, the Shenandoah Valley's legal aid society, to operate a pro bono referral program. In this program, local low-income residents with pressing non-criminal legal problems are screened by Blue Ridge Legal Services and then referred to members of the bar, who volunteer their time.

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association has received both statewide and national acclaim for its pro bono activities, including the national Legal Services Corporation's Rural Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award in 1993; the American Bar Association's prestigious Harrison Tweed Award in 1995; and the Virginia State Bar's Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award in 1998.

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Legal Aid Programs Honor Pro Bono Contributors at Law Day Ceremony

On May 3, 2004, Roanoke's legal aid programs honored the pro bono work of local lawyers.

At a luncheon celebration of Law Day by the Roanoke Bar Association, attorney Karl Uctinen of the Roanoke firm Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore was recognized as the leading contributor of donated legal services through Blue Ridge Legal Services. He volunteered with 340.9 hours in the last year.

Attorney Melissa Amos Young of Gentry Locke was recognized for organizing private lawyers to donate their time, as well as extensive contributions of her own services. Twenty-four lawyers were honored for donating more than 40 hours each of legal advice and representation to low-income citizens. Their work supplements what Blue Ridge Legal Services staff can offer.

Another legal aid program, The Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, recognized Woods Rogers PLC of Roanoke for its leadership gift of \$10,000 to the program's 2004 fundraising campaign.