

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## 1999 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 January 8, 1999.**

The award, a framed, limited edition print of the painting "Patrick Henry Arguing the Parson's Cause," will be presented at a ceremony during the Eighth Annual Pro Bono Conference.

### 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 to the Virginia State Bar Access to Legal Services Committee, c/o Maureen Petrini, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219 by **January 8, 1999**. (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, Pro Bono Coordinator, (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 federally funded legal service programs as president of the ABA.

#### **Oliver W. Hill**

(1992 — Richmond), pioneered challenges to segregation. Known as the "Dean of Civil Rights," he was a lead lawyer in the landmark case of *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) Served as an in-house pro bono attorney with Legal Services of Northern Virginia for a dozen years after retiring from the Circuit Court bench.

#### **John C. Kenny**

(1996 — Richmond) Annually helped generate thousands of dollars in charitable contributions and donations of pro-

fessional services from volunteer lawyers, for Central Virginia Legal Aid.

#### **Donald F. Mela**

(1997 — Alexandria) Spent close to a decade assisting the pro bono efforts of the Alexandria Bar Association and Legal Services of Northern Virginia.

#### **John M. Levy**

(1998 — Williamsburg) Engaged in law reform work, recruited pro bono attorneys and personally delivered legal services to groups representing the poor on medical, social justice and civil rights matters over a thirty-year period.

#### **The Law Firm of Hunton & Williams**

(1998 — Richmond-based) (1) met, for three years, the ABA's *Challenge* to major law firms to devote 3% of billable hours to pro bono representation on behalf of the needy and, (2) implemented a menu of service options to accommodate the full range of firm members' volunteer preferences.

#### **The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association**

(1998 — Harrisonburg) Has sustained, for over 15 years, an effective pro bono program with Blue Ridge Legal Services that includes a presumption of universal participation by its membership.