

Immigration Lawyer Receives 2017 VSB Pro Bono Award

The 2017 Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award has been awarded to Ofelia Calderón.

Calderón, a founding partner in Calderón Seguin PLC in Fairfax, was nominated for the award by Christine Lockhart Poarch, of Poarch Law, and endorsed by Simon Y. Sandoval-Moshenberg, of the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church.

In her nomination, Poarch wrote of Calderón, “She is the standard-bearer among the private bar for what pro bono service looks like, or she should be, and for someone who is at the top of her field with a busy practice of her own, she still finds the time to nonetheless serve as model and mentor to countless fellow attorneys.”

Poarch cited Calderón’s involvement over the years in the Board of

Immigration Appeals Screening Project, the Legal Aid Justice Center, Tahirih Justice Center, CAIR Coalition Referrals of Pro Bono Cases, and most recently the Dulles Justice Project, which is working to address claims of those negatively impacted by federal travel bans in 2017.

Sandoval-Moshenberg said of Calderón that, in addition to running a busy private practice, she has taken on many pro bono cases including “at least six cases from the Legal Aid Justice Center” and “...has also devoted much of her time to public service with the National Immigration Project, Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, and as president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia.”



The Powell Award was established by the Special Committee on Access to Legal Services of the Virginia State Bar to honor attorneys and attorney groups that have made outstanding pro bono contributions. This year’s award will be presented October 18 during the Virginia State Bar Pro Bono Conference and Celebration in Charlottesville.

The Virginia State Bar Access to Legal Services Committee invites you to the

2017 VSB Pro Bono Conference and Celebration

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Charlottesville



Free Continuing Legal Education Sessions (4.0 hours MCLE credits pending)* and Reception

Joint Legal Aid Conference/Pro Bono Conference Reception

Pro Bono Awards Dinner and Ceremony (\$20.00 fee) with keynote speech by Anita Earls, Executive Director, Southern Coalition for Social Justice.

Find more info and register now at <http://bit.ly/2wEwBQE>.

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