

South Carolina Bar Senior Lawyers Division



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Pro Bono Award

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AWARD: The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding pro bono contributions of members of the SC Bar Senior Lawyers Division. The recognition focusses on the improvement of the civil legal system and the legal profession through *pro bono publico* service to those unable to afford the services of an attorney. There will be one award per judicial region. The awards are presented annually by the Division at a suitable event.

Nominations are accepted electronically with a deadline of **October 1st**. Applications received after this date will be considered for the next award cycle. Self-nomination is encouraged.

AWARD CRITERIA: The nominee must be a member in good standing with the SC Bar, be eligible for membership in the Senior Lawyers Division (Bar members 60 years of age and older) and have excelled in one or more of the following ways:

1. Been instrumental and dedicated to the delivery of civil legal services to the poor through direct service or representation.
2. Been instrumental and dedicated to the delivery of civil legal services to the poor through development of a pro bono project for a bar association or a community organization.
3. Contributed significant work through the SC Bar Pro Bono Program or a similarly situated organization. This is not necessarily tied to any specific number of hours.
4. Performed a most significant civil pro bono activity which resulted in satisfying unmet needs or extended services to underserved persons or resulted in smooth, effective and a more efficient delivery of services.
5. Successfully litigated pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of quality legal services to the unrepresented or poor.

Special considerations that demonstrate effective pro bono involvement:

- Creative, innovative and unique solutions to existing issues are sought.
- Substantial and quantifiable time commitment to the project, activity or service is evidence used to meet the criteria but should not be the only evidence. Length of time contributed is also a key factor.
- Impact of the pro bono service is important and lasting impact is even more important.
- The willingness of the nominee to accept cases on an emergency or short-notice basis will be considered.
- The nominee's efforts to mentor or train new pro bono lawyers and efforts to promote a culture of pro bono will be highly regarded.

Using a point system judging will be conducted on the basis of how the applicant meets the criteria. The Selection Committee will be comprised of members of the SLD Executive Council.

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Nomination Form

Please type or print all information legibly.

Nominee's Name: _____ Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Does the Nominee know they are being nominated for this award? No Yes

Judicial Region:

1. **Upstate** (*Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union & York*)
2. **Midlands** (*Abbeville, Chester, Fairfield, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Richland & Saluda*)
3. **Pee Dee** (*Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter & Williamsburg*)
4. **Lowcountry** (*Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper & Orangeburg*)

1) Does nominee regularly provide free legal representation to those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel? No Yes

2) Does the nominee promote, encourage and raise public awareness of pro bono legal services through the SC Bar Pro Bono Program or a similar pro bono program, lawyer referral service or uncompensated court appointment process? No Yes

If the nomination is based on pro bono service provided in the last 12 months, answer Questions 3, 4 & 5.

If the nomination is based on pro bono service provided over a number of years, skip to Question 6.

3) Please estimate number of pro bono hours donated in the last year _____

4) Please estimate number of pro bono cases involved in (started, in progress or closed) in the last year _____

5) Estimated number of clients served in the last year as a result of nominee's pro bono activities _____

6) Please estimate the number of years the nominee has been engaged directly in pro bono efforts _____

7) Please estimate number of pro bono cases involved in (started, in progress or closed) _____

8) Please specify in which areas of practice the nominee's contribution has been made _____

9) Does the nominee provide legal assistance or pro bono awareness through the SC Bar Pro Bono Program, a similarly situated pro bono program, a lawyer referral service or an unpaid court appointment process?

No Yes, If yes, name of program(s): _____

10) In what ways has the nominee voluntarily contributed a significant portion of time, energy or talent providing legal services to poor people without charge? Was contribution primarily by way of participation in pro bono program(s) mentioned above? (Please attach additional sheet, if necessary.) _____

11) In what ways has the nominee voluntarily contributed a significant portion of time, energy or talent promoting, encouraging and raising public awareness of pro bono legal services? (Please attach additional sheet if necessary.) _____

12) Is there any other information you wish to provide about the nominee? ie: leadership in community organizations that are relevant _____

Nominations may be accompanied by no more than 5 letters of support. Please submit the nomination packet along with supporting documents by **October 1st** to:

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