

Randall T. Shepard Award Excellence in Pro Bono Publico



Sponsoring Entity: Coalition for Court Access

Criteria: Demonstrated dedication to the innovative development and delivery of legal services to the poor in one of the twelve pro bono districts of Indiana.

Eligibility: Any judicial appointee, plan administrator, Coalition member, individual, firm or corporate legal department, providing legal services either full-time, part-time or on a voluntary basis to the poor in Indiana.

Application Deadline: September 1st

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AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees for the Randall T. Shepard Award may be judicial appointees, plan administrators, Coalition members, individuals, firms, corporate legal departments and all others either providing legal services full-time, part-time or on a voluntary basis to the poor. The recipient of the Award will be selected based on fulfillment of one or more of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor of Indiana;
2. Contributed significant work toward developing innovative approaches to delivery of volunteer legal services in one of the twelve pro bono districts;
3. Participated in activities which resulted in satisfying previously unmet legal needs or in extending legal services to underserved segments of the population.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

A complete nomination package should be prepared and submitted by September 1 and include the following information:

1. Nominee and Nominator-Names, addresses, firm/company, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
2. Nominee's resume.
3. Nomination narrative – First, identify which of the three criteria the nominee has met. Then, explain how the nominee meets those criteria. Specify the nature of the pro bono contribution and identify those who have benefited. Whenever possible, provide specific documentation or other materials which demonstrate the nominee's pro bono contribution, including articles, brochures and other documentation, and no more than three names, telephone numbers and addresses of others who, if asked, could provide additional information.
4. Letters of support – Letters of support from other individuals and/or organizations that are aware of the nominee's pro bono contribution may be included.

SELECTION PROCESS

Only nominations received by the deadline date will be considered by the Award Committee. The Committee will review the nomination, select the Award recipient, and notify the successful nominee and nominators in September. The actual presentation of the Award will take place during the Indiana Bar Foundation's annual award celebration. The Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Awards are also presented then - these separate criteria and forms can be found at <http://www.inbf.org>.

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:

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