To promote a more effective delivery of legal services to the public, the Indiana Bar Foundation (Foundation) sponsors the Pro Bono Publico Award. Annually, the Foundation recognizes the extraordinary contributions that are made toward ensuring that legal services are available to persons who otherwise could not afford them. The award serves to focus public awareness on the substantial voluntary services rendered annually by Indiana lawyers and will be presented at the Indiana Bar Foundation’s Annual Recognition Dinner in December.

Awards are given in three categories:
- individual attorney
- law firm
- local bar association

Nominees for the Pro Bono Publico Award should meet one or more of the following criteria:
- demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to indigents through a pro bono program;
- made significant contributions toward developing innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services;
- participated in an activity which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population;
- successfully litigated pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor;
- successfully achieved legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the poor.

Nominees may not be employed by an organization that has as its primary purpose the provision of free legal services to the poor.

Nominations must be submitted here by July 1 annually.

Any questions about this award should be directed to the Director of Development & Communications of the Indiana Bar Foundation at (317) 269-7864 or tbrowning@inbf.org.