

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

The 2017 Honorable Nikki DeShazo Pro Bono Award

Nomination Form

DUE: APRIL 7, 2017

The Honorable Nikki DeShazo Pro Bono Award is awarded to recognize an attorney who has enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to Targeted Populations in and around Dallas County. Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services are volunteer legal services including but not limited to wills, trusts, estate planning, guardianships, elder law, probate matters, probate court dispute resolution and other legal services generally provided by members of the Dallas Bar Association's Probate, Trusts and Estates Section. Targeted Populations are persons of limited means, low income communities, disabled individuals, first responders, military personnel and other similar public servants.

Prior Winners

2011 Barkley Miller

2013 Greg Sampson

2015 John Norris

Eligibility Criteria

Attorneys who provided pro bono legal services and:

1. Are members of the State Bar of Texas and the Probate, Trusts and Estates Section of the Dallas Bar Association;
2. Were not employed on a full-time basis, during the period when the pro bono work was done, by an organization that has as its primary purpose the provision of free legal services to persons of limited means or low income communities;
3. Have voluntarily contributed a significant amount of time, with no expectation of being paid, to providing or enabling the delivery of legal services to persons of limited means or low income communities;
4. Have made such contribution independently or through an organized pro bono program (such as DVAP, the Dallas Bar Association, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, or other legal aid societies or legal services programs); and
5. Whose voluntary contributions have resulted in increased access to legal services for persons of limited means or low income communities.

Award Criteria

Attorneys who have:

1. Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to Targeted Population in and around Dallas County;
2. Contributed significant work toward developing innovative approaches to the delivery of Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to Targeted Populations in and around Dallas County;
3. Participated in an activity that resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to underserved segments of the population;
4. Successfully handled or litigated pro bono cases relating to wills, trusts, estate planning, guardianships, elder law, probate matters, probate court dispute resolution or other legal services generally provided by members of the Dallas Bar Association's Probate, Trusts and Estates Section, that favorably affected the provision of other services to Targeted Populations in and around Dallas County;
5. Successfully supported legislation that contributed substantially to the delivery of Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to Targeted Populations in and around Dallas County; or
6. Any combination of the above.

The above information along with the Nomination Form has been uploaded to the Probate Section website (it can be printed from there). The Nomination Form is also included below. Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to the Probate Section Program Chair, Jeff Wolff at:

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Attorney Nominated:

Name: _____

Law Firm / Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How does this Nominee satisfy the Eligibility Criteria?

How has the Nominee contributed to the improvement or delivery of Qualified Pro Bono Legal Services to Targeted Populations in and around Dallas County?

Submitted by (optional):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____