

2005 Pro Bono Judges' Award and Civil Legal Aid Attorney Award

Pro Bono Judges' Award

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Justin Johnson — has demonstrated a sincere dedication to the legal profession, the civil legal aid community and the community-at-large. An original incorporator of Neighborhood Legal Services, Judge Johnson has been a longtime and active member of the PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Anne E. Lazarus — a judge on the Orphans' Court Division, is a dedicated supporter of pro bono service in Philadelphia. She is a three-year member of the Philadelphia VIP Board of Directors, which is a nonprofit organization that coordinates pro bono referrals, and has been an advocate for Philadelphia VIP programs and clients.

Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year

F. Charles Petrillo, Esq. — Petrillo has served the Pennsylvania legal services system for 35 years. He was a founding attorney of the Luzerne County Legal Services, which became Legal Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., and served as its executive director from 1973-2000. Petrillo supervises the AAA Ombudsman legal services project, among the largest for elders in Pennsylvania, and serves as court-appointed counsel for all low-income incapacitated individuals in Luzerne County.

Christine Zaccarelli, Esq. — an attorney with Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Zaccarelli has assisted the Chester County Bar Association and the community through both Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania and the new "Access to Justice" program. She initiated a screening process by which Legal Aid determines the income qualifications for the program and then refers cases to the Chester County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service for placement. In addition, her significant fundraising efforts led to a record year in contributions.