

2009 Pro Bono Award Narratives

#1	Terence O'Halloran
	Because of his exceptional contribution to the Westmoreland Pro Bono Program for the third year. Once again he has donated more time than any of the other attorneys in the Pro Bono Program to helping the indigent residents of Westmoreland County solve their credit problems.

#2	Amy Clement Foerster
	<p>Amy joined Saul Ewing in April 2008. With a strong history of public service, she immediately embraced the firm's "WE'RE ALL IN" Pro Bono Program and its commitment to veterans. Amy is herself from a military family. Her brother is currently on his fourth assignment in Afghanistan and her sister is set to deploy to Iraq in January. On a personal level, Amy is respectful of our federal government's efforts to keep us safe. At the same time, Amy believes in the rule of law, our Constitution, and the importance of providing representation on a pro bono basis to persons who have compelling cases, but are otherwise unable to afford counsel. Several months ago, Amy was presented with a compelling set of facts and an opportunity to serve in a pro bono capacity: An honorable discharged army pilot, currently employed as a commercial pilot and recent convert to Islam, and his wife, also a practicing Muslim active in Islamic affairs, had been placed on terrorist watch lists, without notice of any evidence against either of them and without any means to clear their names. Amy's clients are Erich Scherfen, and his wife Rubina Tarren. Erich served in the U.S. military for 13 years as an Army infantryman in the first Gulf War, and thereafter as a helicopter pilot in the National Guard. Erich was hired by a commercial airline after he was honorably discharged. His wife, Rubina was born in Pakistan, but became a naturalized U.S. citizen 30 years ago. She and her children have resided in Schuylkill County since the 1970's. Rubina runs a small business selling books and DVD's about Islam. She describes the publications she sells as non-political. Neither Erich nor Rubina knew what lists they were on or why. That they were on such lists was clear: Both experienced repeated delays in taking commercial flights, some up to six hours long. These problems, which dated back to 2006, also included a 5-hour detention at the Canadian Border on the way home from a trip to Toronto by car. Their distress was amplified when Erich was suspended without pay from his job as a pilot in late April due to his placement on the list. At that time Erich and Rubina contacted the ACLU of PA who in turn reached out to Saul Ewing. Amy is Saul Ewing's lead counsel in this case, working with Witold ("Vic") Walczak, an attorney and Legal Director with the Pennsylvania ACLU. Amy is assisted by Saul Ewing associate Emily Damron and partner Bill Warren. Amy accepted this case in May, 2008 and filed administrative applications and requests in an effort to resolve the severe occupational and travel problems the Scherfens were experiencing without litigation. Those efforts were unsuccessful. In negotiations, the Justice Department and Transportation Security Administration would neither confirm nor deny that the couple's names are on any of the various watch lists-truly a Kafkaesque dilemma. In August a Complaint and Motion for Preliminary Injunction were filed in United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. As soon as the hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction</p>

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	was scheduled, one of the governmental agencies apparently contacted Erich's employer. Following that contact, Erich was able to return to his job as a commercial pilot in late August. The timing of the government's contact with Erich's employer may be related to the filing of the Complaint and Motion. The case is now proceeding in the District Court seeking to get Erich and Rubina's names formally cleared from the watch lists.
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#3	Colleen F. Consolo
	This private attorney has consistently done pro bono cases for Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania's Montgomery County division. She does at least 3-4 cases each and every year and these cases often complicated time consuming family law cases.

#4	Cheryl P. Jacobs
	Cheryl Jacobs is the embodiment of a true Pennsylvania lawyer. A long-time volunteer with Philadelphia VIP, Cheryl answered the call in May, 2008 to assist with VIP's Mortgage Foreclosure effort. She has since assisted more than 12 clients through the project, an amazing number given the incredible level of advocacy and attention to detail that Cheryl gives to each client. A particular example of Cheryl's advocacy is her representation of Mildred, a VIP client participating in the mortgage foreclosure project (not her real name). Cheryl successfully assisted Mildred in her fight to stay in her home. Our client was the victim of predatory lending 10 years ago, when she applied for a loan to cover much needed repairs to her home. However, the elderly client, who is also visually impaired, unknowingly signed a mortgage agreement. Due to fees and costs, the amount of the mortgage ballooned to an astounding \$28,000, which our client clearly could not pay on her limited income, and exceeded the actual repairs to her home by \$25,000. As a result, her house was scheduled for foreclosure. Through the tenacious advocacy of Cheryl Jacobs, the mortgage company first reduced the value of the debt to \$9,000 and has now agreed to satisfy the loan entirely. Thanks to Cheryl's hard work, our client is able to stay in her home. This is just one example of Cheryl's advocacy on behalf of VIP clients. She is truly deserving of this award.

#5	Colleen R. Stumpf
	More than 80 hours submitted for direct representation on three separate referrals; presenter on "Older and Wiser" project (community education); Legal counsel on business law issues to four neighborhood centers: Martin Luther King Center, Booker T. Washington Center, John F. Kennedy Center and the Hispanic-American Counsel of Erie

#6	Scott Godshall
	Mr. Godshall volunteered an enormous amount of time to the Pro Bono Project - Delaware County Division by conducting two custody clinics monthly in our

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	Chester Office. Mr. Godshall provides service by giving a very informative overview of custody law to approximately 45 persons each month. He also interviews clients individually after the clinic, and accepted four custody cases for representation.
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#7	(Removed from consideration) Jason Rubinstein
	Mr. Rubinstein contacted Legal Aid about representing victims of domestic violence. He has become an invaluable resource setting aside every Wednesday to represent 2 to 3 plaintiffs a week at hearings. In addition, he meets with or speaks with the plaintiffs in preparation for the hearing.

#8	David R. Fine
	David is the pro bono coordinator of our firm's Harrisburg office. In that role, he matches our lawyers to appropriate pro bono projects and has allowed us to increase our pro bono hour significantly in the last five years. While serving in that role, David has continued to perform a significant amount of pro bono work himself, averaging more than 200 hours a year for each of the last five years.

#9	George A Bibikos
	In the last year, George has worked on two complex pro bono habeas corpus appeals in the Third Circuit (one of which was the subject of a petition for a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court).

#10	Amy L. Groff
	In just the last year, Amy has worked on two pro bono cases, one a civil rights case in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the other a habeas corpus case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She obtained a favorable settlement for the client in the first case and won the second case (allowing her client another opportunity to prove his habeas case in the district court).

#11	William M. Blaum
	Bill has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono representation. He can be counted on to cheerfully and enthusiastically accept pro bono referrals whenever possible. His ready willingness to represent pro bono clients in custody cases deserves special recognition. Since 2001, he has handled 15 pro bono cases for Lackawanna Pro Bono, all of which have been family law matters, including custody cases, PFAs, support matters, and divorce.

#12	Rocco Haertter
	Rocco has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono representation. His commitment was demonstrated in his pro bono representation of a Scranton family in a mortgage foreclosure proceeding. He devoted a significant number of hours to this case over an extended period of time, making a real difference to the family.

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#13	Abrahamsen, Moran & Conaboy, PC
	The firm has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono representation. During 2008, its Lackawanna County office had 100% pro bono participation. That is, each of the attorneys in the firm's Lackawanna County office accepted at least one pro bono case during 2008. Those attorneys are Edwin A. Abrahamsen, Edwin A. Abrahamsen, Jr., James J. Conaboy, Kevin M. Conaboy, Christina A. Coury, Lawrence J. Moran, and Michael J. Parker. This is the third year in which the firm's Lackawanna County office had 100% pro bono participation. The firm accepted eight pro bono cases from Lackawanna Pro Bono in 2008.

#14	Dougherty, Leventhal & Price, LLP
	The firm has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono representation. During 2008, the firm's Lackawanna County office had 100% pro bono participation; that is; each of the attorneys in the firm's Lackawanna County office accepted one pro bono case from Lackawanna Pro Bono. Those attorneys are Thomas P. Cummings, Jr., John Finnerty, Sean McDonough, Paul Oven, Joseph G. Price, and Judith G. Price. Brian Price, in their Luzerne County office, also accepted one pro bono case from Lackawanna Pro Bono.

#15	Kelley & Polishan, LLC
	The firm has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono service. During 2008, the firm had 100% pro bono participation. That is, during 2008, each of the firm's attorneys accepted at least one pro bono case. Those attorneys are Eugene Kelley, Timothy Polishan, Carrie Buscarini, David Solfanelli, and Patrick Walsh.

#16	Powell Law
	Powell Law has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to pro bono service. During 2008, the firm had 100% pro bono participation. That is, each of the attorneys in the firm accepted at least one pro bono referral from Lackawanna Pro Bono. Those attorneys are James J. Powell, III, Mark J. Powell, Christopher T. Powell, Jr., Christopher J. Osborne, and Bruce S. Zero. 2008 was the 5th year in which the firm has had 100% pro bono participation.

#17	David Richman
	This year, because of the work Mr. Richman has done, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project became a reality. For years, Mr. Richman has been working to open an innocence project in Philadelphia, so that those who are incarcerated and yet factually innocent of the crimes of which they were convicted may have an avenue for exoneration. In addition, Mr. Richman has individually represented inmates on death row through habeas corpus petitions and has been an outspoken advocate for criminal justice reform to prevent wrongful convictions from occurring.

#18	Jen Robb
	Ms. Robb takes an extraordinary number of custody cases for our office and has

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	done so for the past three years. We regularly rely on her for court coverage, even on short notice. She also takes on difficult clients when asked and reduces the caseloads of the family law attorneys in the office.
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#19	Robert J. Williams
	Robert (“Bob”) is a leader in pro bono service in our Firm’s Pittsburgh office. Bob has two basic core beliefs about pro bono work. First, indigent and disadvantaged people are entitled to first-rate legal services. Thus, pro bono clients get the same quality work, attention and diligence that any other client receives. Secondly, to truly represent pro bono and disadvantaged clients effectively, an understanding of their perspective is essential. Accordingly, Bob spends extra time learning about each pro bono client, and draws upon his own other experiences and charity work to truly help him to understand the client’s perspective.

#20	Christopher M. Reid
	Chris has been instrumental in moving forward the creation of Northampton County's Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program.

#21	Susan R. Emmons, Esq
	Since leaving MidPenn Legal Services, Susan has been a tireless supporter of our organization in terms of her vocal support and her dedication to pro bono service. She is an example to other private attorneys about the importance of pro bono

#22	Jaime L. Wertz
	Attorney Wertz represented a mother in a custody modification. She took the case only two days before the custody conference, attended the conference, filed exceptions and then represented at trial. She handled a difficult situation with professionalism and compassion. Approximately 60 hours was spent on the representation.

#23	Anne M. Shepard, Esq
	Anne regularly accepts pro bono referrals from all three programs in Franklin County. This year she has represented five different individuals in either divorce or support cases. On two different occasions, she has handled Protection from Abuse cases that were scheduled for court. On one occasion, she litigated the matter to obtain the client's Protection Order. Anne has allowed MidPenn Legal Services to use her office in Waynesboro to meet our clients who live in this town. Anne also serves as the chair of the pro bono committee of the Franklin County Bar Association.

#24	Debra Genevie
	The nominee has accepted eighteen (18) cases from Neighborhood Legal Services either pro bono or at reduced fee through a program established between the Beaver County Bar Association and Neighborhood Legal Services in 2008.

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#25	Stella L. Smetanka
	<p>A perennial problem in finding volunteers for pro bono work is that attorneys are often called upon to take cases that are outside their normal practice areas. Professor Smetanka has been an instrumental resource in helping to overcome this problem by serving as a volunteer and mentor for the Uptown Legal Clinic in Pittsburgh. Professor Smetanka is the faculty supervisor of the Health Law Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, which handles Social Security cases, among others things. She is also a valuable resource to clients and volunteer attorneys at the Uptown Legal Clinic. She first at the clinic in February, 2005, only three months after the clinic's inception. Since then, she has continued to serve the clinic's clients whenever she is called upon to do so. In addition to volunteering at the clinic, Stella mentors other clinic volunteers when those volunteers have an issue with which Stella is familiar. Her expertise on legal issues facing the poor has been extremely helpful and has increased the willingness of attorneys to take case outside of their "comfort zones."</p>

#26	Patrick Quinn
	<p>Patrick always accepts cases when ask unless he has a conflict of interest. He also covered Protection From Abuse cases for four days so that one of our attorneys was able to take a vacation.</p>

#27	Bar Leadership Initiative of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Class of 2009
	<p>The Bar Leadership Initiative (BLI) is a program that aids and encourages young lawyers in developing their professional and community leadership skills and in positioning themselves for leadership roles in the ACBA. Each year, up to 15 young lawyers are selected to serve in a BLI class. During the course of the bar year, the BLI class members get a crash course on the workings of the ACBA, attend meetings of the bar's governing bodies, and participate in community service programs. The class also plans and implements a major project. This year, the BLI Class of 2009 put their efforts toward a project benefitting the residents of Allegheny County in need of free legal services and information by holding a "Pro Bono Day" on February 28, 2009. The purpose of Pro Bono Day was to provide free assistance to different public sectors that need legal help. Pro Bono Day consisted of three segments, including (1) the Wills for Heroes program where attorneys volunteered to draft wills and related documents for first responders in the city; (2) the I CAN! E-file program where volunteers helped low-income individuals file their tax returns using an Internet-accessible tax return software program; and (3) informational presentations detailing types of assistance available through the Department of Public Welfare. Information was provided about eligibility for cash assistance, medical assistance, food stamps, and low-income energy assistance. Attorneys were also available to answer questions about how to ensure continuing receipt of benefits if a challenge is presented. Approximately 75 attorneys volunteered their time to help throughout the day's events which ran from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Not all of the volunteers were members of the BLI class</p>

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	or even attorneys. The Pittsburgh Paralegal Association participated by offering notaries. Law students from Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh were also on hand to help.
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#28	William Knecht
	Mr. Knecht has been a recipient of the Fair Share Award for 22 years. Meaning he has taken at least three referrals a year from NPLS. Mr. Knecht is also on many boards and organizations in the community that serve individuals who are also clients of NPLS. His expertise to these agencies is a valuable resource.

#29	Barbara L. Payne
	Barb Payne has been an attorney in the Family Division of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas since 2001. Although she recently started a new position as a support Hearing Officer, Barb previously served for many years as the Pro Se Coordinator, responsible for a program that assisted low-income litigants in the areas of support and custody. Working with law students and professors from Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh, and with volunteer attorneys from the Family Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Ms. Payne advised financially eligible individuals on their options in pursuing and defending actions for support and custody. This program helps guide individuals through the motions process in the Family Division so that they may resolve issues affecting their family structures when they are unable to afford an attorney.

#30	William Douth
	Mr. Douth is a young attorney who has been taking Pro Bono referrals since he first became associated with his firm. As a matter of fact he inherited cases from the associate he replaced. Mr. Douth has taken several custody cases over the years since he joined the firm. In the county in which he practices law, an attorney is attached to a custody case for the entire time the child is under 18 unless the court lets the attorney out of the case. So Mr. Douth continues to carry those cases and is called into court whenever the Court gets involved. It is a multi year commitment. Mr. Douth has taken an average of three referrals a year, on short notice and in complex cases.

#31	Morgen Cheshire
	Morgen, an associate in our firm's Tax and Wealth Management Department, exemplifies the core values of pro bono commitment that Schnader was founded on. Because of her practice area, she provides much-needed, valuable service to organizations that assist in the provision of civil legal aid. The matters Morgen works on are complex, time consuming and often times are not readily available on a pro bono basis. As a result, her services are always in demand

#32	David R. Warner, Jr.
	I am nominating David Warner for the pro bono award as "Rookie of the Year".

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	<p>From the first day that David came into our office to see pro bono clients, he has been enthusiastic about the pro bono program. David has been participating in our pro bono program for a little over a year and has represented fourteen clients in custody cases, two clients in divorce cases and one client in a landlord/tenant case. He has donated 65 hours of his time through our pro bono program. In the short time that David has been involved with our program, he has shown his commitment to providing a valuable service to those in need.</p>
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#33	Carl Primivira and Bill Harvey (Pro Bono)
	<p>For many years efforts to develop housing for the homeless population in center city Philadelphia were continually blocked by opponents using the zoning process to stop this needed housing. Kler Harrison through Carl and Bill provided pro bono legal/ zoning assistance to a proposed 79 unit development designed to house a homeless population in center city Philadelphia. Their assistance helped the non-profit organizations (Project HOME and Bethesda Project) obtain the necessary zoning approvals to enable this development to go forward. The development, St Johns, closed on its financing last week.</p>

#34	Hon. Alan D. Hertzberg
	<p>Since his arrival on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County in 2005, Judge Hertzberg has been a consistent supporter of pro bono legal services to the indigent in Allegheny County. As a judge in the Family Division, he has been particularly helpful in the area of family law, perennially an area of high demand for legal services to the poor. Judge Hertzberg sits on the administrative board of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership, where he assists in the creation, implementation, and continuing success of legal services programs. He serves in effect as a liaison to the board from the Family Court bench, and brings a valuable perspective to the Partnership. He has been particularly involved in the Custody Conciliation Pro Bono Project, which helps parents resolve child custody disputes in an effort to avoid further prolonging cases. He has served many times as a speaker at volunteer training programs for the project, and always gives extremely helpful and insightful advice. Judge Hertzberg is a volunteer who always says "yes."</p>

#35	Edward Stokan, Esq.
	<p>Edward Stokan is assistant counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, where he serves the legal department's pro bono coordinator. In 2008, Mr. Stokan spearheaded an effort to open a new legal clinic to provide wills, living wills, and powers of attorney to low-income elderly persons in Pittsburgh. The new clinic, located in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of Pittsburgh, is an extension of the Wills Project of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. Stokan and DEP paralegal Kathy DeCesare oversee operations of the project for the department. DeCesare performs a variety of duties, such as calling clients to confirm appointments, interviewing clients, and obtaining information that is necessary to prepare the documents. Under Ed Stokan's leadership, the legal</p>

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	department of the DEP has enthusiastically embraced this important and effective pro bono project.
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#36	William A. Harvey, Esq. (Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year and Pro Bono Award)
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	It is with great pleasure that Project H.O.M.E. would like to nominate William Harvey, Esq. for the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award. Mr. Harvey is a long-time devoted supporter of Project H.O.M.E.'s work to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia, and currently serves as the Chairman of our Board of Trustees. Mr. Harvey's pro bono legal support of Project H.O.M.E. has been invaluable to a number of crucial projects and initiatives throughout the years
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#37	Carl Primavera, Esq. (Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year and Pro Bono Award)
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	It is with great pleasure that Project H.O.M.E. would like to nominate Carl Primavera, Esq. for the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award. Mr. Primavera is a devoted supporter of Project H.O.M.E.'s work to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia, whose pro bono legal assistance has been critical to the start-up of a new program, called the St. John's the Evangelist House this past year.
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#38	Michael S Lazaroff
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	Attorney Lazaroff has provided services to a minimum of 50 low-income individuals for each of the last two years.
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#39	Gary M. Lang, Esq.
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	Attorney Lang has been a steadfast volunteer in representing victims of domestic violence since 1999. He continues to represent the highest number of clients by an individual attorney year after year, often at dates on short notice and holiday times when other volunteers are unavailable and when client tensions are at highest levels. His commitment over the last ten years has never diminished.
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#40	Richard J. Wiest, Esq.
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	On very short notice, Attorney Wiest accepted and filed a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy, and is helping to preserve housing for a young couple with four children.
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#41	Stefanie Seldin (Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year)
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	On behalf of Philadelphia VIP, it is with great pleasure that I offer this nomination of Stefanie Fleischer Seldin for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year Award. As a Managing Attorney for Philadelphia VIP and a long-time public servant, Stefanie is a shining example of an outstanding civil legal aid attorney.
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Stefanie has served her entire career in the public interest. After graduating from law school, she clerked for the Honorable Joseph E. Irenas, U.S. District Court of New Jersey. Following her clerkship, she worked for the City of Philadelphia at the City Solicitor's Office. During that time, Stefanie worked in Dependency Court on issues of child welfare, adoption and mental health. She was specially selected to co-lead the Permanency Planning Pilot Project, which worked towards shortening the time that children spent in foster care. As a result of her efforts, a number of institutional changes were implemented that significantly benefited the lives of children.

Stefanie then moved on to the Support Center for Child Advocates, where she fought tirelessly for the rights of abused and neglected children. She was specifically chosen to chair the Philadelphia Task Force on Kinship Care, which advocated for systems reform, legislative changes and provided community education about kinship care. Among her most impressive accomplishments is leading the team that created Grand Central, Inc., a charity created to provide assistance to kinship caregivers. Grand Central thrives today, helping hundreds of caregivers and their children, in part because of Stefanie's good work.

After working at two non-profit organizations in Massachusetts where she again continued her record of public service, Stefanie returned to Philadelphia and, to our good fortune, joined Philadelphia VIP. For the past four years, Stefanie has served as the co-managing attorney at Philadelphia VIP. Philadelphia VIP's mission is to recruit and train volunteer attorneys to handle pro bono cases. Stefanie supervises a legal staff of three in our LawWorks projects and works closely with the entire staff.

Among her many accomplishments at VIP, the one she is most directly responsible for is our LawWorks initiative. LawWorks is a collaborative interagency program, managed by VIP, based in transactional law and grounded in community economic development. LawWorks provides housing legal assistance, non-profit and small business assistance, as well as community education. Through Stefanie's both behind the scenes and 'in front' leadership, she has developed LawWorks from a small pilot program to an integral part of VIP's work.

However, in 2008, Stefanie went above and beyond the highest standards of excellence in creating our *Philly FReE* program. VIP has been at the forefront of homeownership issues since 2004 with *Philadelphia LawWorks*. VIP's newest program of LawWorks' housing legal assistance is *Philly FReE*, an important component of Philadelphia's groundbreaking *Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program*. VIP, through *Philly FReE*, recruits and trains volunteer attorneys to represent homeowners facing foreclosure who are engaged by the Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program, and then oversees volunteer attorneys during foreclosure diversion proceedings.

Stefanie has served as a member of the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Steering

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	<p>Committee since inception. In 2008, Judge Annette Rizzo approached Stefanie and VIP to assist her in meeting the needs of low-income homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Judge Rizzo, Stefanie and a collaborative group of legal services attorneys, lenders representatives, housing counselors, and city leaders, developed a program to stem the tide of foreclosures in the city. As a direct result of the program, over 600 homes have been saved.</p> <p>Without VIP and its work in recruiting and training volunteer attorneys, the Residential Foreclosure Diversion Program, and particularly the conciliation conferences, would be severely understaffed and far fewer people could be served. Volunteer attorneys for Philly FReE are recruited by VIP through fliers, press releases and telephone calls. VIP trained 200 volunteers in 2008, and Stefanie was the primary architect of the training as well as the driving force behind recruitment. In 2009 and beyond, VIP plans to train volunteers every six months with the objective of recruiting 50 – 75 attorneys for each scheduled training, with Stefanie leading this entire effort.</p> <p>Stefanie’s team often remarks on her tireless efforts and constant drive to improve the lives of low-income Philadelphians. Although she technically works part-time, we often receive emails from her at night and on weekends because she is always thinking about how to do things better for our clients. She is a compassionate, dedicated and enthusiastic member of the VIP team.</p> <p>Stefanie remains connected to the community even outside of her “day job.” She serves as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Women Against Abuse, Inc., and is active in her neighborhood and her children’s school.</p> <p>As you will see in the attached letters of support, Stefanie is an extraordinary public interest attorney who has not been recognized for her tireless efforts to provide direct legal services to the poor and underprivileged in Philadelphia. Thank you for considering her nomination.</p>
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#42	Wayne County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee
	<p>WAYNE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRO BONO COMMITTEE</p> <p>REPORT TO THE WCBA</p> <p>Date: April 3, 2009 To: Wayne County Bar Association Re: WCBA Pro Bono Program</p>

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<p>The Pro Bono Committee of the Wayne County Bar Association has completed its work and recommends that the WCBA approve the following recommendations for the implementation of the Wayne County Bar Association Pro Bono Program. Numbered paragraphs have been used as a means of facilitating discussion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rule 6.1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility requires each attorney to provide pro bono publico service.2. The need for legal services for indigent citizens is not being met by the current level of state funded legal services.3. The Committee finds that formal documentation of each attorney's compliance with the provisions of Rule 6.1 would assist the WCBA in obtaining funding for pro bono projects, would demonstrate Rule 6.1 compliance by the members of the WCBA as required to the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and would enhance the reputation of the legal profession in the community.4. The name of the program shall be "The Wayne County Bar Association Pro Bono Program".5. The Pro Bono Program shall be administered by a standing committee known as the Pro Bono Committee of the Wayne County Bar Association consisting of the current officers of the WCBA together with such other members as shall be appointed by the President in order to ensure the effective management of the Pro Bono Program. The Committee shall select its chairperson.6. The stated goal of the Pro Bono Program will be to document 100% participation in the Program by the members of the WCBA in compliance with the requirements of Rule 6.1.7. The Committee recognizes that attorneys may discharge their obligation to provide pro bono service in a number of different ways. Participation by members of the WCBA on individual pro bono matters may therefore be classified into three tiers.<ol style="list-style-type: none">7.1. Tier One. Cases where the participating attorney assumes direct representation for a pro bono client reviewed and approved by North Penn Legal Services as meeting their established financial qualifications. A Tier One case may either be assigned by the Pro Bono Program after referral from North Penn Legal Services (NPLS), or an attorney may have a potential Tier One pro bono client reviewed and approved by NPLS as meeting the indigency qualifications for pro bono service.7.2. Tier Two. Cases where the attorney provides legal services for a client for either no fee or a nominal fee in circumstances where the client has not been reviewed and approved for Tier One. Tier Two cases may be identified by the participating attorney through his or her practice or may be presented an on request from the Court.7.3. Tier Three. Direct contribution by a participating attorney by either providing financial or administrative support for the Pro Bono Program.8. Each WCBA member is encouraged to provide representation in at least one and preferably two Tier One cases each calendar year. Those

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attorneys whose practices do not encompass the types of matter handled in Tier One cases are encouraged to provide Tier Three participation in the program.

9. Each WCBA member is encouraged to complete a Pro Bono Program participation form identifying the types of cases for which the attorney is willing to provide pro bono representation under the auspices of the Program.

10. Referrals to participating attorneys for Pro Bono Program cases shall be made through a Pro Bono Coordinator.

10.1. The Pro Bono Coordinator shall be a WCBA member who shall receive credit for Tier Three participation in the Pro Bono Program for his or her service as Coordinator.

10.2. The position of Pro Bono Coordinator shall rotate on a regular basis to be decided by the Pro Bono Committee.

10.3. The Pro Bono Coordinator shall receive potential referrals for Tier One cases from North Penn Legal Services and for Tier Two cases from the Court.

10.4. The Pro Bono Coordinator shall contact individual participating attorneys to identify an attorney willing to provide representation on the referred case.

10.5. The Pro Bono Coordinator shall maintain a record of the Tier One and Tier Two cases referred and the attorneys providing pro bono services under the auspices of the Pro Bono Program.

10.6. Participating attorneys are encourage to provide a report to the Pro Bono Coordinator regarding Tier Two and Tier Three matters handled through their private offices so that an accurate record may be maintained of the pro bono services provided in compliance with the requirements of Rule 6.1.

10.7. Attorneys providing representation in Tier One matters are encouraged to record the time allocated to each Tier One matter and to report that time to the Pro Bono Coordinator so that an accurate record may be maintained.

10.8. Upon the completion of a Tier One representation, the participating attorney shall advise the Pro Bono Coordinator accordingly so that an accurate record may be maintained as to the active pro bono cases being handled under the auspices of the Program.

11. The Pro Bono Program shall assist the participating attorneys by providing support services.

11.1. The Pro Bono Program may make arrangements for CLE programs under the auspices of the Pro Bono Program. A stated goal of the pro bono CLE programs shall be to encourage participation by WCBA members by providing CLE credits at no expense to the participant and by offering refreshments during the program.

11.2. The Pro Bono Program shall endeavor to provide participating attorneys with information resources such as forms, online links, and referral to attorneys with practical experience as a means of fostering

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	<p>competent representation in pro bono cases handled under the auspices of the Pro Bono Program.</p> <p>11.3. The Pro Bono Committee shall endeavor to maintain a culture of support and encouragement for pro bono services by arranging social events and other means of recognizing the participating attorneys for their service to the Pro Bono Program.</p> <p>11.4. The Pro Bono Committee shall seek appropriate limits on the scope of pro bono representation in specific matters such as child custody by requesting the entry of Administrative Orders that would establish a defined scope of representation. For example, in a child custody matter, the Committee would seek the entry of an Administrative Order permitting with participating attorney to provide representation through the Reconciliation Conference without being obligated to continue representation through any evidentiary hearings that may be required thereafter unless the attorney voluntarily agrees to provide such additional representation.</p> <p>12. The Pro Bono Committee shall investigate and apply for any state or federal funding that may assist the Pro Bono Program in meeting its goals. SBB/tab</p>
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#43	D. Patrick Zimmerman
	<p>Attorney Zimmerman has been active in pro bono work since 1983, and specifically with the Lancaster Volunteer Attorney Program since 1989. He has handled at least 55 cases in that time and probably averages 5 to 10 hours per case. Although he does not keep track of his “billable hours,” some cases seem to last forever. For example, he has represented a mother in an international custody case for approximately 14 years. Over the years, Attorney Zimmerman has accepted extremely difficult pro bono cases and has had to deal with many contentious clients. Attorney Zimmerman’s legal expertise and his willingness to share his knowledge have made him an excellent resource for the pro bono coordinator.</p>

#44	Keenan D. Holmes
	<p>Keenan has gone above and beyond what any other pro bono would do for a client. He has sacrificed repeatedly and spent hours upon hours working for no compensation and at times for little incentive at all. He has faced critics and political enemies and still maintained his composure and strength. He is a great attorney and man.</p>

#45	Meredith J. Buck, Esq.
	<p>Meredith is a frequent volunteer in Protection from Abuse court. Meredith gives 100% of herself to each one of the plaintiffs she represents, just as if she was getting paid for her representation. She takes time to meet with clients before the hearing, develops the client's cases, subpoenas any witnesses necessary and stays with a case should it get continued to another hearing date by the Court. Meredith epitomizes the true meaning of what pro bono representation means. Meredith doesn't look for any recognition; she just provides pro bono assistance because it is the right thing to do.</p>

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