

## **2009 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Excellence Awardee: Elizabeth C. Price**

Elizabeth C. Price, executive director of the Delaware County Bar Association for the past 34 years, recently received the 2009 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Excellence Award. The PLAN Excellence Award recognizes Betty's outstanding work on behalf of legal access, especially for low-income clients in southeastern Pennsylvania. Betty currently serves as the president of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP), whose mission is to provide quality legal representation to low-income people and empower them to solve problems without legal representation through legal education and increased access to the courts. She has been a member of boards of both LASP and Community Impact Legal Services since these programs were created in 2001. Betty played an integral role in the planning process that created these programs, including the successful merger of the legal aid programs in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties. She made certain that low-income clients in each county would have access to quality legal representation and helped to create the ideal program structure.

Betty also spearheads the pro bono efforts of the Delaware County Bar Association and personally guided the establishment of an arbitration fee allocation check off for donations to LASP, by working closely with the president judge and bar president in Delaware County. She is critical to legal aid's success in bench/bar relationships, fundraising, pro bono as well as board and staff matters.

Betty was one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives and its first president. She has also served as an officer of the National Association of Bar Executives where she chaired several committees.

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