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Neighborhood Legal Services Association's Older & Wiser Program Wins 2010 Emil Gumpert Award

The American College of Trial Lawyers has announced that the **Older & Wiser** program of the **Neighborhood Legal Services Association** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the winner of the 2010 Emil Gumpert Award. The \$50,000 first-place prize is funded by a grant from the Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Older & Wiser** has been featured at both the PBA's annual Pro Bono Conference and as the Day on the Hill CLE program for legislators and their staff. The program presents law materials of interest in a variety of areas for seniors created by legal aid staff at a seminar event sponsored by local legislators involving both private practice attorneys and legal aid staff as resources. Started in southwestern Pennsylvania by NLSA, the program has been spread across the state through efforts of the legal aid network and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Office. PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis calls the project "a brilliant way to showcase the interdependence of legal aid providers with private bar and legislative supporters while providing valuable legal service to a population in need, our senior citizens."

The program invites and leverages the support and participation of state legislators to provide legal information and resources to senior adults and their caregivers throughout Pennsylvania. The Emil Gumpert Award recognizes and provides funds for an expansion of the existing program to serve as a model for replication in other states and provinces.

The Emil Gumpert Award recognizes programs, whether public or private, whose principal purpose is to maintain and improve the administration of justice. The award honors the late Honorable Emil Gumpert, Chancellor and Founder of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Through his dedication to the legal profession for more than 50 years, Judge Gumpert's legal career encompassed that of eminent trial lawyer, California State Bar president and trial judge.

Previous Emil Gumpert Award winners have included Pro Bono Law Ontario of Ottawa, Ontario (2009); And Justice For All of Salt Lake City, Utah (2008); The National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children of Washington, D.C. (2007); Legal Aid University of Boston, Massachusetts (2006); and Dakota Plains Legal Services of Mission, South Dakota (2005).

Each year's recipient is chosen from a wide field of applicants seeking grants to continue projects of global application with potential for replication in other locations. Neighborhood Legal Services Association's **Older & Wiser** program meets all the College's criteria through its ability to duplicate, encourage and extend its services beyond the jurisdiction of the **Older & Wiser** program in Pittsburgh.