

# Pro Bono at the ABA - Awards

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## Summary - ABA Pro Bono & Public Service Awards

As of July 2004

Sponsoring Entity	Name of Award	Type of Award	Criteria	Eligibility	Application Deadline	Contact Information	Other Information
<b>Section of Business Law Pro Bono Committee</b>	<a href="#">National Public Service Awards</a>	Crystal award to winner; certificates to those providing distinguished service	Dedication to the innovative development and delivery of legal services to the poor in a business context through a pro bono program	Individuals, firms, corporate legal departments	February	Section Director, 312/988-6244	Award is presented at the Section's Spring Meeting; not open to organizations that predominantly serve the poor
<b>Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division</b>	<a href="#">Dorsey Award</a> for Outstanding Public Defender or Legal Aid Lawyer	Plaque	Outstanding public defender or legal aid lawyer	Lawyers employed in legal aid bureaus or public defender offices	April	Theona Salmon, 202/662-1023, <a href="mailto:salmont@staff.abanet.org">salmont@staff.abanet.org</a>	Award presented at Annual Meeting
<b>Law Student Division</b>	<a href="#">Judy M. Weightman Public Interest School of the Year Award</a>	Plaque	Degree of campus activities such as mandatory pro bono, volunteer programs, clinics, loan forgiveness programs, etc.	ABA-accredited law schools	April	Law Student Division director, 312/988-5623	Awarded by Division's Public Interest Committee Chair at Annual Meeting
<b>Section of Labor and Employment Law</b>	<a href="#">Frances Perkins Public Service Award</a>	Crystal award to recipient	The award recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate a significant commitment to providing pro bono legal services primarily in the areas of labor and employment law to persons of limited means or nonprofit organizations designed to	An individual nominee must be a member of the Section of Labor and Employment Law; an organization that is nominated must have at least one Section member who is employed by/associated with the nominated entity and that individual must actively	April	Section Director 312/988-5593	Award is presented at the Section's Summer Meeting at the ABA Annual Meeting. The Section also sponsors a Pro Bono Honor Roll <a href="http://www.abanet.org/labor/probonohonorroll.pdf">http://www.abanet.org/labor/probonohonorroll.pdf</a> to recognize Section members who have contributed a significant number of pro bono hours.

			address the needs of persons of limited means.	participate in the pro bono project that is the subject of the nomination.			
StC on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association	<a href="#">Harrison Tweed Award</a>	Plaque	Significant development or expansion of programs to increase access to civil legal services to the poor or criminal defense services to indigents	Bar associations	March	Janice Jones, 312/988-5767, <a href="mailto:janicejones@staff.abanet.org">janicejones@staff.abanet.org</a>	Award presented at Annual Meeting
StC on Delivery of Legal Services	<a href="#">Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access</a>	Plaque	Programs that improve the delivery of legal services to moderate and working poor people	Open	December	Will Hornsby, 312/988-5761, <a href="mailto:whornsby@staff.abanet.org">whornsby@staff.abanet.org</a>	Award presented at Midyear Meeting.
StC on Pro Bono and Public Service	<a href="#">Pro Bono Publico Awards</a>	Artwork made of crystal	Outstanding contributions in pro bono work	Individual attorneys, law firms or corporate legal departments	March	Dorothy Jackson, 312/988-5766, <a href="mailto:jacksond@staff.abanet.org">jacksond@staff.abanet.org</a>	Up to five awards given annually
<b>Section of Litigation</b>	<a href="#">John Minor Wisdom Public Service &amp; Professionalism Award</a>	Plaque	Providing access to justice for the poor, disenfranchised or other under-represented individuals or groups through direct representation or the creation of means of access	Lawyers in public interest or private practice, law firms	Nominations due to the Section in the fall (Nov.)	Sharyne Tu 312/988-6069 <a href="mailto:tusharyne@staff.abanet.org">tusharyne@staff.abanet.org</a>	Award presented at a luncheon during the Section's Annual Conference held in April or May of each year.
<b>Section of Tort Trial and Insurance Practice</b>	Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award	Sculpture and expenses paid to Annual Meeting	Member of section having performed pro bono service as defined by Rule 6.1(a) of the Model Rules	Section members	February	Sonya Schroeder, 312/988-6229, Fax: 312/988-6230 <a href="mailto:schroeders@staff.abanet.org">schroeders@staff.abanet.org</a>	The Law in Public Service Committee nominates up to three recipients each year

<b>Senior Lawyers Division</b>	SLD Pro Bono Award	Lead Crystal	A lawyer should aspire to render at least (50) hours of pro bono publico legal services per year with at least (50) hours of legal services without fee or participation in activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession.	ABA Members	January	Angela A. Boykin, 312/988-5565, <a href="mailto:boykinaa@staff.abanet.org">boykinaa@staff.abanet.org</a>	Awards presented at Annual Meeting
<b>Young Lawyers Division</b>	Affiliate Outreach Program ( <a href="#">AOP</a> ) <a href="#">Awards of Achievement</a> Competition	Plaques and certificates	Well planned and executed programs which contribute significantly to the public good and to the betterment of the profession	Affiliates of the Young Lawyers Division	Early June	Section Director 312/988-5614	Awards presented at Annual Meeting

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