
The Chicago Bar Association
and **The Chicago Bar Foundation**

16th Annual Pro Bono
and **Public Service**
Awards Luncheon

July 15, 2014



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Ensuring
access
to justice
for all

THE CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION

As the charitable arm of the CBA, The Chicago Bar Foundation brings the legal community together to improve access to justice for people in need and make the legal system more fair and efficient for everyone.

The CBF's mission recognizes that taking a leadership role to ensure equal access to justice is our common cause as a profession, and that we can make a distinct impact in advancing that cause by the legal community coming together through the CBF.

The CBF pursues two overarching goals to improve access to justice:

- Increasing access to free and affordable legal assistance for people in need
- Making the courts and legal system more user-friendly and accessible for people without lawyers

Using a mix of grants, advocacy, pro bono and partnerships, the CBF pursues a two-pronged strategy to accomplish these goals:

1. Supporting proven solutions that have an immediate effect, such as the CBF's grants to established pro bono and legal aid organizations made possible by the annual Investing in Justice Campaign
2. Developing new and innovative solutions that drive long-term, systemic improvements, through initiatives such as the Justice Entrepreneurs Project, developing a network of Court-based Advice Desks and the CBF Legal Aid Academy

Thousands of lawyers and other dedicated individuals, more than 200 law firms and companies, and many other committed partners make the CBF's work possible. Thanks to that strong leadership and support, the CBF awarded more than \$4 million in grants last year and continues to play a lead role in a number of innovative access to justice initiatives.

To learn more about the CBF and how you can be a part of our work, visit chicagobarfoundation.org or call (312) 554-1204.

"As long as a man is handicapped before the bar of justice because of his poverty, our task as lawyers is not done."

Robert Kennedy

16TH ANNUAL CBA & CBF PRO BONO & PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

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THE KIMBALL R. ANDERSON AND KAREN GATSIS ANDERSON PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: CATHERINE LONGKUMER

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THE MAURICE WEIGLE EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG LAWYER AWARD

Recipient: BRIAN K. JONES

THE RICHARD J. PHELAN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Recipient: MICHAEL J. PELLETIER

THE THOMAS H. MORSCH PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Recipient: DENICE WOLF MARKHAM

CLOSING REMARKS

BOB GLAVES, Executive Director, The Chicago Bar Foundation

CBF SUPPORTED PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS

The CBF awarded over \$4 million in grants over the past year to more than 35 pro bono and legal aid organizations and related initiatives. These grants are a fundamental part of the CBF's broader efforts to ensure that all Chicagoans have access to justice. Like all of the CBF's work, the grants are made possible by the generous support of thousands of lawyers and other legal professionals, more than 200 law firms and corporations, and many other dedicated partners from throughout the Chicago area. A significant portion—over \$1.8 million—of the CBF's grants were made possible by the 8th Annual CBF Investing in Justice Campaign.

CBF GRANTEES INCLUDE:

- Access Living—*Legal Services Department*
- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)
- CARPLS (Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services)
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago—*Legal Assistance*
- Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR)
- Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL)
- Center for Economic Progress—*Tax Clinic*
- Centro Romero—*Latin American Immigration Legal Services*
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless—*Law Project*
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
- Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and The Law Project
- Chicago Legal Clinic (CLC)
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)
- Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC)
- Equip for Equality
- The Family Defense Center
- First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA)
- Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)
- Indo-American Center—*Citizenship and Immigration Services*
- James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- LAF (f/k/a Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago)
- Latinos Progresando—*Immigration Legal Services*
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)
- Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)
- Life Span—*Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*
- Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD)
- National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
- The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU—*Children's Initiative*
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
- Uptown People's Law Center
- World Relief Chicago—*Immigrant Legal Services*

* This list represents organizations that received Organizational Support grants from the CBF. The CBF also supports a number of other special projects and initiatives, fellowships and scholarships, and other grants that advance the CBF's mission. Examples include the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago's Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom Program; the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program; and the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Law Student Internship Program.

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TO JOIN ONE OF THE CBF'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLES FOR LAW FIRMS, CORPORATIONS OR BUSINESS PARTNERS

contact Bob Glaves at (312) 554-1205 or bglaves@chicagobar.org

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CBF'S GRANTS PROCESS AND THE IMPACT OF THE MORE THAN \$4 MILLION AWARDED LAST YEAR

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TO MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID IN OUR COMMUNITY

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TO ADVOCATE FOR LEGAL AID AT THE FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LEVELS, OR TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD

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TO FIND PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES AND LEARN ABOUT THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CBF'S WORK WITH THE COURTS

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TO SPONSOR OR BECOME INVOLVED WITH AN EVENT

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To learn more about the CBF and how you can be a part of our work, visit chicagobarfoundation.org or call (312) 554-1204.

YOUR FOUNDATION AT WORK IN 2014

The CBF is the one place where you can come together with your colleagues in Chicago's legal community and make a powerful impact that none of us could on our own. The CBF truly is your foundation for ensuring that the justice system is fair and accessible for everyone, and you can be particularly proud of the impact you made through the CBF in 2014. Below are just a few highlights of that impact, and you can learn more about the important work you are making possible by visiting chicagobarfoundation.org.

2014 INVESTING IN JUSTICE CAMPAIGN SETS NEW RECORDS ACROSS THE BOARD

The collective effort and generosity of Chicago's legal community made this year's Investing in Justice Campaign another resounding and record-breaking success. Under the exemplary leadership of this year's Campaign Chair, Patrick Fitzgerald, 146 law firms, corporate legal departments and other law-related organizations participated in this year's Campaign, and more than 4,300 individual attorneys and legal professionals contributed over \$1.3 million, all record amounts. Thanks to many generous matching contributions from participating firms and companies, the 2014 Campaign also set a new record for the overall total raised in the Campaign—\$1.81 million.

100% of the individual contributions to the Campaign again went directly to CBF grants to 34 pro bono and legal aid organizations. The Campaign funds helped to leverage substantially more funding from government and other sources, making it possible for the CBF to again award more than \$4 million in grants in 2014.

JUSTICE ENTREPRENEURS PROJECT TAKES FLIGHT

JEP is an incubator program for recent law school graduates to start socially conscious law practices providing affordable legal services to low and moderate-income people. The program was formally launched over the past year with local and national acclaim, and 29 dedicated and entrepreneurial lawyers now are building innovative law practices to provide much-needed legal help to a large segment of our community who too often do not have meaningful access to affordable help in the traditional legal market.

CBF LEGAL AID ACADEMY GIVES VALUABLE HELP FOR LEGAL AID LAWYERS AND STAFF

The CBF Legal Aid Academy continues to deliver free, high-quality training and professional development opportunities to legal aid lawyers and staff, highlighted this past year by a NITA trial training, a comprehensive deposition training, and a number of valuable programs that collectively benefited hundreds of legal aid advocates. The Legal Aid Academy strives to meet the core training and professional development needs of the approximately 300 legal aid attorneys in the Chicago area through pro bono contributions from the Chicago legal community, CLE providers and others. The CBF also partners with the CBA to provide free CLE Advantage memberships to all attorneys employed at CBF-funded organizations, providing unlimited access to CBA programming.

INNOVATIVE FUNDING COLLABORATIVE EXPANDS ACCESS TO LEGAL HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS

The CBF joined with 10 Illinois foundation partners and two national foundations to provide nearly \$800,000 in funding to support legal services and public education for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Organizations receiving the funding provide legal services and public education to youth and young adult immigrants who are eligible under DACA, the most significant new form of immigration relief since 1986. When DACA started in August 2012, 49,000 young immigrants in Illinois were eligible to apply. One year later, 64% had applied and 56% had been granted Deferred Action, making Illinois one of the leading states in number of applications, percentage of eligible immigrants who have applied and approval rates. Research shows that DACA opens the door to new, life-changing, though temporary, opportunities. Funding from the collaborative already has built significantly more legal aid capacity for assisting immigrants going forward as well.



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June 23, 2014

Mr. Jesse Ruiz
President, Board of Directors
Chicago Bar Foundation
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Dear Mr. Ruiz:

On behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court, I am pleased to acknowledge the outstanding effort of the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Foundation, and the many law firms and individual attorneys who provide pro bono legal services in Chicago.

As you gather to recognize the contributions of these individuals, please know that the members of the Supreme Court share your goal of providing equal access to justice for all residents of Illinois. We send our congratulations to the award recipients and applaud the contributions of all those who respond to the call to serve the legal needs of low-income and disadvantaged people.

Best wishes for an inspiring and successful event on July 15.

Very truly yours,

Rita B. Garman
Rita B. Garman



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 15, 2014

The Chicago Bar Foundation
321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 3B
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Friends,

I want to welcome all of those gathered today and sincerely congratulate the Chicago Bar Foundation on the occasion of its 16th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon.

As the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, the Foundation and its many supporters deserve praise for their vital role in helping to ensure Chicagoland's underprivileged residents have access to our justice system and the legal services they need. The generosity of more than 200 law firms and thousands of individuals make this much-needed service possible. Thanks to their charitable support, millions of dollars have been made available for grants to access-to-justice initiatives.

Today's event gives us a chance to pause and recognize the good work done by the CBF as well as the many attorneys who provide pro bono assistance. The Foundation's support is a key to making possible the outstanding work of Chicago's legal aid and pro bono attorneys through advocacy, grants and other assistance programs. My congratulations also go to this year's very deserving pro bono and public service award winners.

Thank you, keep up the great work and please accept my heartfelt best wishes for this important event and your organization's continued success.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Madigan
Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 15, 2014

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all gathered for the Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation's 16th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon.

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) and Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) play a significant role in our legal community. By providing equal access to justice for all Chicagoans, CBA and CBF impact entire communities. Tens of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged residents continue to lack access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, which forces uninformed attempts at solving complex legal problems. Such legal problems include domestic violence, divorce, child custody disputes, evictions, mortgage foreclosures, and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly. The Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation better Chicagoland one client at a time.

This special event presents an opportunity to recognize those committed to culture, community, and change. Approximately 300 lawyers serve more than 1.3 million low-income residents in the Chicago area who are eligible for their services, leaving a huge need for many other Chicagoans also in need of advisement on the protections of our legal system. Lawyers and legal professionals in Chicago donate hundreds of thousands of hours in free legal services and make generous contributions to support pro bono and legal aid organizations in our city. Involved services primarily dedicated to underprivileged Chicagoans continue to touch countless lives, and help many navigate the justice system. I offer heartfelt congratulations to all of this year's distinguished honorees, and thank all for your hard work and unwavering commitment to those in need. I commend the Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation for unmatched advocacy and compassion.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I hope you have an enjoyable event. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor



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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

July 15, 2014

Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Foundation.

I commend your organization for your continued commitment to public service and pro bono work. You have touched many lives and set a wonderful example for others in the legal community to follow. It is critically important that we ensure equal access to justice for every resident in Illinois, and your diligence in achieving this objective is admirable.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the attorneys who will be honored today for your extraordinary dedication to public service. You should be very proud of your accomplishments, and I am certain that your good works will continue for many years to come.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn

Pat Quinn
Governor

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July 15, 2014

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Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to Chicago Bar Foundation's (CBF) 16th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon.

For more than 60 years the Chicago Bar Association, along with the CBF, have strived to provide legal counsel to those who are in need of representation. Helping low-income residents of Chicago navigate the justice system is a noble cause and I wish to extend my congratulations to all of today's award recipients. I applaud all of you for your commitment to assisting those who are less fortunate our community. Your effort and determination to make the legal system more accessible and fair for all is inspiring.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to today's attendees for your dedication to the Chicago Bar Foundation and its mission. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you best of luck in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

The Chicago Bar Foundation
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Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome the distinguished members of the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Foundation as you gather for the 16th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon.

Tonight, the contributions of individuals in this legal community are recognized and honored for their tireless dedication to public service. It is because of the attorneys and organizations that so charitably commit their time and resources that low-income and disadvantaged Chicago residents have quality access to legal counsel. Many of the challenges these citizens face are complex and critical to their safety and independence. Without your help, they would be left to navigate the legal system on their own.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all the extraordinary men and women being honored tonight. Please continue to advocate for the less fortunate; your contributions are greatly appreciated. I wish the best of luck on your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



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**THE KIMBALL R. ANDERSON AND
KAREN GATSIS ANDERSON
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP**

In 2003, then CBF President Kimball Anderson and his wife Karen set an extraordinary precedent for others in the legal community with a \$100,000 gift, which they generously doubled in 2005 and continue to support. Their donation created a public interest law fellowship to honor and assist one outstanding law school graduate per year who has elected to work in the field of public interest law.

The award assists dedicated law school graduates with repayment of their law school debts, which month-to-month often exceed their rent or mortgage payments. In recent years, the combination of skyrocketing debt and very modest public interest and legal aid salaries has created an untenable dynamic where an alarming number of law school students cannot even consider a career in public interest law.

The couple saw this difficulty as an opportunity to give back to the community in a way that attacks the problem while inspiring others. The CBF first awarded the fellowship in 2003 and now awards a single \$50,000 fellowship each year to an individual who demonstrates the following: (1) a commitment to public interest work, (2) academic excellence in law school, and (3) outstanding character and integrity.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| <p>2013 DANIEL M. HOCHBAUM
<i>Equip for Equality</i></p> <p>2012 SUSAN LEPEAU DECOSTANZA
<i>Chicago Volunteer Legal Services</i></p> <p>2011 TODD L. BELCORE
<i>Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law</i></p> <p>2010 ELIZABETH A. CUNNINGHAM
<i>Chicago Coalition for the Homeless</i></p> <p>2009 TERI L. ROSS
<i>Illinois Legal Aid Online</i></p> <p>2008 DENNERICKA BROOKS
<i>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</i></p> | <p>2007 MIGUEL C. KEBERLEIN GUTIERREZ
<i>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</i></p> <p>2006 SARAH E. BIEHL
<i>Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago</i></p> <p>2005 MICHAEL G. BERGMANN
<i>Public Interest Law Initiative</i></p> <p>2004 SHERIZAAAN MINWALLA
<i>National Immigrant Justice Center</i></p> <p>2003 ELIZABETH BERRONES-ROTCHFORD
<i>Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic</i></p> |
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**Catherine Longkumer
THE 2014 RECIPIENT**

Catherine Longkumer’s deep commitment to protecting the rights of human trafficking victims began in college when she first read about sexual slavery as part of a book study. These stories had a profound impact on Catherine and would become a driving force of her career. Not satisfied to simply read about the problem, she took action and spent a month in Thailand volunteering with the Tamar Center, an organization that provides housing, counseling and job training to individuals trying to get out of the sex trade. Following her college graduation, Catherine continued to seek out opportunities to work in this area and ultimately accepted an unpaid internship with the International Justice Mission in India, where she spent eight months working with their legal and investigative teams to assist trafficking victims.

Catherine soon realized she could effect more change in this field by pursuing a law degree. After completing her first year of law school at Penn State, Catherine learned that the University of Michigan Law School was starting the country’s first anti-trafficking legal clinic. She immediately applied for a transfer and was accepted, giving up a scholarship at Penn State so she could continue her anti-trafficking work through the clinic. Catherine worked at the clinic during her 2L and 3L years, then stayed on as a post-doctoral fellow to establish a legal clinic in Mexico City.

In 2012, Catherine joined the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services as an Equal Justice Works Fellow to help launch ATLASST, an anti-trafficking initiative that provides holistic pro bono legal services to survivors of human trafficking. Over the past two years, Catherine already has served more than 30 clients, trained more than 100 pro bono attorneys, and led awareness efforts reaching hundreds of people. Her dedication and compassion are boundless. In the words of one of her supporters, Catherine’s “ability to establish trust with these clients, who have been repeatedly betrayed and abused by those they trusted, is remarkable.” The Anderson Fellowship will allow Catherine to continue helping victims of human trafficking and pursue the work she loves.

THE EXELON OUTSTANDING CORPORATE COUNSEL AWARD

In 2000, The Chicago Bar Foundation and The Chicago Bar Association jointly commissioned The Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award. The award was created to specifically recognize the generally unsung pro bono contributions of outstanding attorneys in the corporate sector, and to encourage other corporate attorneys to volunteer their time and talents to help those in need.

In 2003, the Award was generously endowed by Exelon Corporation, which allows the recipient of the award to designate a special Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the CBF-supported legal aid or public interest law organization of his or her choice.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2013 ANGELA B. FRYE, *Verizon Wireless*
- 2012 STEVEN S. FUS, *United Air Lines, Inc.*
- 2011 SANDRA J. WALL, *McDonald's Corporation*
- 2010 MARY ANNE SMITH, *Illinois Institute of Technology*
- 2009 KAL GIBRON, *Sears Holding Corporation*
- 2008 MINAUTI MEHTA, *Abbott Laboratories*
- 2007 RANDALL S. RAPP, *Woods Equipment Company*
- 2006 LAURA L. HOIS, *McDonald's Corporation*
- 2005 DANIEL A. COTTER, *Unitrin Services Company*
- 2004 STEVEN M. COOK, *Sears, Roebuck and Co.*
- 2003 SUJATA DAYAL AND TEJAL VAKHARIA, *Abbott Laboratories*
- 2002 PAULINE LEVY, *McDonald's Corporation*
- 2001 MARY ANN O'CONNOR, *Bank One Corporation*
- 2000 DANIEL J. HARPER, *The Chicago Tribune*



Mary Jo Quinn
THE 2014 RECIPIENT

Mary Jo Quinn brings a unique perspective to the corporate law arena in her work at Allstate, having been a special education teacher for seven years before attending law school. Today, Mary Jo continues to advocate for some of the most vulnerable in our community through her work with Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA), where she works to ensure that people with criminal records have the second chances they deserve. Mary Jo came to Allstate from Jones Day in 1996 and currently heads Allstate's Securities Team of lawyers. She also leads their law department's mentoring program and fosters many of her own mentor relationships both inside and outside of Allstate.

In 2009, Mary Jo introduced Allstate's law department to CGLA with the simple invitation to "come down to the Expungement Help Desk for half a day to see what it's like." Since then, nearly 60 volunteers from Allstate have given over 1,000 hours of pro bono services to CGLA clients, including over 100 hours from Mary Jo herself. Mary Jo has continued her leadership role, spearheading multiple training programs for Allstate attorneys on issues relating to criminal records, resulting in more than 75 attorneys getting involved. Due to Mary Jo's leadership, Allstate is currently the only corporate law department handling clemency petitions, an important expansion of corporate pro bono.

While a member of CGLA's advisory board, Mary Jo also encouraged other corporations to work with CGLA. Her leadership helped lead Walgreens to make CGLA one of its preferred pro bono organizations. In 2011, Mary Jo co-chaired CGLA's annual benefit, which raised \$525,000 for the organization. In the words of one of her nominators, "Mary Jo Quinn has set a new standard for pro bono contributions in the corporate sector, inspiring active support from hundreds of colleagues—and advancing the work of CGLA to benefit the people who need us most."

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**THE LEONARD JAY SCHRAGER
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The Leonard Jay Schrager Award of Excellence was established to recognize exemplary attorneys in academia who have made significant and lasting contributions to improving access to justice for the less fortunate. The recipient must be an attorney employed by a Chicago area law school or law school clinic.

This award is presented in honor of Professor Leonard J. Schrager, who has been a leader in the Chicago legal community for more than 30 years. Professor Schrager served as Dean of The John Marshall Law School from 1983 through 1987 and for many years after served as a distinguished Professor there. He is a founder and former senior managing partner in the Chicago law firm of Sachnoff, Schrager, Jones, Weaver and Rubenstein, Ltd., now known as Reed Smith LLP. Among his many community activities, he has served on the Special Commission on the Administration of Justice in Cook County, on the boards of CARPLS and the Center for Conflict Resolution, and is a past President of both The Chicago Bar Foundation and The Chicago Bar Association.

This Award has been generously endowed by the law firm of Reed Smith LLP and its partners, which allows the recipient of the award to designate a special Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the law school clinic or legal aid program of his or her choice.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| 2013 LEONARD RUBINOWITZ
<i>Northwestern University School of Law</i> | 2006 LEONARD L. CAVISE
<i>DePaul University College of Law</i> |
| 2012 CYNTHIA A. WILSON
<i>Northwestern University School of Law</i> | 2005 HENRY ROSE
<i>Loyola University Chicago School of Law</i> |
| 2001 STACEY E. PLATT
<i>Loyola University Chicago School of Law</i> | 2004 DOUGLASS CASSEL
<i>Northwestern University School of Law</i> |
| 2010 JOSEPH BUTLER
<i>The John Marshall Law School</i> | 2003 TOM GERAGHTY
<i>Northwestern University School of Law</i> |
| 2009 RANDOLPH N. STONE
<i>University of Chicago Law School</i> | DIANE GERAGHTY
<i>Loyola University Chicago School of Law</i> |
| 2008 MARGUERITE ANGELARI
<i>Loyola University Chicago School of Law</i> | 2002 RONALD W. STAUDT
<i>IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law</i> |
| 2007 RALPH RUEBNER
<i>The John Marshall Law School</i> | |



**Michael P. Seng
THE 2014 RECIPIENT**

The career of Professor Michael Seng includes stints as a clerk for a United States District Court, an associate at Jenner & Block, and an attorney for Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance. His most enduring legacy, however, is as a Professor at The John Marshall Law School, where for nearly 40 years he has focused on discrimination in housing.

Professor Seng has trained generations of John Marshall law students in fair housing law. His instruction and example have shaped careers in every sector of the legal community. Going far beyond classroom instruction, Professor Seng co-founded the John Marshall Fair Housing and Support Center in 1991 and founded John Marshall's Fair Housing Legal Clinic one year later, the latter of which was the first law school clinic in the United States to handle solely issues involving housing discrimination. Professor Seng's work combating housing discrimination includes organizing local and national training programs, giving testimony regarding legislation and serving as an expert witness, among other activities.

Professor Seng's influence extends beyond the United States, including twice being recognized by the Fulbright program with teaching posts in Nigeria and the Czech Republic. Beginning in 1993, Professor Seng organized delegations of lawyers and judges to create a legal exchange that allowed the Czech and Slovak Republics to bring American attorneys to Europe to assist the bar as the countries rebuilt their legal systems after the fall of Communism. The program eventually became the Czech/Slovak Legal Institute and has produced a cadre of lawyers and judges who are distinguishing themselves in private practice, the courts and in positions of trust throughout the Czech Republic.

Professor Seng has inspired countless attorneys both in Chicago and abroad to devote their careers to public service and the highest ideals of the profession. His instruction and leadership have given these attorneys the skills and experiences to become excellent advocates and leaders in a multitude of good causes.



**THE EDWARD J. LEWIS II
PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD**

The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award honors attorneys in private practice who, like the late Edward J. Lewis II, display a deep commitment to the fundamental principles of equal protection and equal justice in the community through outstanding pro bono service.

Prior to his death at age 37, Mr. Lewis provided more than two thousand hours of pro bono legal services to various organizations. While maintaining a busy practice as a partner at Jenner & Block LLP, he devoted his “spare” time to a number of noble pro bono causes, including: law related youth education programs; the long term care of the elderly; persecuted children and adults seeking political asylum; minorities facing housing discrimination; and inmates challenging conditions in Illinois prisons. In addition to devoting his own time, Mr. Lewis was instrumental in recruiting other attorneys to do pro bono work. During his time at Jenner & Block LLP, he inspired over 100 fellow attorneys and staff members to join the cause. All the while, he was a devoted husband and father whose spirit lives on today through this prestigious award.

This Award has been generously endowed by the law firm of Jenner & Block, Nancy Loeb, and Jeff, Matt and Vanessa Colman, and allows the recipient to designate a special Chicago Bar Foundation grant to the CBF-supported pro bono or legal aid program of his or her choice.

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**Jill M. Metz
THE 2014 RECIPIENT**

Jill Metz has devoted her 35-year career in law to litigating, advocating and educating the public about LGBT legal issues, both in her private practice and through her pro bono service. Jill graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1978 and opened her firm, Jill Metz & Associates, in Chicago’s Edgewater neighborhood. Seeing a need, she quickly turned her focus to the many legal issues faced by same-sex couples and soon developed a thriving private practice. At the same time, she has volunteered her time with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), litigating precedent-setting cases, advocating for changes in the law, and serving in leadership roles.

Jill’s work combines excellent litigation tactics, tremendous leadership and policy acumen to advance the rights of the LGBT community. A long-time member of the ACLU, Jill began working closely with the organization in 1991 on a groundbreaking case that secured a ruling that custody of a child may not be denied because of a parent’s sexual orientation, the first of many important cases that she has litigated or influenced at the ACLU.

In 1999, Jill joined the ACLU Board of Directors and has served as Board President since 2006, leading the organization’s efforts on the fight for same-sex marriage and working to increase financial and other support from the board and other ACLU members to expand the number and significance of the civil liberties cases the ACLU can prosecute. Jill has been instrumental in Illinois becoming the sixteenth state to recognize the freedom to marry. She played vital roles in bringing strategic litigation, drafting legislation, building coalitions, creating a strategic statewide communication plan and educating lawmakers and the public about the impact of these issues.

As stated by one of Jill’s nominators, Jill is “a unique leader who is both a visionary and a hands-on leader who brings her incredible time and talent to advocating for human rights and civil liberties,” making her an ideal recipient of the Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award.



**THE MAURICE WEIGLE
EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG LAWYER AWARD**

The Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award celebrates the initiative and exceptional contributions of young lawyers to the profession, the organized bar and the community. The award reflects the commitment and beliefs of an extraordinary father and son, Maurice W. Weigle (1877-1967) and Maurice S. Weigle (1912-1989), who each exhibited a lifelong devotion to the law and the community.

Both men were highly respected Chicago attorneys and esteemed members of The Chicago Bar Association. They felt passionately about education, youth empowerment and the legal community of Chicago. In memory of their spirit and dedication to these issues, their families generously endowed this prestigious award in 1968, allowing the recipient to designate a special grant to his or her favorite legal aid or public interest law organization.

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**Brian K. Jones
THE 2014 RECIPIENT**

Since 2010, Brian K. Jones has been an exemplary leader in the Wills for Heroes program, where his efforts have engaged volunteer attorneys from every sector of the legal community and contributed to more than 2,100 first responders having estate plans in place, free of charge. In addition to his tremendous commitment to Wills for Heroes, Brian developed a thriving law practice, which in 2012 merged with Harrison & Held, LLP, where Brian is a partner and co-chair of the family office practice. While maintaining his pro bono commitments and busy law practice, Brian is an active member of the CBA Young Lawyers Section, having served on the Executive Committee and in a number of other roles.

The Wills for Heroes Foundation was created after the 9/11 attacks to assist first responders with estate planning and living wills and it is run without a dedicated staff. For the past four years, Brian has spent hundreds of hours planning, recruiting and training volunteers for the program in the Chicago area, where it is run by the CBA Young Lawyers Section. One Saturday every month, Brian and other volunteer attorneys, notaries, and witnesses arrive at the Chicago Fire Department Headquarters at 7:30 a.m. to create estate plans for first responders. Brian not only contributes his time and his expertise in estate planning, but he has been influential in connecting firms and corporations such as Mayer Brown, AT&T, and JP Morgan Chase with the program and encouraging other pro bono efforts as well. He has helped organize special training programs for attorneys and led by example by participating in nearly every monthly program. In 2013, Brian also organized the first Wills for Heroes event outside of the city, in his hometown of Geneva.

Having graduated from The John Marshall Law School only eight years ago, Brian already has created a successful law practice and bettered the profession through service to the community and the organized bar, making him a very deserving recipient of this year's Weigle Award.



THE RICHARD J. PHELAN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Richard J. Phelan Public Service Award honors attorneys who have dedicated a significant portion of their legal career to the public sector, achieved excellence in their work and demonstrated a firm commitment to increasing access to justice for all Chicagoans. The award was created to honor the unsung heroes in the public sector who are often unrecognized for their contributions to improving access to justice.

This award is named in honor of Richard J. Phelan, a leader who has masterfully blended public service into his legal career. Mr. Phelan, a past President of The Chicago Bar Association, is a retired partner at the law firm of Foley & Lardner and has represented clients in a trial practice that includes products liability, public law, intellectual property and reinsurance for over 40 years. Mr. Phelan previously served as president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, where he oversaw the largest unified court system in the country. From 1988 to 1989, he served as special outside counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the matter of Speaker James C. Wright.

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Michael J. Pelletier THE 2014 RECIPIENT

Michael J. Pelletier is described by colleagues as a “zealous advocate,” “a skilled appellate attorney of unimpeachable ethics” and a “highly regarded leader in the criminal defense bar.” In his 38 years at the Office of the State Appellate Defender (OSAD), Michael has worked tirelessly to ensure that every OSAD client receives the high-quality representation that they deserve.

Michael has spent his entire career advocating on behalf of indigent defendants. After graduating from The John Marshall Law School in 1976, Michael began representing indigent clients as an Assistant Appellate Defender, becoming the First District Deputy Defender in 1987. In 2008, Michael was named the State Appellate Defender, a role in which he directs the work of more than 170 attorneys and 60 support staff who handle approximately 4,800 cases throughout Illinois’ five appellate districts.

Michael is widely recognized as a skilled advocate, writer and legal analyst. He is also recognized as a strong, thoughtful and capable leader, addressing head-on the many challenges involved in leading his agency. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the attorneys in his office have the time and resources needed to competently handle their cases. Michael also has implemented policies to support the long-term health of the agency, such as instituting several family-friendly employment practices to help the agency retain its many exceptional lawyers.

As one of his nominators noted, “although the legal representation of indigent criminal defendants is often a thankless undertaking, Michael J. Pelletier has always discharged the function with the highest level of skill and dedication.” Michael’s time at the OSAD reflects his commitment to justice for every indigent appellant and his belief that every person deserves the best possible presentation of their case on appeal. His hard work and dedication to his clients, his staff, and to the law have made it possible for OSAD’s clients and staff to receive the highest possible level of respect, fair treatment and advocacy.



**THE THOMAS H. MORSCH
PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

The Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award, which includes a substantial cash prize generously endowed by the Morsch family, was established to recognize and reward exemplary lawyers who choose public service work as a career.

This award is named after Thomas H. Morsch, a former partner at Sidley Austin LLP and a leader in the Chicago legal community who has championed the cause of public interest law for more than 40 years. Mr. Morsch headed Sidley & Austin’s commercial litigation department from 1973-1995, was a member of the firm’s Executive Committee and supervised the firm’s Committee on Pro Bono and Public Interest Law for 20 years. Mr. Morsch was the first Director of the Small Business Opportunity Center at Northwestern University School of Law, now known as The Entrepreneurship Law Center. He is currently the Center’s Emeritus Director. Mr. Morsch has also served as president of The Chicago Bar Foundation and on the boards of numerous other charities and legal organizations.

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**Denice Wolf Markham
THE 2014 RECIPIENT**

Denice Wolf Markham has been a fierce advocate for domestic violence victims for her entire legal career, spanning more than 30 years. While raising her young son as a single parent, Denice put herself through college and then earned a J.D. from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago. During law school, she worked at LAF as the “battered women’s paralegal” and set course on her life’s work helping domestic violence victims and their children. Since that time, she has distinguished herself as a passionate and innovative leader in the domestic violence field.

Denice is the Executive Director of Life Span, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that combines counseling, criminal court advocacy and legal representation to offer clients a comprehensive solution to the violence in their lives. She joined Life Span in 1993, following a stint as a supervisory attorney at LAF, and has served as Life Span’s Executive Director since 1997. Under her leadership, the organization has grown exponentially and launched a number of innovative initiatives, including, in partnership with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, the Targeted Abuser Call, a nationally recognized model to address high risk domestic violence cases at the misdemeanor level.

Denice has a reputation in the legal and domestic violence communities as a formidable advocate who is not afraid to stand up to power or institutions to secure justice for her clients. During her tenure at Life Span, Denice has always maintained a caseload while at the same time mentoring and training dozens of lawyers, court advocates and law students, and providing technical assistance to other domestic violence organizations. Denice’s caseload includes some of the most urgent and complicated cases at Life Span. She has always felt strongly that management must maintain a caseload to lead by example and keep in touch with the evolving needs of Life Span’s clients.

The CBF is proud to recognize Denice for the innovator and leader she is. Her hard work, passion and vision have helped thousands of domestic violence victims and their children to secure safety.



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