



Philadelphia Association of Paralegals Pro Bono Award 2012

PAP's Pro Bono Award is designed to acknowledge the dedication and motivation of a paralegal who has volunteered his/her time to enhance the delivery of quality, pro bono, legal services to the less fortunate population of Philadelphia.

The Award: The winning paralegal will be honored by a \$1,000.00 donation to a pro bono organization of his/her choice selected from the list below. The award will be made on October 19, 2012 during PAP's Education Conference Luncheon.

Eligibility: The nominee must have enhanced the delivery of quality legal services to the Philadelphia legal community through one of the pro bono organizations on the list at the bottom of page two. The nominee must have, on a voluntary basis, performed the aforementioned services and accomplishments while holding full-time employment as a paralegal. Members of the PAP's Pro Bono Award Committee and Board of Directors are not eligible to nominate or receive this award. Employees of pro bono organizations are not eligible to receive this award.

Nomination Letter and Resume: A paralegal may self-nominate or may nominate a colleague for this award. An attorney may nominate a paralegal for this award as well. To nominate an individual for the Pro Bono Award, submit a nomination letter and the current professional resume of the nominee to:

The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals
P.O. Box 59198
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9198
Attn: Pro Bono Award Committee

The nomination letter and professional resume must be received by PAP on **September 14, 2012.**

Content of the Nomination Letter: The nominating letter must contain the following information:

1. Current name, address and telephone number of the individual paralegal being nominated.
2. Current name, address and telephone number of the individual making the nomination.
3. A synopsis of why the nominee should receive the Pro Bono Award. This synopsis should clearly identify the services and accomplishments of the nominee in the area of pro bono services in the Philadelphia community as well as the pro bono organization through which the services and accomplishments were made.
4. The time period during which the service and accomplishments were performed.

Criteria for Consideration: The determination of a winner will be made by the PAP Pro Bono Award Committee with the final approval of PAP's Board of Directors. The general criteria to determine the winning paralegal shall include, but not be limited to the following considerations:

1. The paralegal must have offered pro bono legal services designed to target a portion of the Philadelphia population which cannot otherwise afford to seek legal assistance.
2. Did the paralegal candidate contribute to the delivery of quality, pro bono, legal services directed to those members of the Philadelphia population who are unable to pay reasonable or customary legal fees?
3. Did the paralegal candidate further enhance the delivery of pro bono services within the Philadelphia legal community?
4. In addition to the general criteria listed above, the Pro Bono Award Committee shall review each nominating letter and professional resume and shall select the candidate whose pro bono services exhibit a true dedication to the delivery of quality, pro bono, legal services in Philadelphia
5. Under no circumstances should the award be based upon the number of people for which the pro bono services were offered, nor shall the award be based upon the mass number of hours provided to a pro bono project.

Any questions can be directed to Judith Bardsley at judybardsley2006@yahoo.com

Note: The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals, at the discretion of the Pro Bono Award Committee and Board of Directors, reserves the right to make no award at all should the nominees not meet the criteria and other requirements outlined in this document

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania	PA Capital Representation Project of the Philadelphia
American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania	Federal Defender
The Center for Disability Law & Policy	Pennsylvania Health Law Project
Community Legal Services, Inc.	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center
Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project	Pennsylvania Innocence Project
Disabilities Rights Network of Pennsylvania (formerly	Beasley School of Law at Temple University
Disabilities Law Project)	Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project
Education Law Center – PA	Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts
The Elderly Law Project	Philadelphia Legal Assistance
Temple University Beasley School of Law	Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
Equality Advocates Pennsylvania (formerly the Center	Philadelphia Volunteers For the Indigent Program
for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights)	Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Face to Face Legal Center (formerly St. Vincent's Legal	Regional Housing Legal Services
Clinic)	SeniorLAW Center
Friends of Farmworkers	Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight
Good Shepherd Mediation Program	Support Center for Child Advocates
HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia	Temple Legal Aid Office
Homeless Advocacy Project	University of Pennsylvania Law School
Juvenile Law Center	Gittis Center for Clinical Legal Studies
Legal Clinic for the Disabled	Villanova University School of Law - Villanova Clinical
Mazzoni Center, Legal Services Dept.	Program
National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered	Widner University School of Law Clinical Programs
Women	Women Against Abuse Legal Center
Nationalities Service Center	Women's Law Project

Please see the Philadelphia Bar Association's Public Interest Webpage at: <http://www.philadelphiabar.org/page/PISOrganizations?appNum=4> for more detailed information on each organization.