

## **PBA Pro Bono Award Nominees Sought; Deadline April 20**

The PBA Legal Services to the Public Committee is seeking nominations for the 2007 Pro Bono Awards. The committee is also accepting nominations for the Judges Award and the Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year Award. These awards are presented, respectively, to a judge and a legal services lawyer in recognition of their exceptional contributions to improving civil legal aid in the commonwealth. The deadline for nominations is April 20.

This year's Pro Bono Awards will be presented May 24 at the PBA Children's Summit at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. These awards recognize lawyers and judges who have used their talents to help needy children and families across Pennsylvania. Nominees for the awards must meet the following criteria:

- The lawyer or judge practices in Pennsylvania;
- The lawyer, other than the Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year nominee, is not employed by an organization that has as its primary purpose the provision of free legal services to the poor;
- The lawyer or judge has provided direct delivery of legal services in civil matters, with no expectation of receiving a fee, to a client or client group that does not have the resources to employ compensated counsel or has worked to facilitate such effort by other attorneys;
- The lawyer or judge has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of legal services to the indigent without charge;
- The lawyer or judge has made such contributions primarily through organized pro bono programs, lawyer referral service no-fee panels and legal services programs, or has worked with such organizations to improve the delivery of legal services to the poor;
- The lawyer's or judge's efforts have resulted in the increased access to legal services for low-income people.

This year's nomination form is located in the pro bono area of the PBA Web site at [www.pabar.org/public/pro-bono/probonohome.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/pro-bono/probonohome.asp). The form can be completed electronically and you will receive instant confirmation that we have received your nomination. Those who have any questions regarding the Pro Bono Awards should contact PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis at 1-800-932-0311, Ext. 2236, or [david.trevaskis@-pabar.org](mailto:david.trevaskis@-pabar.org).