

Awards for Excellence in Public Interest Service

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**FROM SHERI H. MECKLENBURG, PRESIDENT
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO CHAPTER:**

On behalf of the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, please accept our enthusiastic congratulations for the recognition you are receiving from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for Excellence in Pro Bono Service and Excellence in Public Interest Service. Your service on behalf of litigants who lack the means to retain counsel enables the most vulnerable members of our society to obtain access to justice. Your work on broader public interest service projects enhances our legal system and increases fairness and justice throughout our community. You are among the best in our profession, dedicated to fairness and justice equally for all. The Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is proud to join the District Court in recognizing you for your important service. We thank all of you for your extraordinary contributions.

– Sheri H. Mecklenburg



**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
IN PRO BONO AND
PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE**

James Benton Parsons Memorial Courtroom
Twenty-Fifth Floor
Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Courthouse
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

**AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO
AND PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE CEREMONY**

Introduction

Chief Judge Rubén Castillo
Sheri H. Mecklenburg, President
Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter

Keynote Address

Hon. Michael J. Newman, President
Federal Bar Association

Awards Presentation

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO SERVICE

Heather L. Kramer, Melanie J. Chico, and Courtney M. Ofuso

Presenter: Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox

Mark A. Scarlato and Mark Galler Jr.

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Wendi E. Sloane and Andrew E. Nieland

Presenter: Judge Matthew F. Kennelly

Troy D. Hoyt and Lisa M. Kpor

Presenter: Judge Edmond E. Chang

Patrick M. Collins, Adam L. Marchuk, Caroline A Teichner,

Kristen S. Smith, and Mitchell A. Meneau

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Tracy B. Farley

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Stephen J. Rosenfeld and Cristina M. Salvato

Presenter: Judge Amy J. St. Eve

**Alan S. Mills, Sheila A. Bedi, Vanessa Del Valle,
and Alexa Van Brunt**

Presenter: Judge Amy J. St. Eve

Jacie C. Zolna

Presenter: Judge Amy J. St. Eve

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Whitney K. Siehl

Presenter: Judge Thomas M. Durkin

J. Simone Jones

Presenter: Judge John Robert Blakey

**Joanne B. Bruzgul, Ross S. Carponelli, William F. Bochte,
Peter G. Baroni, Michael J. Kralovec, David E. Schwartz,
and Kevin J. Young**

Presenter: Judge Rubén Castillo

**Collette A. Brown, Gerald A. Golden, Jill B. Berkeley,
and Natalie S. Federle**

Presenter: Judge Manish S. Shah

Kirk Watkins

Presenter: Magistrate Judge Mary M. Rowland

**Melanie E. Walker, Kendra L. Stead, Daniel C. Craig,
Laura A. Sexton, and Daniel M. Greenfield**

Presenter: Judge John J. Tharp Jr.

Linda T. Coberly

Presenter: Judge John Z. Lee

Robert M. Winter and Christine R. Frymire

Presenter: Judge John Z. Lee

Daniel M. Greenfield, Benjamin R. Brunner,

Jeffrey R. Carroll, and Basaria Karim

Presenter: Judge Rubén Castillo

Jeffrey J. Scolaro

Presenter: Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Joan E. Ahn

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George D. Sax

Presenter: Judge Joan B. Gottschall

David J. Stein and Frank J. DelBarto

Presenter: Judge Elaine E. Bucklo

FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE:

Our system of justice in the United States is based upon the fundamental right of our citizens to have access to our courts. We lawyers and judges know, however, that access alone is oftentimes not enough. The best litigation results occur when both sides are represented by strong advocates.

Our District Court has long relied upon the volunteered services of our distinguished and competent trial bar attorneys to represent those litigants who lack the necessary funds to hire counsel and the ability to effectively represent their own interests before the court. This year's award-winning attorneys represent the finest our profession has to offer in terms of both commitment and results. Through their efforts, each of them has rendered outstanding services to their clients, the court, and the public.

On behalf of the Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, it is my pleasure and honor to welcome you as we recognize their achievements.

-U.S. Chief District Judge Rubén Castillo