

PRO BONO SESSION UNDERSCORES VALUE OF PRO BONO SERVICE IN THE CIRCUIT COMMUNITY
AND RECOGNIZES PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS

In the Federal Circuit practice community, counsel provide important assistance to the justice process when serving pro bono. The Fund recently continued its educational outreach to the pro bono community and recognized the contributions of both pro bono leaders and volunteers within the Circuit community. This outreach strives to provide educational backdrops to participating practitioners for pro bono representation in veterans and government personnel appellate litigation. United States District Judge Andrew Guilford on June 26, 2010, underscored the values of pro bono service to the courts, to litigants, to practitioners, to clients, and to the system envisioned by the Constitution.

Veterans from past wars with appeals from the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and military personnel with disability claims on appeal from the United States Court of Federal Claims may find themselves in search of professional appellate representation. In addition, federal government personnel experiencing employment disputes may also pursue pro se appellate litigation. In each of these circumstances, pro bono assistance may be appropriate. While pro bono assistance cannot be assured, when it can occur that assistance provides an important contribution to the justice process.

On June 25, 2010, Circuit community attorneys were recognized as Chief Judge Randall R. Rader, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and Chief Judge William P. Greene, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims expressed appreciation for pro bono service. Four individuals received the Pro Bono Leadership Award included Blair E. Taylor of Covington & Burling, Washington DC, Ron Smith of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Washington DC, Dion Messer of Limelight Networks, Inc, Tempe, Arizona, and Paul B. Eaglin of Eaglin Law Office, Fairbanks, Alaska. This award reflects important contributions to pro bono service over a continuing period both within the Federal Circuit community and elsewhere. These include the development of veterans and government personnel pro bono programs and the direct provision of pro bono services in each of these areas. In addition to the Pro Bono Leadership Award, the chairman of the Federal Circuit Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, Henry Su, received special recognition for his leadership over many years of the Association's own general pro bono outreach. Each has, in this volunteerism, distinguished herself or himself through continuing and long-standing service to others.

Other individuals active in pro bono in the Circuit community were also recognized. Those included:

Mark Abate	Sam Ernst	Steve Lauff
Alan Anderson	James Erwin	Lewis E. Leibowitz
Michelle Armond	Cecilia Fex	Greg Lipper
Reynaldo Barcelo	Bob Fuhrer	Christopher Liro
Alyson Barker	Anthony Garza	John Livingstone
Dawn Marie Bey	Shane Glynn	Christopher Longman
Elizabeth Brenner-Leifer	Daniel Graham	Doug Lumish
Carl Bretscher	Joshua Graham	Chris Martiniak
William H. Burgess	Maximilian Grant	Duane Mathiowetz
John Bustamante	Frederick Hadidi	Aaron Maurer
Kurt Calia	Thomas Halkowski	Scott P. McBride
Mary Calkins	Jason Harp	Scott McCaleb
Steve Carlson	Cathy Harris	Michael McCaleb
Virginia Carron	Edmund Haughey	Ryan McCarthy
Yar R. Chaikovsky	Nathan Henderson	Richard McLaren
Connor Civins	Dan Herzfeld	Dion Messer
Bradley Coburn	Todd Hettenbach	John Molenda
David Cohen	Christopher Hower	Brian Pandya
Kristin M. Cooklin	Richard Hung	Chad Pannell
Donald Curry	Christopher Ryan Johnson	Lee Perla
Steve Daniels	Harold Johnson	Matthew Phillips
Lauren A. Degnan	Lawrence Kass	Janet Phipps Burkhead
Kirk Dorius	Lisa Kattan	Thomas Puppa
John Dragseth	Rudy Kim	George Quillin
Helen Dutton	Brian Kramer	Courtland Reichman
Paul Eaglin	Kevin T. Kramer	Edward Reines
Geoffrey Eaton	Deanna Kwong	Elizabeth Roesel
Brian Edmunds	Brad Lane	Elizabeth Rogers Brannen

Joshua Rothman
Adam Samansky
Jeff Schwartz
Beth Shaw
Chad Shear
William J. Simmons
Michael Sink

John Skenyon
Ronald Smith
Eric Sopher
Robert Stanley
Henry Su
Blair Taylor
Bryan Vogel

Keith Vogt
Daniel Volchok
Steven Warner
Scott C. Weidenfeller
Andrew Woodmansee
Jennifer Wu
Hunter Yancy

The Fund is pleased to continue its educational outreach to pro bono legal volunteers and to express its appreciation for their professionalism. Anyone who might have an interest in pro bono service within the Circuit community or the scope of the Association's own pro bono program may wish to consult www.fedcirbar.org or contact Nece Jordan, jordan@fedcirbar.org.