

# 2016 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards



The Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of the  
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court  
Invites Nominations for the  
2016 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards

## Overview

In furtherance of SJC Rule 6.1, Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service, the Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services annually presents the Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards to honor Massachusetts lawyers, law students, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments, law schools or other institutions in the legal profession that demonstrate outstanding and exceptional commitment to providing volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. The 2016 Pro Bono Publico Awards will be presented in a ceremony at the John Adams Courthouse on October 26, 2016, in conjunction with the American Bar Association's recognition of National Pro Bono Week. The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards are named in honor of Attorneys John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

**It is through "...commitment and hard work, [that] we can move closer to our goal of providing access to justice for all."**  
- Retired SJC Chief Justice Herbert P. Wilkins, upon establishment of the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services

## Award Criteria

Awardees will be selected from those who have excelled in providing volunteer services in one or more of the following ways:

- Participated in an activity or pro bono program which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population;
- Successfully litigated pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor; and/or
- Successfully achieved legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the poor.

## Nomination Guidelines

- Kindly submit a narrative explaining how the candidate meets the criteria for The Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards. Describe in detail the nature of the pro bono contribution and identify those who have benefited. Additional information that would be helpful includes principal areas of practice, the number of years practicing law, hours spent on pro bono activities, other public service contributions, educational background, and bar association activities.
- Include up to three letters of support from other individuals and organizations who are aware of the candidate's pro bono contribution. If possible, please include one letter from a beneficiary of the pro bono legal services.
- Nominations submitted in 2015 remain active for consideration in the 2016 Awards program, provided that the nominating party submits a letter restating the intent to nominate the candidate and updating the narrative with any relevant information.
- Nominations should be received no later than **Friday, July 1, 2016**. Nominations should clearly identify the name and contact information of the nominating party (telephone number and email); nominations should also include contact information (telephone number and email) for the nominated candidate.
- Submit nominations and all supporting materials to: by mail to E. Abim Thomas, Esq., The 2016 Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards, c/o Goodwin Procter, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, or by e-mail to [athomas@goodwinprocter.com](mailto:athomas@goodwinprocter.com).

*Please contact Pamela Lyons at the Supreme Judicial Court at (617) 557-1071 or at [pamela.lyons@sjc.state.ma.us](mailto:pamela.lyons@sjc.state.ma.us) with any questions regarding the Awards or the nomination process.*

## Adams Awards Recipients 2002-2015

### 2002 (inaugural awards ceremony)

Henry Raphaelson, Raphaelson & Raphaelson, Worcester  
S. Stephen Rosenfeld, Rosenfeld & Rafik, Boston; Founder, Health Law Advocates, Inc., Boston  
Foley, Hoag & Eliot LLP, Boston

### 2003

Michael G. Paris, Partner, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, Boston  
Stanford & Schall, New Bedford  
Women's Bar Foundation

### 2004

John A. Burdick, Jr., Worcester  
Anna E. Dodson, Associate, Goodwin Procter LLP, Boston  
Bankruptcy Law Section of the Boston Bar Association

### 2005

Mark Berson, President, Levy, Winer & Berson, P.C., Greenfield  
The Honorable Edward M. Ginsburg, retired, Middlesex Probate and Family Court; Founder, Senior Partners for Justice  
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., with special recognition to partners Susan J. Cohen and Grant Sovern

### 2006

Marion E. Broidrick and Lawrence A. Zalis for their work on behalf of the Barnstable Action for New Direction (BAND)  
Heisler, Feldman, McCormick & Garrow, P.C., Springfield  
Samual B. Moskowitz, Partner, Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., Boston

### 2007

Leigh-Ann Patterson Durant, Lexington, Associate General Counsel of Clinical Trials and Medical Affairs for EMD Serono, Inc., Rockland, formerly of Nixon Peabody LLP  
Holly Sanborn Dyar, Plymouth  
The Boston office of the law firm of Dechert LLP

### 2008

John G. Dugan, Millis, Principal in the law firm of Doherty Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, P.C., Franklin and Medfield  
Edward Notis-McConarty, Newton, Partner, Hemenway & Barnes LLP, Boston  
Francis J. (Jay) Lynch III, North Easton, Managing Partner, Lynch & Lynch, Boston and South Easton  
Christine J. Wichers, Cambridge, and Lisa M. Gaulin, South Boston, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, Boston

### 2009

Andrew P. Cornell, Cambridge  
Justin H. Dion, Bacon Wilson, PC, Springfield  
Margaret M. Pinkham, formerly of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, Boston

### 2010

McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Boston, with special recognition to partners Melissa Nott Davis, Esq. and Edward P. Leibensperger, Esq.  
Kathleen McGrath, Esq., Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston  
Alfred C. Phillips, Esq.

### 2011

Kerry Elizabeth Doyle, Boston  
Donal Eoin Reilly, East Boston  
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., Boston

### 2012

Susan Corcoran, Cambridge  
DLA Piper LLP, Boston,  
Dorothy Varon, Mass Mutual Life Insurance, Springfield  
Steven Dzubak, Student, Western New England School of Law, Springfield

### 2013

Michele Garvin, Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston  
Verrill Dana LLP, Boston and Victoria Rothbaum, Lexington  
Carolyn Scott-Howe, Chicopee  
Benjamin Jones, Student, New England Law | Boston

### 2014

Hon. Patrick Fox (Ret.), Sterling  
Valquiria Castiglione Ribeiro, Fall River  
Seth Orkand, WilmerHale, Boston  
Elizabeth McIntyre, Student, Boston University Law School

### 2015

Archer B. Battista, Lyon & Fitzpatrick, LLP Holyoke  
Elizabeth L. Ennen, Community Legal Services and Counseling Center, Cambridge  
Shannon Johnson, Ascentria Care Alliance, Worcester  
John J. Regam WilmerHale, LLP, Boston