



D.C. Courts Announces Launch of Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

Supported by the D.C. Access to Justice Commission and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program, the initiative aims to recognize and promote pro bono. The honor roll will pay tribute to D.C. Bar members or attorneys practicing under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49, who have provided 50 hours or more of pro bono service in the previous calendar year.

"The D.C. Courts are mindful of the challenges faced by pro se litigants attempting to navigate our court system without counsel," wrote Eric T. Washington, chief judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals and Lee F. Satterfield, chief judge of the D.C. Superior Court, in a joint letter. "It is for this reason that the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct call on bar members to provide fifty hours or more of pro bono service per year and why we want to acknowledge those who do by adding their names to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll."

Both private and federal government attorneys are encouraged to nominate themselves to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll by January 31, 2012. The list will be posted on the Courts' Web site, alongside a letter acknowledging the significance of its members' contributions to the local community in increasing access to justice.

Further information and an application form can be found at www.probono.net/dc/honor-roll.