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**Chicago-Kent Law Student to Receive State Bar Award**

Jill E. Roberts, a third-year student at Chicago-Kent College of Law and winner of the 2008 Law Student Division Public Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), has designated the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic as recipient of the \$250 donation in her name that accompanies the honor.

She will receive the award at the ISBA's 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in St. Louis on Friday, June 27.

Roberts is a member of the ISBA Law Student Division and is enrolled in the law school's Public Interest Law Certificate program.

Her extensive public interest experience with legal assistance agencies has been enhanced by her ability to conduct intake interviews in both English and Spanish, and to translate paperwork for Spanish-speaking clients.

President of the Kent Justice Foundation, Roberts has spearheaded events to encourage students to get involved in volunteer activities and to learn about opportunities in public interest law.

In addition to bake sales, T-shirt sales and a fall benefit, the foundation raised \$28,000 during a spring auction. The funds will support 13 summer fellowships in public interest practice.

Roberts has volunteered with the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing Attorney for the Day program in eviction court, and she was a Public Interest Law Initiative intern in last summer's Affordable Housing Preservation initiative.

From May to August 2006, Roberts was a criminal records intern for the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, assisting clients with pro-se expungement and clemency hearings. She continues to volunteer as a help desk supervisor.

The 35,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

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