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**Retired Champaign County Judge to Receive Pro Bono Service
Award from Illinois State Bar Association**

Retired Champaign County Judge John R. DeLaMar will receive the 2009 John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) on Friday, June 26, at the organization's 133rd Annual Meeting in Fontana, Wis.

DeLaMar is being honored for his six years of full-time pro bono work on behalf of abused, neglected and dependent children. As a volunteer attorney for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), he has contributed an estimated 1700-plus hours over the last 12 months to his work helping children and families.

In her letter of nomination, attorney Holly W. Jordan wrote that since DeLaMar became a volunteer lawyer for CASA, the organization has become the *guardian ad litem* for children "in virtually every abuse and neglect case filed in the county."

The award is named in memory of Rock Island attorney John McAndrews, who chaired the ISBA Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and received a Harry A. Blackmun Pro Bono Publico Award from Prairie State Legal Services before he died in 1993 of cancer.

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**Coles County Bar Association to Receive Pro Bono Service Award
from Illinois State Bar Association**

The Coles County Bar Association, located in **Charleston**, will receive the 2009 John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) on Friday, June 26, at the organization's 133rd Annual Meeting in Fontana, Wis.

The association is receiving the award for 12 years of ongoing commitment to a mandatory pro bono program whereby members are required to perform ten hours per year of assistance to one or more low-income clients referred by Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation. It is believed that this is the first and still only mandatory pro bono program in the state of Illinois.

Since the pro bono program began in 1996, bar association members have closed 184 cases with more than 1,787 total hours of service. Nominated by Clare L. McCulla, a member of the Coles County Bar, the submission was accompanied by a supporting nomination from Coles County Presiding Judge Gary W. Jacobs.

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**Deere & Company Legal Department to Receive Pro Bono Service
Award from Illinois State Bar Association**

The legal department of Deere & Company, in **Moline**, will receive the 2009 John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) on Friday, June 26, at the organization's 133rd Annual Meeting in Fontana, Wis.

The company is receiving the award for its pro bono program in the community. Lawyers in the company's legal department have partnered with attorneys at Lane & Waterman, LLP, their general service law firm in Davenport, Iowa, to provide free legal services to individuals unable to afford an attorney.

Corporate attorneys typically devote their time to complex legal matters, but those skills can readily translate to providing pro bono services, explained Judith L. Herrmann, a partner at Lane & Waterman, in a letter of nomination. The innovative partnership, in place since January 2008, has helped numerous low-income people in the area, she said.

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