

**ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
JOHN C. McANDREWS PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD**

**CRITERIA**

**BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Illinois State Bar Association has established the John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Award to honor the extraordinary commitment of individuals, bar associations, or law firm/corporate legal departments to providing free legal services to the income eligible in Illinois or to expanding the availability of legal services to the income eligible in Illinois.

The nominee must be an affiliated bar association which is located in the State of Illinois, which encourages and supports, through written policy, pro bono involvement by its members.

**The following factors may be considered in selecting the recipient:**

- Whether and how the affiliated bar association encourages its members to meet ABA Standards for Pro Bono involvement.
- Whether and how the affiliated bar association has made this contribution through organized pro bono programs, including programs run in partnership with legal services programs, legal aid societies or free standing bar association pro bono programs.
- Whether and how the affiliated bar association has done significant work in developing and implementing innovated approaches to the delivery of pro bono legal services to the income eligible or has developed or adopted a free legal clinic.
- Whether and how the affiliated bar association has worked on legislation that enhances the availability of legal services to the income eligible.
- Whether and how the affiliated bar association has demonstrated a commitment to the provision or enhancement of pro bono legal services that in the judgment of the Committee is particularly worthy of recognition.

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**LAW FIRM & CORPORATE LAW DEPARTMENTS**

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The nominee must be a law firm or corporate law department which has its principle practice in Illinois but is not an organization that has as its primary purpose the provision of free legal services, which encourages and supports; through written policy, pro bono involvement by its attorneys and staff.

There are two categories for this award: (1) law firms or corporate law departments with more than 25 attorneys; or (2) law firms or corporate law departments that have less than 25 attorneys.

**The following factors may be considered in selecting the recipient:**

- Whether and how the law firm or corporate law department strives to meet ABA Standards for Pro Bono involvement.
- Whether and how the law firm or corporate law department has made this contribution through organized pro bono programs, including legal services programs, legal aid societies, local bar association pro bono programs, etc.
- Whether and how the law firm or corporate law department has successfully litigated pro bono cases that enhance the provision of other services to the income eligible.
- Whether and how the law firm or corporate law department which has done significant work in developing and implementing innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services to the income eligible, or has developed or adopted a free legal clinic.
- Whether and how the law firm or corporate law department has worked on legislation that enhances the availability of legal services to the income eligible.

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**INDIVIDUAL LAWYER**

The Illinois State Bar Association has established the John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award to honor those members of the profession that have shown extraordinary commitments to providing free legal services to the income eligible in Illinois or expanding the availability of legal services to the income eligible in Illinois.

The nominee must be an ISBA lawyer-member who practices and is in good standing in Illinois. The nominee may not be employed full-time by an organization that has as its primary purpose the provision of free legal services to the income eligible. The nominee must have provided direct delivery of legal services in civil matters, with no expectation receiving a fee, to a client or client group that does not have the resources to employ compensated counsel.

**The following factors may be considered in selecting the recipient:**

- Whether and how the lawyer has contributed significant time to provide free legal services to the income eligible, e.g. 75-100 hours per year.
- Whether and how the lawyer has made this contribution through organized pro bono programs, including legal services programs, legal aid societies, local bar association pro bono programs, etc, or has had a long term consistent involvement in pro bono activities over the years.
- Whether and how the lawyer has successfully litigated pro bono cases that enhance the provision of other services to the income eligible.
- Whether and how the lawyer has done significant work in developing and implementing innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services to the income eligible.
- Whether and how the lawyer has worked on legislation that enhances the availability of legal services to the income eligible.