

NINTH CIRCUIT DISTINGUISHED PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

THE AWARD

The Ninth Circuit Pro Se Litigation Committee established the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award in order to recognize outstanding delivery of pro bono legal services within the federal courts in the Ninth Circuit.

Award recipients will receive a plaque, and an announcement will be made at the Circuit and Pro Se Conferences about the recipient's achievements. The award will be presented at the district conference in which the recipients reside.

ELIGIBILITY

Any attorney, law firm, law school, legal clinic, expert or guardian ad litem who has accepted any pro bono assignment or provided pro bono services in a federal court in the Ninth Circuit.

AWARD CRITERIA

In selecting recipients, the Pro Se Litigation Committee will consider applicants who: (1) exhibit enthusiasm for accepting any type of pro bono appointment with an attitude that it is her or his responsibility to do so as an attorney admitted to practice in the local federal court; or (2) provide an example of dedication to justice by sharing his or her experiences at local Bar

functions or Bar publications; or (3) show dedication to pro bono work through partnering with an inexperienced attorney from a large firm with access to otherwise unavailable financial resources.

NOMINATION PROCESS

A nomination may be made by any judicial employee of the Ninth Circuit, including judges, as well as any member of any court's pro bono panel or any attorney admitted to the local federal Bar.

SELECTION PROCESS

All nominees will be screened by the members of the Ninth Circuit Pro Se Litigation Committee. The Committee will apply the award criteria and, in those years in which the Committee determines an award is merited, will select one or more recipients.

The nomination packet must include the following:

- **The Award Nomination Form;**
- **An award justification limited to three pages which addresses the above award criteria.**

Please direct any questions about the award program to Denise Asper at the Office of the Circuit Executive, (415) 355-8967 or dasper@ce9.uscourts.gov

NOMINEE

Name & Position Title (TYPED) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ (Fax) _____

NOMINATOR

Name & Position Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ (Fax) _____

Signature _____