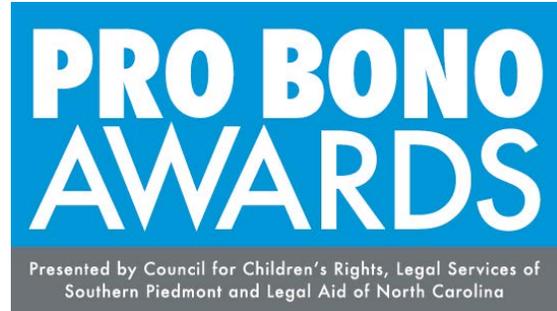


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Local *pro bono* attorneys, advocates recognized by nonprofits at Oct. 20 Pro Bono Awards

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The area's largest recipients of *pro bono* services, Council for Children's Rights, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont (LSSP) and Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte (LANC), hosted the fourth annual Pro Bono Awards Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Foundation For The Carolinas. The annual event honored local attorneys and advocates who have generously given their time and expertise to local underserved children, families and individuals in legal crisis.

In the past year, approximately 665 attorneys and advocates gave more than 9,800 *pro bono* hours to the Council, LSSP and LANC, serving upwards of 2,600 local children, families and individuals in need in the Charlotte area. The local firms, attorneys and advocates who were honored at the event have made considerable *pro bono* contributions toward the community's access to vital legal services and transformed the lives of hundreds of area residents.

Katherine S. Holliday of James, McElroy & Diehl, P.A. was the recipient of the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, a lifetime achievement honor recognizing an individual whose longstanding and exceptional dedication to *pro bono* legal service has made a meaningful impact on access to justice in the community and state.

"These three unparalleled and outstanding organizations are all near and dear to my heart because they embody the highest ethical standards of our profession," Holliday said. "I am grateful for *pro bono* opportunities. To me, there's no professional undertaking that's more important than helping children and the families in which they live in some small way."

The Outstanding Firm Service Awards, recognizing firms whose longtime partnerships and creative contributions have made it possible for the Council and LANC to serve more children, families and individuals in need, were presented to:

- **Horack Talley** and
- **Moore & Van Allen PLLC.**

The Outstanding Collaboration Service Award was a special, one-time award presented by LSSP this year to recognize local firms, individual attorneys and advocates who participated in its **Safe Child Immigrant Project**, volunteering to assist more than 140 immigrant children in N.C. seeking relief from abuse, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries.

The Outstanding Pro Bono Service Awards, honoring attorneys who have contributed a considerable amount of *pro bono* hours enabling the Council, LANC and LSSP to serve more clients and initiate new projects, were presented to:

- **Rolly L. Chambers** of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP;
- **John A. Fagg, Jr.** of Moore & Van Allen PLLC; and
- **Jodie Herrmann Lawson** of McGuireWoods LLP.

The Outstanding Volunteer Service Award was presented to **Mary Schilli** to recognize her more than five years of service in Council for Children’s Rights’ Custody Advocacy Program.

This year’s Pro Bono Awards were sponsored by Zealous Champion Sponsors Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP and McGuireWoods LLP. The event drew a crowd of nearly 250 attorneys, judges, advocates and community members.



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