



United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts The District of Massachusetts Pro Bono Award 2023

The District of Massachusetts Award and Ceremony

In furtherance of Canon 4A of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 4.1 (Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service), the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts presents the District of Massachusetts Award from time to time to an individual or entity who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to providing volunteer legal services to the poor and economically disadvantaged throughout the District of Massachusetts. If a recipient is chosen this year, the Court will honor the recipient at an in-person event to be held at the John W. McCormack Post Office and Court House in Boston on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

The Criteria

Award recipients may include individual lawyers, law firms, government attorneys, corporate law departments, law students, law schools, and other institutions in the legal profession who have improved the availability of or delivered volunteer legal services in the District of Massachusetts.

The award recipient is recognized for a sustained contribution throughout their career, or for an extraordinary event or contribution. Candidates may have provided volunteer services in one or more of the following ways:

- Volunteer participation in activities or pro bono programs which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved residents of the District;
- Successfully litigating pro bono cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court that favorably affect economically disadvantaged individuals;
- Successfully achieved legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the indigent; and/or
- Mentoring new practitioners entering the bankruptcy field to help promote professional excellence.

Nomination Requirements:

Complete the District of Massachusetts Pro Bono Award 2023 Nomination Form.

Submit a narrative detailing how the candidate meets the criteria for the award.

Include at least one letter of support from another individual and/or organization who are aware of the candidate's pro bono contributions. Self-nominations accompanied with two letters of support from other individuals and/or organizations will be considered.

DEADLINE

- Submit written nominations to the Pro Bono Legal Services Advisory Committee via email to: probono@mab.uscourts.gov.
- **Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023.**



United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts
The District of Massachusetts Pro Bono Award - 2023 Nomination Form

Please review the criteria before completing this Nomination. To provide as much detail as possible, please use additional sheets.

Nominee Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
 Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
 Street Address

 City *State* *ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Nominee's Education

Law School and year graduated:

College and year graduated:

Other Education: _____

Nominee's Employment

In lieu of completing this section, a current resume or C.V. may be submitted.

Current Firm/ Agency: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Web Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____
_____ Web Address: _____

Previous Firm/ Agency: _____ - _____ Dates of Employment: _____
Address: _____

Nominee's Pro Bono Appearances in the US Bankruptcy Court

- Not Applicable Not Known

If Nominee appeared pro bono in the US Bankruptcy Court, please provide the following:

Case Number(s): _ If cases were referred by a legal service agency please identify _

Nominee's Mentoring Contributions

- Not Applicable Not Known

If Nomination includes mentoring of bankruptcy practitioners, please provide the following:

Mentorees:

Nominators are encouraged to provide contact information for or letters of recommendation from mentorees.

Additional Criteria, If Applicable (Additional Sheets Required)

Legal service agency volunteerism: Describe the nature and details of the service and the dates.

Financial Literacy Programs: Identify the programs, the participants, the nature and details of the service, and the dates.

Bar Activities: Identify volunteer bar association service, including CLE participation if any, along with the nature and details of the service.

Community service: Identify all non-profit agencies the nominee's pro bono service directly benefited, if any, along with the nature and details of the service, and the dates.

Military Service: Please identify branch and describe service.

Letters in Support: One additional letter of support is required. If self-nominating, two letters in addition to this application are required. Letters should not be from same firm, organization or affiliate as the nominator.

Please note that the Committee may request additional information after review.

Nominator's Signature

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Employer/Agency:

Address:

Phone:

Email: