

# 2018 PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARDS

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2018,  
5 P.M.**

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Pro Bono Publico Awards. The pro bono community of Utah seeks to recognize those who have provided or enabled the direct provision of legal services, free of charge, for Utah's most vulnerable citizens - people living in poverty, individuals with disabilities, veterans, seniors, minorities and victims of domestic violence. While the obstacles to equal access to justice continue to mount, the willingness of attorneys to help meet the legal needs of the indigent in their communities is important to those in need of service.

Awards will be presented in conjunction with the **Law Day Celebration MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**  
**At 12p.m.**

A nominee may be a lawyer, law firm or organization, law student, or law school, depending on the category. A nominee may be nominated for more than one category, if applicable. Nominators may make more than one nomination for an award; however a separate form is required for each nomination. Self-nominations are accepted. This is your chance to recognize and thank those who have used their talents to help the needy in Utah.

Please refer to the following award criteria when completing your submission:

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

Each nomination should be for the time frame of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

1. Must be in good standing with the Utah State Bar (for attorney nominations);
2. Must have made such contributions primarily through organized pro bono programs, legal services programs (as defined by current federal poverty guidelines) or has worked with such organizations to improve the delivery of legal services to the poor;
3. Must have voluntarily contributed a significant amount of time, with no expectation of being paid; and
4. How the attorney has contributed to increased access to legal services for the poor?

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## AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in each of the following categories:

### **Young Lawyer**

An attorney that is a member of the Utah State Bar in good standing under 36 years of age and/or a member who has been admitted to the state bar for less than five years, regardless of age, who has performed significant pro bono work.

### **Law Firms**

A law firm which has actively and successfully encouraged pro bono service by their attorneys.

### **Law Students or Law School Group**

Any individual law student (enrolled the 2017-2018 school year) that has provided pro bono work beyond the requirements of his/her law school or law school group whose goal is to install the ethical and the professional responsibility to provide legal services to all regardless of income.

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Type or print all information clearly and answer all questions thoroughly. Supporting materials such as letters of recommendation from employers, co-workers or clients or other relevant materials are encouraged.

Award Category (Please select one):

- Young Lawyer
- Law Firm
- Law Student or Law School Group

Name of Nominee:

Utah State Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if self-nominating

Organization or Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Nominator:

(Please use a separate sheet to list multiple references, nominators and contact information.)

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**ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL  
THE NOMINEE'S PRO BONO WORK DURING 2017.**

**INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS AS APPROPRIATE.**

1. The nature and description of the pro bono legal services provided between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017;
2. The number and description of individuals served or type of service provided;
3. Name and brief description of the organization and/or programs through which the nominee volunteered;
4. Why your nominee deserves the award for which he or she is being nominated;
5. Special qualities of the nominee and other public service work;
6. Any quotes from civil legal aid clients or comments from peers in the field;
7. Nominee's principal practice area(s);
8. Description of the employer's support of pro bono (if applicable attach current pro bono policy);
9. How the nominee's pro bono work benefited the client and/or community; and
10. Any other information you wish to provide about the nominee.

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## NOMINATION PROCESS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION IF

### **submitting a hard copy:**

One original copy of the completed nomination form and supporting materials (limited to 10 pages, single-sided) must be postmarked by MARCH 31, 2018 and sent to:

Access to Justice Department  
Utah State Bar  
645 S 200 E  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

### **If submitting via email:**

The entire nomination including the nomination form and all supporting materials must be submitted in one email communication by midnight MARCH 31, 2018 to: [probono@utahbar.org](mailto:probono@utahbar.org).

The awards will be presented in conjunction with the **Law Day Celebration on APRIL 30, 2018 at 12 p.m.** Winners (and those that nominated them) will be informed via mail and receive invitations to the presentation.

If you have any questions, please call (801) 297-7027.