



DEATH PENALTY
REPRESENTATION
PROJECT

*A question of fairness.
A matter of life and death.*

ABA Exceptional Service Award for Death Penalty Representation 2009 Nomination Information

The 23rd Anniversary & Volunteer Recognition Event
Thursday, September 24, 2009
Atlanta, Georgia
Event Location & Details TBA

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project works to address the crisis of counsel in the death penalty system. As one of its primary goals, the Project seeks to expand the pool of lawyers willing to serve as pro bono counsel for death row inmates in post-conviction proceedings by recruiting competent volunteer attorneys to handle capital cases and providing training and assistance to them. The Project also works to educate the public and bar about the crisis of counsel; and to reform the systems that provide lawyers to indigent defendants through systemic litigation and implementation of ABA policy.

ABOUT THE AWARD

Each year the Project celebrates its dedicated volunteers at our Anniversary & Volunteer Recognition Event. Pro bono firms are nominated by their colleagues for exceptional service to prisoners on Death Row and honored with our award. To be eligible for the award, we must receive a completed Application and a Letter of Nomination for each nominee **no later than Friday, July 21, 2009.**

PREVIOUS AWARD HONOREES

Covington & Burling LLP
Kaye Scholer LLP
King & Spalding LLP
Jenner & Block LLP
Mayer Brown LLP
Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
WilmerHale LLP



The Letter of Nomination for volunteer law firms should include the following:

- Details of the firm's commitment and achievements on behalf of death-sentenced person(s);
- Role of the firm and team members, including resources devoted to the case and level of participation; and
- Impact of the nominee's achievements for the client or the community, or the development of law in the jurisdiction.

You are also welcome to include any other supporting documents with the Letter of Nomination, including newspaper clippings, media publicity, or information about other recognition received for the work.

Please note that there is not a page limit for submitted materials. Honorees are selected by an Awards Committee, and do not include Project staff members.

Please mail eight (8) copies of each application form, letter of nomination, and supporting materials for review. Submit to Katie Hughes by July 21, 2009 at the following address:

ABA Death Penalty Representation Project
Attn: Katie Hughes
23rd Anniversary Event Awards Nomination
740 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Contact information:

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www.probono.net/deathpenalty



2009 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

A. LAW FIRM INFORMATION

Name of Law Firm: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

B. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____

Program/Office: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

C. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Brief description (2-3 sentences) of work that should be recognized in your letter of nomination:

