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## **MILWAUKEE BAR ASSOCIATION TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL PRO BONO WORK**

**Milwaukee, October 6, 2011** – For the third year, the Milwaukee Bar Association is recognizing an individual attorney, an organization, and a law student for outstanding *pro bono* work with its annual *Pro Bono Publico* awards. The award recipients will be honored at the MBA's 8th Annual State of the Court Luncheon at **noon on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee**. In addition to recognizing *pro bono* efforts in the community, this luncheon provides members of the MBA an opportunity to hear directly from court leaders on issues facing the court and the impact these issues have on the Milwaukee legal community.

The Milwaukee Bar Association is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2011 *Pro Bono Publico* awards:

**Kristine L. Havlik, Foley & Lardner**– Kristine Havlik is an accomplished estates and trusts attorney who, during the past three years, has used her experience and expertise to create the Wisconsin Wills for Heroes *pro bono* program. Wills for Heroes is a national program that was created after September 11, 2001, and is designed to provide eligible emergency personnel with free basic estate planning documents to protect themselves and their families. Ms. Havlik contributed hundreds of *pro bono* hours to start up and lead the Wisconsin program by coordinating with sponsors, overseeing tasks completed by other team members, developing the training program for volunteers, recruiting attorney participants and developing the estate planning presentation for participants. Since 2009 the Wills for Heroes program and its volunteer attorneys and support personnel have conducted over 30 free estate planning clinics. Ms. Havlik continues to provide oversight and direction to the full statewide program.

**Catholic Charities Legal Services to Immigrants** – Led by Attorney Barbara Graham, the Legal Services to Immigrants program manages thousands of family immigration cases each year. This public interest law firm responds to the growing need for legal services through an innovative delivery system that incorporates three full time attorneys, certified immigration paralegals, three Marquette law students and over 70 trained *pro bono* attorneys from Quarles & Brady, Foley & Lardner, and Northwestern Mutual. The program secures family integrity and puts individuals on a pathway to citizenship. The law firm is recognized statewide for its immigration expertise. It has advocated before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, State Bar of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Legislature for enhanced consumer protection from the unauthorized practice of law by notarios.

**Kristin Lindemann** – This Marquette law school student serves as the Student Coordinator for the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic (MVLC) at the Milwaukee Justice Center, a position that is sought after by many talented students. At the MVLC, volunteer attorneys and Marquette law students provide pro bono legal information and referrals to individuals in need of legal assistance. Ms. Lindemann works with clinic supervisors to strengthen student training, student involvement, and clinic systems. She views her position as an opportunity to lend her organizational skills, lead other law students and contribute to the overall culture of pro bono among her colleagues. Ms. Lindemann continuously asks for additional responsibilities and offers valuable suggestions for improvements to the operation of the clinic.

The selection committee evaluated many nominations employing general criteria as follows: developing innovative ways to deliver volunteer legal services or improve access to justice, participating in activities that provide legal services to the poor or increase access to justice, and working on legislation that increases access to justice.

#### **About the Milwaukee Bar Association**

Established in 1858, the Milwaukee Bar Association is the fifth oldest bar association in the country. The MBA aids in the administration of justice, promotes high standards of learning and professional conduct, provides opportunities for law-related community service and fosters collegiality within the legal community. For more information, visit [www.milwbar.org](http://www.milwbar.org).

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