## REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

To Be Presented at the Court's

## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013, AT 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 15, 2013 — The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is seeking nominations to be submitted to the court no later than April 11, 2013 for attorneys who have provided outstanding pro bono and public interest representation in civil and criminal matters before this court. The nominee should be someone who has demonstrated excellence in commitment to pro bono or public interest work by handling a matter in this district as a court-appointed attorney, pro bono attorney, or staff attorney for a not-for-profit agency, representing an indigent party in a civil or criminal matter.

Factors to be considered in the selection of the nominee include: dedication to pro bono or public interest work, outstanding achievement resulting from the representation of a large group of indigents, successful representation in a difficult case, outstanding negotiation and settlement skills in achieving a result without trial, extraordinary number of hours committed to pro bono work, or other distinguished performance. All pro bono and public interest work considered must be work performed in this court in civil or criminal matters on cases that are now completed and no longer pending.

Please submit your nominations on or before April 11, 2013. To use the attached PDF form (<u>Click Here</u>). Please include a brief summary of the reasons why you think that this person has performed outstanding pro bono or public interest work.

Please send your nominations via e-mail to: <u>ProBono\_ILND@ilnd.uscourts.gov</u>. If you have any questions, you may contact:

Chambers of Chief Judge James F. Holderman 2548 Dirksen Courthouse 219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604 Telephone: 312-435-5600

PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

Chief Judge

**United States District Court** 

for the Northern District of Illinois