



**Nomination Form Instructions for the
2022 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Awards**
Deadline for Submission: March 4, 2022

Created by the Florida Supreme Court, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee oversees pro bono service to the poor (see Rule 4-6.1, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar) in Hillsborough County. The committee is chaired by the Honorable Barbara Twine Thomas and is administered by the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) of Bay Area Legal Services. Pro bono service in Hillsborough County, whether performed by an individual attorney or paralegal, or by a law firm or organization, is recognized and promoted as part of our county's HAVE a Heart program.



The fifteenth annual Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Awards Ceremony is tentatively scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 (more details will follow). Members of the state and federal judiciary will recognize those who have provided outstanding pro bono service in Hillsborough County.

Please use the attached Nomination Form to nominate individual attorneys, individual paralegals, a law firm, or an organization that made significant contributions of pro bono legal services to the poor in Hillsborough County during 2021. If you do not have access to all of the information requested in the nomination form, please contact Tori Simmons at tori.simmons@hwlaw.com for assistance in completing the nomination form.

Awards

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Service Awards – These awards recognize a Hillsborough County lawyer, law firm, or organization that made significant contributions of pro bono legal services in 2021. Pro bono legal services are legal services provided to poor individuals or to charitable organizations whose primary purpose is to provide non-legal assistance to the poor.

Please submit your Nomination Form(s) by March 4, 2022 to Tori Simmons at tori.simmons@hwlaw.com. The deadline for submissions will not be extended.

- **Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Lawyer** – This award recognizes an individual lawyer who provided outstanding pro bono services in 2021.
- **Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Young Lawyer** – This award recognizes an individual lawyer who is under the age of 36 or has been practicing for five years or less who provided outstanding pro bono services in 2021.
- **Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Paralegal** – This award recognizes an individual paralegal who provided outstanding pro bono services in 2021.
- **Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Law Firm** – This award recognizes a law firm of two or more attorneys that provided outstanding pro bono services in 2021.
- **Outstanding Pro Bono Service by an Organization** – This award recognizes an organization whose primary purpose is anything other than providing legal services to the poor, including but not limited to bar associations or divisions of bar associations and charitable, professional, civic, or religious organizations, that provided outstanding pro bono services in 2021.

The HCBA Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award – This award recognizes a Hillsborough County attorney who for many years has made significant contributions to ensure legal services are available to persons who otherwise could not afford them. It is dedicated to the memory of Jimmy Kynes, who served as Florida Attorney General and later as General Counsel of the Jim Walter Corporation in Tampa. Following the establishment of the Bay Area Volunteers Lawyers Program in 1982, Mr. Kynes worked with the program to recruit local bar members to provide pro bono assistance. Mr. Kynes' own pro bono service over many years, as well as his recruiting efforts, inspired private attorneys (including corporate counsel from local companies) to interview and advise indigent clients at intake sessions. Mr. Kynes' commitment to the provision of pro bono assistance is reflected by, and continues through, the efforts of the recipients of his award.

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NOMINATION FORM
2022 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Awards

Awards Information and Instructions:

Please indicate the award for which a nomination will be made by placing a mark on the line preceding the named award. A separate nomination form is required for each award category and each nominee.

- AWARDS:** ___ Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Lawyer
 ___ Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Young Lawyer
 (Under 36 years of age or has practiced for five years or less)
 ___ Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Paralegal
 ___ Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Law Firm
 ___ Outstanding Pro Bono Service by an Organization
 ___ The HCBA Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award

Name of Nominee: _____
Firm or Organization Representative: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

In a **separate attachment**, describe the nominee's significant contribution during 2021 of pro bono services to poor individuals or to a charitable organization whose primary purpose is to provide non-legal assistance to the poor. Pro bono service in prior years may also be mentioned. **Include the following:**

1. Total number of pro bono hours contributed in 2021; for Jimmy Kynes Award, also include an estimate of total hours contributed throughout nominee's legal career.
2. List the types of cases and/or activities handled by the nominee that are pertinent to the award (include total number of cases or individuals assisted, if possible), and describe any special pro bono projects handled/administered.
3. For the activities listed, provide the number of pro bono hours the nominee contributed and the months/years involved.
4. The total number of years the nominee has continually provided pro bono services through the activities described.
5. For attorney nominees: Number of years the nominee has been practicing law and principal areas of practice.
6. For law firm or organization/association nominees: Describe the areas of practice, size, and geographic location.

Individual or organization submitting nomination: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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