

PRO BONO COLLEGE OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Created in 1992 by the State Bar of Texas, the Pro Bono College recognizes those attorneys who have far exceeded the State Bar's aspirational pro bono goal in their efforts to address the vast unmet legal needs of the poor by providing a significant number of hours of eligible pro bono service during the previous year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- be any attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Texas
- have performed a minimum of 75 hours of eligible legal assistance activities, during the past year, which are defined as:
 - a) the direct provision of legal services to the poor, without an expectation of compensation, or at a substantially reduced fee, whether civil or criminal;
 - b) services without fee, or at a substantially reduced fee, related to simplifying the legal process for, or increasing the availability and quality of legal services to, poor persons;
 - c) legal services without fee, or at a substantially reduced fee, rendered to charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
 - d) legislative, administrative or systems advocacy services without fee, or at a substantially reduced fee, provided on behalf of poor persons.
- complete and submit the Pro Bono College form to the State Bar Pro Bono Department address below. **Please note: No retroactive certificates will be issued beyond a grace period of one year.**

BENEFITS:

- a certificate signed by the State Bar president and the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas
- a free one year subscription to TexasBarCLE's Online Library
- recognition at the State Bar Annual Meeting
- a subscription to the *LegalFront* e-newsletter published by Legal Services Support at the State Bar
- reduced tuition at the Annual Poverty Law Conference sponsored by Legal Services Support at the State Bar
- Most important, perhaps, is the intangible benefit of knowing that **you** have provided access to the legal system for people who otherwise would have been denied justice.

