

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

W. FRANK NEWTON AWARD 2023 Official Nomination Form

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & CRITERIA

The W. Frank Newton Award recognizes the pro bono contribution of attorney groups (e.g., law firm, corporate law department, government attorney office, law school faculty, Bar section) whose members have made an outstanding contribution in the provision of, or access to, legal services to the poor. The award is named for W. Frank Newton, former Dean of Texas Tech University School of Law and long-time pro bono advocate. We plan to present this award at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

Nominations must be received *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023*. Submit the original nomination form and any additional supporting materials to probono@texasbar.com.

Nominations that follow the prompts of this application form tend to most successfully represent the positive attributes of the nominee.

PLEASE NOTE: Nomination packets may be released in conjunction with press releases. Thus, please do not provide confidential information within the nomination form or in supporting materials. Nominees not selected for the Pro Bono Excellence Awards may be considered for other State Bar of Texas awards.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Name of person completing this form: _____
Email: _____
Address (if different from above) _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Group Name: _____
Group Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person within Group: _____
Email: _____
Address of Contact Person (if different from above): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
No. of attorneys in group: _____ No. and type of non-attorney volunteers: _____
No. of attorneys participating in the volunteer activity: _____
Approximate No. of hours donated for this project: _____

DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE OUTSTANDING GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

This form must be completed in its entirety with a concise, but thorough, description of the project. Please keep answers brief. (Award entry should not be longer than 10 total pages including entry form.)

1. Describe the project and the pro bono policy of the group.
2. Describe how the project is coordinated.
3. Describe expenses, if any, incurred by the project.
4. Provide a description of any of the following that are pertinent to the nomination:
 - a. the group’s dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor

- b. the group's significant work toward developing innovative approaches to delivery of volunteer legal services

 - c. the group's participation in an activity which resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population

 - d. the group's successful litigation of pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor

 - e. the group's championship of legislation that contributed substantially to legal services to the poor
5. Describe the length or intensity of the group's service.
6. Other Relevant Information (Additional information and supporting materials, such as letters of support, are welcome but not required.)