STATE BAR OF TEXAS

W. FRANK NEWTON AWARD
2015 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) 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. The award is presented at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2015, CST. A postmark of February 27, 2015 will not be sufficient. Submit the original nomination form and any additional supporting materials to Probono@texasbar.com or mail to:

Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters Committee
c/o State Bar of Texas Legal Access Division
1414 Colorado, Austin, Texas 78701-1627

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.

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.)