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**CHIEF JUDGES ANNOUNCE PRO BONO LEADERS AMONG D.C. FIRMS**

Washington D.C. – March 25, 2015: In a ceremony to be held at the federal courthouse on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, the Chief Judges of the District of Columbia federal courts will honor local law firms for outstanding leadership in the area of pro bono service.

Representatives of the 23 law firms being recognized will join Chief Judge Merrick Garland , Chief Judge Richard Roberts, and other District of Columbia federal judges for the twelfth annual 40 at 50 Judicial Pro Bono Recognition Breakfast.

The event honors law firms at which at least 40% of all attorneys dedicated 50 or more hours in 2014 to providing free legal representation to individuals with limited financial resources or to charitable organizations. Ten firms reached at least 50% participation at or above 50 hours. Commenting on the trend, Chief Judge Garland noted,

I am pleased to see that a significant number of firms making substantial pro bono commitments. At our first recognition breakfast in 2004, only seven firms met the “40 at 50” standard. That number has grown significantly since then, and almost half of the firms we honor this year have taken their commitments to an even higher level.

This year’s honorees are listed below. The ten firms where 50% or more of attorneys contributed at least 50 hours in 2014 (designated below with a “\*”) will receive special recognition at the breakfast. Five of these ten (indicated below by a “+”) had 60% or more of their attorneys contributing 50 or more hours of pro bono service in 2014.

In addition, the program will specially honor the demonstrated pro bono commitment of Arnold & Porter LLP and Jenner & Block LLP. At these two firms, 65% or more of all attorneys contributed at least 50 or more hours of pro bono service in 2014, and the firms reached the “40 at 50” goal among partners alone.

In alphabetical order, the honorees are:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

**Arnold & Porter LLP\*+**

Covington & Burling LLP

Crowell & Moring LLP

Dentons US LLP

DLA Piper LLP (US)

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Goodwin Procter LLP \*

Hogan Lovells US LLP

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP \*

**Jenner & Block\*+**

**Kirkland & Ellis\*+**

**McDermott, Will & Emery LLP\***

Miller & Chevalier Chartered

Morrison & Foerster LLP

O'Melveny & Myers LLP\*+

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Paul Hastings LLP\*+

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison  
LLP\*

Ropes & Gray LLP\*

Sidley Austin LLP

Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr,  
LLP

\*Indicates 50% at 50

+indicates 60% at 50

**Bold** font indicates firm partners achieved 40% at 50 goal

The D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services sponsors this annual event to promote the aspirational goal of the Circuit's Judicial Conference that each attorney contribute at least 50 pro bono hours per year. Law firms with 25 or more attorneys in the District are eligible for recognition.

The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in the William B. Bryant Annex Atrium of the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse.

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