



THE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM 2014 PRO BONO AWARDS RECOGNIZE MULTIPLE SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS

PHOENIX (April 16, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that seven attorneys from the Phoenix office have been recognized in various categories at the annual "For Love of Justice" Volunteer Lawyers Program 2014 Pro Bono Awards. The <u>Volunteer Lawyers Program</u> (VLP) is a joint project of the Maricopa County Bar Association and Community Legal Services. Community Legal Services is committed to eliminating poverty-based inequities in the civil justice system by providing high-quality legal advice, advocacy and assistance to low-income Arizonans.

<u>Joseph Adams</u> received the "Above and Beyond" Litigation award. He stated, "I've found it incredibly gratifying to volunteer my time for pro bono work through VLP. As an attorney, VLP is a great resource for finding opportunities to help people who truly need it. I've enjoyed the opportunity to help people who have no other options for navigating the legal system and reaching a fair resolution of their disputes. There's such a tremendous need for attorneys to help, and the clients truly appreciate your help."

Robert Pohlman and Carlie Tovrea were awarded as the Litigation Team of the Year. Pohlman stated, "Snell & Wilmer is dedicated to providing needed pro bono legal assistance to our community. As part of the effort to fulfill this commitment, Carlie and I accepted the VLP opportunity to defend a couple in what became complex litigation centered on the title to a motor vehicle that was sold to several innocent parties following the fraudulent release of a lien. Through mainly Carlie's efforts, we were able to prevail on behalf of our clients, who suffered no financial loss. Working with the VLP is extremely satisfying and enjoyable, and we look forward to providing more service in the future." Tovrea added, "Working with cases from the VLP have been some of my favorite so far in my almost two years of practice in Arizona. I love using my law degree to be able to help people in the community."

Joseph Miller was awarded the Children's Law Center Adoption Attorney of the Year, where he has been a volunteer since 2012. "VLP and Snell & Wilmer are great examples of the principal that 'Those who live only for themselves eventually shrivel up..., while those who lose themselves in service to others grow and flourish' (Thomas S. Monson). I am humbled to be associated with those organizations." Miller added, "As I look at my own family and consider how blessed we are, I feel grateful to offer my legal training to assist other families who desire to provide a secure and loving home for children who have been abandoned or neglected. To me, this award honors them as well."

<u>Kevin Parker</u> received the Mentor of the Year – Guardianship of Adults award. "Working in the VLP guardianship area is very rewarding because you are helping families that are not only financially strapped, but have the added burden of a family member with a serious cognitive disability, whether it is a disabled child turning 18 and thus becoming an adult, or an aging parent," he said.

In addition, <u>Amanda Sheridan</u> was recognized as a group award honoree for her service as a VLP Liaison and <u>Jay Wiley</u> was recognized as a group award honoree for his service as a Probate Lawyers Assistance Project Volunteer.

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