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TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEE TO HOLD PRO BONO WEEK CELEBRATION  
**Area Attorneys to Receive Awards for Pro Bono Commitment**

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee will celebrate National Pro Bono Week and recognize the achievements of pro bono attorney volunteers within the circuit at the Celebrate Pro Bono Reception on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Caterpillar Visitors Center in Peoria.

This event will recognize 181 Tenth Judicial Circuit attorneys who have provided pro bono assistance over the past year. Additionally, the following attorneys will receive awards for their commitment to pro bono service:

- Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Service Award: Spencer L. Daniels
- Tazewell County Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year: Luke P. Taylor
- Peoria County Pro Bono Plan Lawyer of the Year: Gerard H. Rickert
- Peoria County Pro Bono Plan Young Lawyer Attorney of the Year: Monica Kim
- Peoria County Pro Bono Plan Law Firm of the Year: Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo
- Prairie State Legal Services Equal Justice Lifetime Achievement Award: Robert H. Jennetten

“We are delighted to recognize these attorneys for their extraordinary pro bono service,” said Judge Lisa Wilson, the Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee Chair. “Each of them is committed to making the ideal of equal access to justice a reality for all.”

The Celebrate Pro Bono Reception is open to attorneys, court staff and the press. Keynote remarks will be delivered by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride. Other speakers include Tenth Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Lisa Wilson, Tenth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Stephen A. Kouri, Tazewell County Bar Association President Kelly Giraud, Peoria County Bar Association Chair Cathy Molchin and Prairie State Legal Services Managing Attorney Denise Conklin.

**About the Committee:** The Tenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee strives to increase equal access to justice by enhancing and expanding pro bono legal services within the Tenth Judicial Circuit. Learn more at [www.pili.org/10thcircuit](http://www.pili.org/10thcircuit).

**About PILI:** PILI's mission is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need. PILI envisions a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

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