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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 24th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Caterpillar Visitors Center, 110 SW Washington Street in Peoria.

This event will recognize 124 attorneys from Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell Counties 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: Jeffrey Krumpe
- Tazewell County Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year: Debbie A. Harper
- Peoria County Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year: Honorable Michael Brandt (Ret.)
- Peoria County Pro Bono Young Lawyer Attorney of the Year: Abigail M. Fleming
- Peoria County Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year: Cassidy & Mueller, P.C.
- Prairie State Legal Services Equal Access to Justice Award: Maureen Williams

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 Judge Paul P. Gilfillan, Peoria County Bar Association President, the Honorable Jerelyn D. Maher (Ret.), and Prairie State Legal Services Managing Attorney Denise E. 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.

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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