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

The Third 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 Luncheon on Tuesday, October 25^h from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the LeClaire Room at Lewis and Clark Community College, 600 Troy Road in Edwardsville.

This event will recognize 155 attorneys Madison and Bond 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:

- Pro Bono Firm of the Year: Simmons Hanly Conroy
- Pro Bono Attorney of the Year: Leslie Wood of Wood Law Office

The Celebrate Pro Bono Reception is open to attorneys, court staff and the press. Keynote remarks will be delivered by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier. Other speakers include the Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, David A. Hylla, the Chair of the Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, Judge Barbara Crowder, and the President of Madison County Bar Association, Eric J. Carlson.

About the Committee: The Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee strives to increase equal access to justice by enhancing and expanding pro bono legal services within the Third Judicial Circuit. Learn more at www.pili.org/3rdcircuit.

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