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**President's Pro Bono Service Awards: Proposed Reconfiguration**

The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services recommends that the President's Pro Bono Service Awards be reconfigured as follows:

- Add law schools, faculty and students as well as associations of California lawyers as possible recipients;
- Clarify factors to consider as part of the selection process;
- Change the categories of the awards so as to allow maximum flexibility to honor the most impressive pro bono achievements.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
<b>Individual</b>	Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <u>Solo practitioner</u> (individual attorney in own practice)</li><li>▪ <u>Recently admitted</u> (in first four years of practice)</li><li>▪ <u>Limited Active Practice Attorney</u> (enrolled in State Bar Pro Bono Practice Program, or took time off from practicing law for compensation and performed substantial pro bono work)</li><li>▪ <u>Law firm attorney</u> (from a firm with two or more California attorneys)</li><li>▪ <u>Government attorney</u> (employed by a city, county, state or federal government agency)</li><li>▪ <u>Corporate attorney</u> (employed by a corporation)</li><li>▪ <u>Law student</u> (did not receive any form of compensation, clinical or other academic credit for pro bono work and the work was not public service)</li><li>▪ <u>Law school faculty member</u> (pro bono service contributed outside scope of employment)</li></ul>
<b>Law Firm</b> (small, medium and large)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Firm as a whole</li><li>▪ Single branch office</li><li>▪ Team of lawyers</li></ul>
<b>Corporate or Government Legal Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Entire legal department of a corporation or government (city, county, state, federal) agency</li><li>▪ Team of lawyers form a corporation or government agency</li></ul>

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<b>Law Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Law school as a whole promotes and encourages participation of law students in pro bono activities</li> <li>▪ Project of the law school</li> <li>▪ Team of law students (students did not receive any form of compensation, clinical or other academic credit for pro bono work and the work was not public service)</li> <li>▪ Partnership of law students and other segments of the legal community (students did not receive any form of compensation, clinical or other academic credit for pro bono work and the work was not public service)</li> </ul>
<b>Distinguished Pro Bono Service</b>	<p>Including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local, regional or statewide collaborative pro bono efforts</li> <li>▪ Innovative pro bono project, program or initiative by a local, specialty, minority or women's bar association or other legal-related institution</li> <li>▪ Pro bono service that went "above and beyond the call of duty" and is deserving of special recognition</li> </ul>