ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER

Honoring extraordinary service in the public interest by individuals and organizations in northwest Ohio.

2012 NOMINATION FORM

Awards Presentation

Monday, April 30, 2012
Access to Justice Awards Dinner
The Pinnacle
1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee

Keynote Address

Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.
Law Professor and Author

Nominations Due Monday, March 12, 2012

Return To: Access to Justice Awards - Nominations, Center for Equal Justice, 525 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604

Questions? Call Patti Robb at ABLE at 419-930-2517 or probb@ablelaw.org

People are doing great things in northwest Ohio to support equal justice. Please help us recognize them for their hard work and commitment to helping others with an Access to Justice Award. Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO), and the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Legal Services Program want to publicly recognize extraordinary service in the public interest by attorneys and community leaders in northwest Ohio.

The awards will be presented at the Access to Justice Awards Dinner on Monday, April 30, 2012. Attendees include colleagues of individual recipients, as well as supporters of legal services in northwest Ohio.

The Access to Justice Awards Steering Committee is looking for nominations for this year's awards. If you need assistance in the award process or have questions, please contact ABLE Communications Director Patti Robb at 419/930-2517 or probb@ablelaw.org. Nominations can be submitted by email or in hard copy format.

Please review the award criteria and complete the nomination form along with a letter of nomination to be received no later than Monday, March 12, 2012.

We look forward to adding the names of the 2012 honorees to this distinguished list:

Public Interest Law Award Recipients

1998	Esteban R. Callejas
1999	Veronica M. Murphy
	Mark F. Prajsner
2000	Stephen M. Dane
	Cooper, Walinski, & Cramer
2001	William G. Meyer
2002-03	Terry J. Lodge
	Richard Mitchell
2004	Harland M. Britz
	Judge Joseph A. Flores
2005	Randall C. Dixon
	John A. Blaufuss
	Jack E. Gallon
2006	Cindy M. Vollar
2007	Robert S. Salem
2008	Gabrielle Davis
2010	Vincent M. Nathan
2011	Paul Belazis

Community Advocacy Award Recipients

1998	Rose M. Newton
1999	Alvina R. Costilla
2000	Rev. Chester Chambers
2001	Fair Housing Center of Toledo
2002-03	Lola Glover, Coalition for Quality Education
2004	Defiance County Domestic Violence Task Force
2005	Lucas County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
2006	Shelley A. Papenfuse
2007	Betty Morais
	Zepf Community Mental Health Center
2008	Nellie D. Edwards
2010	Betty Amison-Lewis
2011	Billie Johnson
	Elizabeth Ruppert

All nominees must reside in northwest Ohio and may not be employed by ABLE, LAWO, or the TBA Pro Bono Legal Services Program. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact ABLE Communications Director Patti Robb at 419-930-2517 or probb@ablelaw.org.

2012 Access to Justice Awards – Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____ Title/Position _____

Organization/Firm: _____

Nominee Phone:_____ Nominee E-mail:_____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number:_____

Please complete this form, and submit a detailed letter describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the **Public Interest Law Award or the Community Advocacy Award,** accompanied by brief biographical information. Support materials can include resumes, newspaper or newsletter articles, videos, etc. Specific information about the nominee is more helpful than general comments.

Public Interest Law Award

(Please note that representation over time and the pro bono nature of the work are considered when selecting this award recipient.)

1. **Describe how the individual or firm you are nominating represents or has represented clients who are persons of color or have a disability, or are disadvantaged.**

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2. **Please describe how the individual or firm you are nominating has made a significant or lasting benefit to the clients represented.**

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3. **Describe the urgency, difficulty, or novelty, along with the impact of the work provided.**

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(Over for Community Advocacy Award)

Community Advocacy Award

(Please note: This award is intended to recognize advocacy and community organizing, rather than direct provision of human services.)

1. **Describe the grass roots organizing, public education, or community advocacy performed by the individual or organization you are nominating.**

2. **How does this work benefit low-income, disadvantaged persons or communities?**

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