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The IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee 2012 Annual Pro Bono Award

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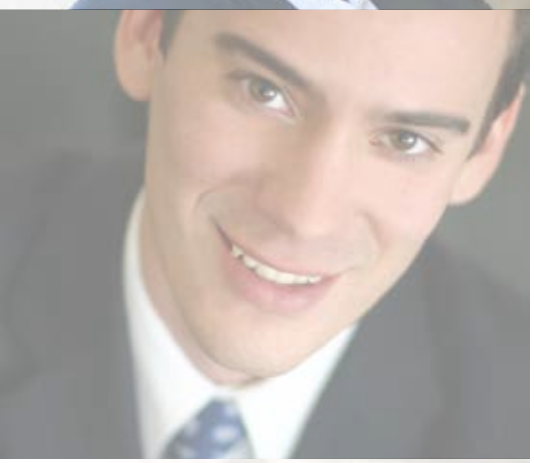

This year during the International Bar Association (IBA) 2012 Annual Conference, to be held 30 September – 5 October in Dublin, the IBA's Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee will honour a lawyer who has shown an outstanding commitment to pro bono work as part of their legal career.

In its role as a dual membership organisation, comprising 30,000 individual lawyers and more than 195 bar associations and law societies, the IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession. Its Member Organisations cover all continents and include the American Bar Association, the German Federal Bar, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, the Law Society of Zimbabwe and the Mexican Bar Association.

The IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee fosters world wide recognition of the principle that access to justice is the right of all individuals and promotes access to justice for all, regardless of their financial means, race, age, ethnicity, gender, or popularity of cause. Pro bono work is a cornerstone of the legal profession, and the IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee wants to help build a culture of pro bono work by lawyers, law-firms and organisations of lawyers, as a vehicle for access to justice where that right is not fully supported by legal aid.

The IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee invites nominations for its prestigious Pro Bono Award of lawyers who are leading our profession in building a pro bono culture. To nominate an outstanding lawyer, please complete and submit this form to Jemma McVey at the IBA London office.

The IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee are delighted to announce that LexisNexis are sponsoring this award, which will include:

- free registration to attend the IBA Annual Conference in Dublin, Ireland, 30 September – 5 October 2012;
- a contribution of up to US$5,000 towards accommodation and travel costs to attend the conference; and
- one year's free membership of the IBA, PPID and the Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee.

All applications received by **Friday 13 July 2012** will be submitted to a judging panel who must be satisfied that the nominee is eligible for the award. Therefore the person you have nominated must also complete the personal details section of the form.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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DUBLIN 30 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER 2012

The International Bar Association (IBA), the world's largest international organisation of law societies, bar associations and individual lawyers engaged in transnational law, will hold its 2012 Annual Conference in Dublin from 30 September – 5 October.

As one of the largest international legal gatherings in 2012, it will attract over 4,000 lawyers from more than 90 countries.

All 55 specialist committees of the IBA's Legal Practice Division will present programmes covering current topics of significance to commercial lawyers worldwide. The IBA's Public and Professional Interest Division's committees and other entities will also be presenting full sessions, covering topics dealing with public interest and general professional work.

For a list of IBA committees, fora and other entities please see below.

The working sessions will be complemented by a full social programme – an ideal opportunity to establish and maintain business contacts and friendships with colleagues who span the global legal profession.

Legal Practice Division (LPD) Committees and Fora

- African Regional Forum
- Antitrust
- Arab Regional Forum
- Arbitration
- Art, Cultural Institutions and Heritage Law
- Asia Pacific Regional Forum
- Aviation Law
- Banking Law
- Business Crime
- Capital Markets Forum
- Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises
- Communications Law
- Consumer Litigation
- Corporate and M&A Law
- Corporate Counsel Forum *(Only applicable to corporate counsel lawyers)*
- Criminal Law
- Discrimination Law
- Employment and Industrial Relations Law
- Environment, Health and Safety Law
- European Regional Forum
- Family Law
- Global Forum for Competition and Trade Policy
- Human Rights Law
- IBA Global Employment Institute
- Immigration and Nationality Law
- Indigenous Peoples
- Individual Tax and Private Client
- Insolvency Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Section (SIRC)
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law
- International Construction Projects
- International Franchising
- International Sales
- Investment Funds
- Latin American Regional Forum
- Leisure Industries Section
- Litigation
- Maritime and Transport Law
- Media Law
- Mediation
- Medicine and the Law
- Mining Law
- Negligence and Damages
- North American Regional Forum
- Oil and Gas Law
- Power Law
- Product Law and Advertising
- Public Law
- Real Estate
- Securities Law
- Space Law
- Taxes
- Technology Law
- Trade and Customs Law
- Water Law

Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID) Committees and Other Entities

- Academic and Professional Development
- Anti-Corruption
- Bar Issues Commission
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Forum for Barristers and Advocates
- Human Rights Institute
- Judges' Forum
- Law Firm Management
- Multidisciplinary Practices
- Pro Bono and Access to Justice
- Professional Ethics
- Rule of Law Action Group
- Senior Lawyers
- War Crimes
- Women Lawyers' Interest Group
- World Organisations
- Young Lawyers

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1 Nominees will be considered on the following criteria:
- Dedication – The Committee seeks to recognise pro bono work that exhibits an exceptional level of commitment and dedication to the provision of free legal services and access to justice.
- Innovation – The Committee seeks to recognise efforts and pro bono work that have been designed or carried out in an innovative fashion and might serve as a model for others in that jurisdiction and other jurisdictions.
- Impact – The Committee seeks to recognise work, including legislative reform, litigation, and transactional representation, that has brought about a significant impact – to an individual, community, group, or country, or to the provision of pro bono services generally.

2 The award is free to enter. It is open to all lawyers, whether or not they are members of the IBA.

3 Each nominee should be supported by at least two nominators. The nomination form should be completed by the persons or organisations submitting the nomination, and by the nominee, who must complete the personal details section of the form.

4 The nomination form must be sent by e-mail, fax or post to Jemma McVey at the IBA London office.

5 Nominations must be submitted and received by **Friday 13 July 2012**. Nominations received after this time will not be considered.

6 The judging panel will consist of:
- Peter Maynard *Peter D Maynard Counsel & Attorneys, Nassau, Bahamas; Chair, PPID*
- Robin Sully *Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa, Canada; Chair, Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee*
- Tim Soutar *Clifford Chance, Kent, England; Vice-Chair, Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee*
- David Hillard *Clayton Utz, Sydney; Australia; Executive Committee Member, Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee*

7 The IBA London office will communicate the judges' decision to the winner by the end of July 2012.

8 The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website and in the next IBA Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee newsletter following the award. The winner will be contacted at the e-mail address they have given on the form. They will be required to provide a biographical note giving details of their legal career, studies and professional appointments.

9 The winner, as part of the award, will also receive the following:
- a free registration for the IBA 2012 Annual Conference, 30 September – 5 October 2012, Dublin, Ireland;
- a contribution of up to $5,000 towards accommodation and travel costs to attend the conference;
- one years' free membership of the IBA, PPID and the Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee

10 Candidates for the award may be nominated by recipients of the relevant pro bono services; those working on the provision of those services; or by others involved in the administration, promotion and/or delivery of pro bono services generally.

11 Self nominations will not be accepted.

12 By submitting an application, nominees consent to use of their image and data for publicity purposes.

13 The IBA, the Pro Bono and Access to Justice Committee and the judging panel are not responsible for the loss, damage or non-arrival of any nomination form, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of any form.

14 Participants will be expected to have read and accepted all the above terms and conditions.

15 The IBA reserves the right to amend and update these terms and conditions at any time without notice.

The completed form must be returned by **Friday 13 July 2012** to:

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY 13 JULY 2012.
NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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NOMINATION FORM (Please type or complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Nominee's name _____

Title/position _____

Firm/organisation _____

Address _____

_____

City _____

State _____

Postal/zip code _____

Country _____

Telephone day _____

evening _____

fax _____

E-mail _____

Nominator's name _____

Title/position _____

Firm/organisation _____

Address _____

_____

City _____

State _____

Postal/zip code _____

Country _____

Telephone day _____

evening _____

fax _____

E-mail _____

Letter of recommendation

Please attach a letter supporting your nomination of the above individual. The reference should be written in English on a separate sheet of paper. The paper should be on the letterhead of your firm/institution; if not available please attach a business card.

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PERSONAL DETAILS (To be completed by nominee)

Family name _____

First name _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Firm _____

Name of firm _____

Position within firm _____

Date of joining firm _____

Address of firm _____

Street _____

City _____

Country _____

Postal/zip code _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Address for correspondence (If different from above)

Street _____

City _____

Country _____

Postal/zip code _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

In which jurisdiction are you admitted to practice?

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Language
(If English is not your mother tongue, a certificate of proficiency may be requested)

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Level of fluency in English (ie fluent/good/working knowledge) _____

Do you speak any other foreign languages? _____

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Former awards
Please list former scholarships, prizes and other distinctions obtained:

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Personal achievements
Please provide separately a statement on how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for leadership, commitment to using your knowledge to serve your community and to applying your talents to improve the lives of others. Please use not more than 500 words.

Future aspirations
What are your career goals and future aspirations?

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Other

Are you a member of the IBA? _____

Have you attended any other IBA conferences (if yes, please give details)?

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How did you hear about the award?

☐ IBA website ☐ IBA mailing

Signed _____

Date _____

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