



Local Lawyers Recognized for Pro Bono work

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COEUR d’ALENE – Last year 750 Idaho attorneys reported volunteering 14,000 hours of free legal work for 2,100 low-income persons. A handful of those attorneys have been singled out by the Idaho State Bar for the Denise O’Donnell Day Pro Bono Award. These are individuals who have donated extraordinary time and effort to help those most in need of legal services, but are unable to pay.

David K. Robinson, Coeur d’Alene, represented a low-income mother with a drawn-out, complicated guardianship matter involving a family member who was trying to get custody of the child. Mr. Robinson’s work included taking witness statements, representation at numerous hearings, pleadings, and mediation attempts. In the end, the result kept mother and daughter safe and together. The nomination stated “the Bar and its members must recognize the necessity of a volunteer in these kinds of matters and thank Mr. Robinson.”

Howard Allen Funke, Coeur d’Alene, was recognized for promoting a culture of Pro Bono within his firm. He encourages his associates to volunteer in the community, with the local bar association and in taking pro bono cases. The firm’s attorneys respond and regularly volunteer to appear in local courts on behalf of clients who are financially disadvantaged.

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