

# Access to Justice

## Pro Bono Award Recipients

1986 - 2024

- 1986      Pro Bono Publico Award  
Eddie L. Anderson, Jr.  
Cordell H. Haymon  
Catherine Lampard  
Ellis B. Murov  
C. Joseph Roberts III
- 1987      Pro Bono Publico Award  
Exxon Corporation  
Michele Gaudin  
Rankin, Yeldell, Herring & Katz Law Firm  
Ronald L. Wilson
- 1988      Pro Bono Publico Award  
Charles G. Gladney  
John R. Kramer  
Marc H. Morial  
Roy J. Rodney, Jr.  
A.I. Stacey Williams
- 1989      Pro Bono Publico Award  
Elwood F. Cahill, Jr.  
Jane L. Johnson  
Edwin S. Patout
- 1990      Pro Bono Publico Award  
John David Thompson, Jr.  
Dolores M. Williams
- 1991      Pro Bono Publico Award  
Amy E. Counce  
Rebecca Mims Kirk

Schaneville & Baringer Law Firm

1992 Pro Bono Publico Award

Thomas L. Lorenzi

1993 Pro Bono Publico Award

Hon. James E. Clark (Retired)

Benn Hamilton

R. James Kellogg

1994 Pro Bono Publico Award

Hon. Ginger Berrigan

Tracy P. Curtis

Michael W. McKay

Patricia B. McMurray

Jim Ortego

Career Public Interest Award

Mr. David William

1995 Pro Bono Publico Award

Ronnie J. Berthelot

David M. Kaufman

David E. Marquette

Grady M. Spears

1996 Pro Bono Publico Award

Catherine Lampard-Naccari

Claude C. Lightfoot, Jr.

Allen M. Posey, Jr.

Susan L. Theall

1997 Pro Bono Publico Award

Elise Marie Beauchamp

Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr.

John V. Ghio

Leonard Knapp, Jr.

Career Public Interest Award

Maurice A. Lonergan, Jr.

1998 Pro Bono Publico Award

Randy J. Fuerst  
Madeleine M. Landrieu  
E. Wade Shows  
J. Michael Wooderson

Career Public Interest Award

Mark A. Moreau

1999 Pro Bono Publico Award

David Ball  
Frank A. Granger  
James G. Maguire

Career Public Interest Award

Rueben J. Bailey

2000 Pro Bono Publico Award

Robert Clemenz  
James “Jimmy” L. Fahrenholtz  
Sandra M. Fuselier  
Lindsey M. Ladouceur  
Kelly Neumann Sanford

Career Public Interest Award

Charles M. Delbaum

Lifetime Achievement Award

Jane L. Johnson

2001 Pro Bono Publico Award

Judy Y. Barrasso  
Elizabeth A. Dugal  
Joyce L. Richard  
Adams & Reese LLP

Career Public Interest Award

Laura Tuggle Issokson

Lifetime Achievement Award

Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr.

2002

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Courtroom Graphics & Animation, Inc.

Barbara J. Densford

Pro Bono Publico Award

S. Guy deLaup

Elder Law Task Force

Hon. Melvin Shortess

Career Public Interest Award

Martha J. Kegel

Ann E. Maclaine

Lifetime Achievement Award

David A. Hamilton

2003

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Winfield E. Little, Jr.

Ann Champagne Rasmussen

Society of St. Vincent dePaul

Pro Bono Publico Award

Lisa Leslie Boudreaux

C. Peck Hayne, Jr.

Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri, L.L.C.

John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Natchitoches Parish Bar Association

Career Public Interest Award

Stephen Andrew Dixon

Ellen Katz

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Linda Jane Law-Clark

2004

Pro Bono Publico Award

Fred T. Crifasi

Anthony M. Dileo  
Marion D. Floyd  
Edward P. Gothard  
William D. Medlin  
Richard D. Mere  
Morris, Lee & Bayle  
Daniel T. Murchison, Sr.  
Rowena T. Jones  
Michael A. Mitchell

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Richard C. Broussard  
Frank X. Neuner, Jr.

2005

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Joseph Douglas "Doug" Welborn

Pro Bono Publico Award

T. Darlene Bewley  
The Dyess Law Firm  
E. Phelps Gay  
Thomas C. McBride  
Garth J. Ridge

Career Public Interest Award

Brian D. Lenard

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Edmond Wade Shows

2006

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Ann Scarle and the Baton Rouge Bar Association  
Minnesota Bar Association and the Minnesota Bar Foundation  
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid

Pro Bono Publico Award

Lauren Covell  
David Rabb  
H. Clay Walker  
Schulte, Roth & Zabel

Catherine Lasky  
Laurence Wong

Career Public Interest Award

Sarah J. Campbell

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Judge Melvin Shortess

2007

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge

Pro Bono Publico Award

Harvey Bartlett III  
Nancy Sue Gregorie  
Homeless Experience Legal Protection  
Kilpatrick, Stockton Law Firm  
Eric R. Miller  
Vincent Saffiotti  
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice

Career Public Interest Award

Sachida Raman

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Thomas Lorenzi  
Allen M. Posey, Jr.

Law Student Award

Miriam K. Crespo  
Rose Hurder  
Monica L. Smith  
Morgan Williams

2008

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Adams & Reese, LLP

Pro Bono Publico Award

V. Charles Cusimano  
M. Brent Hicks

Christopher K. Ralston  
John F. Shreves

Career Public Interest Award

Bernadette D'Souza  
Ruth Foster Moore  
James A. Wayne, Sr.  
Rachel Piercey

Law Student Award

Caroline F. Johnson  
Shane May  
Flora Powell  
Adam C. Kimball

2009

Friend of Pro Bono Award

New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Section  
Jean A. Hill  
Christopher K. Ralston

Pro Bono Publico Award

John Jerry Glas  
Jan M. Hayden  
Gary K. McKenzie  
Kathlyn G. Perez  
Michael E. Roach

Career Public Interest Award

Michael B. Thomas

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Luz M. Molina

Law Student Award

LSU: Leslie K. Ziober  
Loyola: Alison McCrary  
Southern: Shelly E. Alexander  
Tulane: Holmes Rackleff

Children's Law Award

Kathy Lynn Cook

2010

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Mathile W. Abramsom

Donna D. Fraiche

Louisiana Appleseed

JoEdna P. Roberts (deceased)

Pro Bono Publico Award

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

Marianna Broussard

Caroline McSherry Dolan

Don K. Haycraft

Pro Bono Publico Award

Lauren B. McKnight

Malcolm A. Meyer

Cynthia N. Reed

Monica C. Sanchez

Career Public Interest Award

Clifton R. Jackson, Jr.

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Marta-Ann Schnabel

Law Student Award

LSU: Lynn Austin

Loyola: Nikki D. Thanos

Southern: Ebony N. Williams

Tulane: Homero López, Jr.

Children's Law Award

Karen A. Hallstrom

2011

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Adams and Reese LLP

Caroline McSherry

Dolan Lorenzi & Barnatt, LLP

Patrick S. Ottinger



Pro Bono Publico Award

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC L.

Bianca Chretien

Robin R. De Leo

C. Peck Hayne, Jr.

Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, LLC

Gregory A. Koury

Lindsay L. Meador

Will Montz

Lt. Cmdr. Christopher D. Mora

Laborde & Neuner

Michelle C. Purchner

Peter B. Sloss

Jeannine Alford Sullivan

Doreen A. Taravella

Career Public Interest Award

Ayn W. Stehr

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

David F. Bienvenu

Law Student Award

LSU: Lilian R. Hangartner

Loyola: Felix Cao

Southern: Cleveland M. Patterson, III

Tulane: Rosanna Eugenio

Children's Law Award

Margot E. Hammond

Juvenile Defender Advisory Council

2012

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Winfield E. Little, Jr.

Carolyn Navarre

Pro Bono Publico Award

Adams and Reese LLP

Christine B. Alphonso

Jeffrey K. Coreil  
Michael A. Duplantier  
Scott P. Gaspard  
Melanie Newkome Jones  
Byron R. Kantrow, Jr.  
Judith R. Kennedy  
Matthew M. Livaccari  
Barbara A. Siefken  
Dwazendra J. Smith  
Sean P. Sullivan  
Mary E. Winchell  
Alan A. Zaunbrecher  
Emily P. Ziober

Career Public Interest Award

Mildred H. Meng

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Garth J. Ridge

Law Student Award

LSU: Lindsay E. Jarrell  
Loyola: Andrea M. Agee  
Southern: Jason L. Benford  
Tulane: Ashley L. Banks

Children's Law Award

Clayton Latimer  
LSU Juvenile Defense Clinic

2013

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Norman Rubenstein  
Self-Help Resource Center of Baton Rouge

Pro Bono Publico Award

Jenny Abshier  
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC  
Harold Domingue, Jr.  
Ronald Fonseca  
Holly Gottschalk

Joanna Hynes  
Thomas Peyton

Career Public Interest Award

Salyria Gumms

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Gary K. McKenzie

Law Student Award

LSU: Denise Farrior  
Loyola: Anna Lellelid  
Southern: Oni Groves  
Tulane: Katherine Schulman

Children's Law Award

Hon. Kathleen S. Richey

2014

Friend of Pro Bono Award

P. Michael Breeden  
Gary Carter  
Jan Ellis  
Julie Lafargue  
Wendy Robinson  
Hugh Straub  
K. Wade Trahan

Pro Bono Publico Award

Attorney General's Office – Alexandria Office  
Phillip Antis, Jr.  
Robert Binney  
R. Alan Breithaupt Booker  
Carmichael Michele Echols  
Entergy Legal Department – New Orleans  
Michael Ferachi  
Valerie Garrett  
Catharine Gracia  
Kenneth Jones  
Judith Kennedy  
Robert Owsley

Sherrye Palmer  
Sandra Sutak  
Zebulon Winstead  
Amy Winters

Career Public Interest Award

Gregory Landry

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Mark Surprenant

Law Students Award

LSU: Savannah Steele  
Southern: Brittany Mckeel  
Tulane: Khalid Samarrae  
Tulane: Tyler Whittenberg

Children's Law Award

Family and Youth Counseling Agency  
Darlene Bewley

2015

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Kay E. Donnelly & Associates  
Dwayne M. Murray

Pro Bono Publico Award

Stone Pigman Law Firm  
Joseph R. Ballard  
Valerie Briggs Bargas  
Roy K. Burns, Jr.  
La'Gretta Fortune-Lazard  
Valerie Gotch Garrett  
J. Spencer Hays  
Benjamin W. Kadden  
Gregory A. Koury  
Michael W. Magner  
Charles William Montz, Jr.  
Wendy Hickok Robinson  
Sophie Rosado  
Michelle M. Rutherford

Dwazendra J. Smith  
Wade Trahan

Career Public Interest Award

Joseph R. Oelkers III

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Jay Jalenak, Jr.

Law Students Award

LSU: Gabrielle Alessi-Friedlander-Bowersox

Loyola: Sophia Mire

Southern: Christopher R. Kubacki

Tulane: Brittany Wolf

Children's Law Award

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation (Teen Court)

Kathleen Gasparian

2016

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Young Lawyers Section of the New Orleans Bar

John DeRosier

Emily Ziober

Pro Bono Publico Award

Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell

Nadege Assale

Dana Atchison

Jeffery Cole

Lisa Cronin

Jonah Freedman

Meredith Grabill

Valerie Guidry

Thomas Hightower III

Jane Jackson

Jonathan Jarrett

Winfield Little, Jr.

Thomas Lorenzi

Maria Losavio

Seth Mansfield

Eric Miller  
Ross Roubion  
Dyan Schnaars  
Paul Tellarico  
Rolando Urbina  
Christian Weiler  
James Zito  
Gary Zwain

Career Public Interest Award

James Welch II

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Glenn Marcel

Law Students Award

LSU: Lauren Bradberry  
Loyola: Rebecca Holmes  
Southern: Britni Duplantis  
Tulane: Stacey Michel

Children's Law Award

Zebulon Winstead

2017

Friend of Pro Bono

24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
Family Justice Center of Acadiana  
St. Charles Parish Bar Association  
John Nickelson

Pro Bono Publico

Curry & Friend, PLC  
NeuerPate  
William Cherbonnier, Jr.  
Taylor Eley  
Philip Franco  
Thomas Gibbs  
Holly Gottschalk  
Edward Roberts III  
T. MacDougall Womack

Career Public Interest Award

Franchesca Hamilton-Acker

Zakiya LaGrange

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

Judy Perry Martinez

LSBA President's Access to Justice Award

Sarah Campbell

Law Students Award

Kristen Richardson – Louisiana State University School of Law

Kyle Anderson – Loyola University School of Law

Yvonne Henshaw – Southern University School of Law

Kayla Patterson – Tulane University School of Law

Children's Law Award

Tenee Felix

2018

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Jason A. Matt

Pro Bono Publico Award

King & Jurgens, L.L.C.

Nancy S. Bousfield

W. Scott Brown

Hallie P. Coreil

Morgan A. Druhan

Charles Elliot

Marquest J. Meeks

Eric R. Miller

Jackey W. South

James A. Watson

David Lance White

Sean E. Williams

Career Public Interest Award

Richard "Paul" Tuttle

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

Catharine Gracia

LA.FreeLegalAnswers Award

Peter Thriffiley

Law Student Award

Ahmed Soussi – Louisiana State University School of Law

Mary Kate Richardson – Loyola University School of Law

Fatima Mann – Southern University School of Law

Kirby Kenny – Tulane University School of Law

Children’s Law Award

Louisiana Parole Project

Cherrilynne W. Thomas

2019

Friend of Pro Bono Award

H. Bruce Shreves

Entergy Services, LLC – Legal Department

Pro Bono Publico Award

Courtney Hollier Guillory

Molly C. McDiarmid

Patti Oppenheim

Christopher B. Ortte

Gregory J. Reda

Phillip M. Smith

Michelle Demarest Sunseri

Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards, LLP

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.

Career Public Interest Award

Michael A. Mitchell

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

Leonard K. Knapp, Jr.

LA.FreeLegalAnswers Award

Cornelia S. Ullmann



Law Student Award

Victoria T. Heyer – Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Patrick M. Jackson – Loyola University College of Law

Samantha Johnson – Southern University Law Center

Andrew Taylor – Tulane University Law School

Children’s Law Award

Jack Harrison

2020

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Leah J. Glass

Charles R. Kelly Community Center

Steven James Matt

Jean Morgan Meaux

Richard A. Webster

Pro Bono Publico Award

Lillian M. Grappe,

Richard Gary Higgins, Jr.

David M. Kaufman

Jesse P. Lagarde

Emily M. Latiolais

Jennifer G. Prescott

Cynthia N. Reed

Matthew R. Slaughter

James A. Word II

Career Public Interest Award

Ann K. Gregorie

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

James J. Zito

LSBA President’s Access to Justice Award

Debra “Debbie” Smith

LA.FreeLegalAnswers Award

Benjamin H. Banta

Law Student Award

Samantha M. Kennedy, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center  
Lauren T. Kirichkow, Loyola University College of Law  
Wynnifred L. Sanders, Southern University Law Center  
Caroline V. Green, Tulane University Law School

Children's Law Award

Caddo Parish Juvenile Court  
Otha (Curtis) Nelson, Jr.

2021

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Christopher K. Ralston

Career Public Interest Award

Andrea M. Jeanmarie

Children's Law Award

Ramona G. Fernandez  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Child in Need of Care Unit

Law Student Pro Bono Award

Abeer M. Farid, Southern University Law Center  
Constantino Raya, Jr., Tulane University Law School  
Cara Sullivan Tippet, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center  
Jimmy Whitehead, Loyola University College of Law

Friend of Pro Bono Award

Kathleen A. Crapanzano, MD, MACM  
Lindsay Meador Young

Pro Bono Publico Award

Patricia R. Bonneau  
Andretta Breaux Atkins  
Kyle M. Brennan  
Jonathan T. Jarrett  
Derrick McCorey  
Robert A. McKnight  
LaKendra D. Sampson  
Frances M. Strayham  
James J. Zito

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org Award

Brian R. Johnson

Century Club Award

Kyle M. Brennan

W. Scott Brown

Joseph J. Cerise

Philip A. Franco

Ana E. Lopez

Derrick McCorey

Robert A. McKnight

Alysson L. Mills

Beau P. Sagona

Hugh R. Straub

James J. Zito

2022

Career Public Interest Award

Elizabeth A. Betz

Children's Law Award

Advanced Advocacy Project. Baton Rouge

Mary Ann McGrath Swaim

Pro Bono Publico Award

Lauren M. Barletta

Kasi C. Brannan

Laura Peterson Butler

William J. Faustermann, Jr.

Johanna R. H. Fini

Scott P. Gaspard

James S. Knight

Paulette Porter LaBostrie

Sarah A. Simmons

LA. FreeLegalAnswers.org Award

Amber C. Sheppard

Law Student Pro Bono Award

Adreaynne N. Hutchison

Devon J. Clancy

Christopher M. Jordan  
Jacob D. Edwards

Friend of Pro Bono Award

George D. Ernest III  
Paula K. Woodruff Family Law Section

Century Club Award

W. Scott Brown  
Gregory J. Reda  
Robert William Knights  
Gary J. Williams

2023

Children's Law Awards

Victor M. Jones – New Orleans  
Loyola Law Clinic – New Orleans

Law Student Award

Max John - Loyola University College of Law  
Theophile N. Kadia - Southern University Law Center  
Madeline N. Meyer - LSU Paul M. Hebert law Center  
Raquel Deanna White - Tulane University Law School

Friend of Pro Bono

Richard Gary Higgins, Jr. - Covington  
Lafayette Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section - Lafayette  
Dorothy C. Oliver - Harrisonburg  
Lawrence W. Pettiette, Jr. - Shreveport  
Krishanda Harrison Sanders - Lake Providence  
Maggie T. Tumminello Simar - Lafayette  
Amanda Tumminello Taylor - Ferriday  
Tulane Medicolegal Partnership - New Orleans  
David E. Verlander, III - Monroe  
Jones Walker - New Orleans

Pro Bono Publico

Cornelius Troy Hall – Baton Rouge  
J. Edward McAuliffe, III – New Orleans  
Cynthia Mauroner Petry – Covington  
Stacey Williams – Shreveport

LA.FreeLegalAnswers Award

Kathleen M. Legendre – Mandeville

Career Public Interest Award

Douglas F. Carey – New Orleans

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Katie Lasky - New Orleans

2024

Children’s Law Awards

Josephine Vanderhorst – Gonzales

Law Student Award

Alex Bellow - Loyola University College of Law

Alyasia J. Johnson - LSU Paul M. Hebert law Center

Whitney Peters - Southern University Law Center

Charlotte Phillips - Tulane University Law School

Friend of Pro Bono

Todd Gaudin – Baton Rouge

Angela Hammett – Baton Rouge

Gabriel Liu – New Orleans

Gregory Tonore - Lafayette

Pro Bono Publico

Carlesia Carmena Bibbins - Zachary

Felicia M. Hamilton - Shreveport

Deanna Hamilton-Lamz - Slidell

Melanie Newkome Jones - Baton Rouge

Kathleen Legendre - Covington

Derrick McCorey - Pride

Holland Miciotto - Shreveport

Michael Dennis Smith, Jr. - Metairie

Annie Torrans - New Orleans

Josef P. Ventulan - Baton Rouge

Zara Zeringue – Covington

Century Club Awards

Regina Bartholomew-Woods – New Orleans

Jesmin Basanti Finley - Covington

LA.FreeLegalAnswers Award

Cornelia S. Ullmann – Metairie

Career Public Interest Award

Lewis M. Gladney – Natchitoches

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Scott Gaspard – Baton Rouge