

## ABC RECOGNITION AWARD PRESENTED TO JOHN TUOHY

The Pro Bono Committee of the ABA Business Law Section will present the first ABC Recognition Award to John Touhy, a partner in the Real Estate Finance Group of the Chicago law firm, Chapman and Cutler. The Award will be presented at the Committee's Breakfast Meeting, Monday, August 6, 2001 in Chicago. Mr. Tuohy is being recognized for his demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of business law legal services to the poor.

Mr. Tuohy has been instrumental in improving his firm's pro bono effort and increasing its visibility in the Chicago bar as a participant in and proponent of pro bono legal efforts. Partly as a result of his efforts his firm was awarded the Chicago Bar Association's 1998 Pro Bono Service Award for contributions made by a large law firm. He is a member of his firm's pro bono committee for some ten years. Mr. Tuohy's goal on that committee is to introduce to attorneys in the firm the concept of transactional pro bono projects.



Susan Kaplan, Executive Director of the Community Economic Development Law Project of the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights recommended Mr. Tuohy for his exemplary contributions to the promotion of business law pro bono efforts in Chicago. At the breakfast meeting Ms. Kaplan will coordinate a presentation on the current and future work of her organization.

*\*The Pro Bono Committee Meeting will immediately follow this presentation.*

## POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) AWARDS \$1.1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO EXPAND PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES FOR NON-PROFITS.

Five organizations that provide pro bono business legal services to nonprofit groups will receive multi-year grants totaling more than \$1.1 million from Power of Attorney (POA), a national organization dedicated to expanding the availability of pro bono legal services to the nonprofit sector. The grant funding will be used to help these organizations to meet the growing demand for pro bono and low cost legal help in the nonprofit sector.

The expansion grant recipients are: The Community Economic Development Law Project (Chicago), The DC Bar Community Economic Development Pro Bono Project (Washington, DC), Community Legal Resources (Detroit), Public Counsel Los Angeles), and the Volunteer Legal Services Program of The Bar Association of San Francisco (San Francisco).

In addition to the grants, POA is creating a national network for pro bono business law providers in many other cities. This initiative will help member organizations to be able to share information and resources to better meet the business law needs of the nonprofit groups in their communities in the years ahead.

### EVENTS CALENDER

<b>ABA 2001 Annual Meeting</b>	Pro Bono Committee Breakfast	Pro Bono Committee Meeting
<b>Section of Business Law</b>	Monday, August 6, 2001	Monday, August 6, 2001
<b>Chicago Marriott Downtown</b>	Salon B	Kansas City Room
<b>540 N. Michigan Ave.</b>	7:30 -9:00 am	9:00- 10:00 am
<b>Chicago, IL</b>		

*For on-line registration [www.abanet.org/annual/2001](http://www.abanet.org/annual/2001)*

*If you know of upcoming events that may be of interest, please contact Guy Lescault at [glescault@glsp.org](mailto:glescault@glsp.org)*

## KUDOS FOR ABC INITIATIVES

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### *JAMES J. JOHNSON HONORED*

Celebrating Nine Decades of Equal Justice, National Legal Aid & Defender Association, NLADA, on June 14, 2001, honored James J. Johnson, Chief Legal Officer of the Proctor & Gamble Company for exemplifying the ways in which corporate counsel can enhance our nation's quest for equal justice. Mr. Johnson has been on NLADA's Corporate Advisory Committee since its inception in 1992. He has been actively involved in efforts to preserve federal funding for legal aid programs in Ohio and beyond. Mr. Johnson is also a founding board member of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation and chairs its Charitable Organizations Representation Project, a new statewide pro bono initiative in Ohio that links corporate lawyers and small non-profits that provide services to the poor.

### *STATE BAR OF GEORGIA HONORS ABC EFFORTS*

At its annual Awards Ceremony on June 15, 2001, the State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee and the ABC Committee conferred their highest awards on Atlanta lawyers B. Knox Dobbins and William Scott Wright both members of the Atlanta law firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. Knox Dobbins was chosen by the Access to Justice Committee for its H. Sol Clark Award, named for the "father of legal aid in Georgia." The Clark Award honors an individual lawyer who has excelled in one or more of a variety of activities which extend legal services to the poor. Dobbins is credited with the development of the ABC program to match volunteer business lawyers with nonprofits engaged in rural community economic development.

The ABC Committee of the State Bar presented its annual award to William Scott Wright for his extensive pro bono business law services covering tax and real estate matters for several rural non-profits in Georgia.

## GEORGIA ON MY MIND

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A Business Commitment (ABC) is committed to building the capacity for pro bono business lawyers across the country to meet the legal needs of community based organizations. In support of this commitment, the Pro Bono Committee chose, effective July 1, 2001, to relocate the national ABC Project to Atlanta, Georgia at the Administrative office of Georgia Legal Services Program, a 501c3 provider of legal aid. The Georgia ABC Project is supported by both the Georgia Legal Services Program and the State Bar of Georgia. The synergy of working in an environment with both a provider of legal aid for community based organizations and voluntary business lawyers in a state bar both compliments and supports ABC's mission. Guy Lescault will continue as Project Manager.

*The ABC Project Manual, Starting and Operating a Business Law Pro Bono Project, was revised July 1<sup>st</sup> and is available on the Section's web site at [www.abanet.org/buslaw/probono/abc.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/probono/abc.pdf).*

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