

# 2004 ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards Luncheon and Presentation

**12:00 Noon, Monday, August 9  
Georgia World Congress Center**

***Guest Speaker: Honorable Irwin Cotler  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada***

❖ **Kenneth Feinberg to Receive Special Award** ❖

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The Pro Bono Publico Awards program seeks to identify and honor individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have enhanced the human dignity of others by

improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our nations poor or disadvantaged. These services are of critical importance to those people in this country living in poverty who are in need of legal representation to improve their lives.

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## **The 2004 Pro Bono Publico Award recipients are:**



*Roy E. Barnes*

**Roy E. Barnes, Atlanta, GA**, who at the end of his term as governor of Georgia served a six-month tenure as a volunteer staff lawyer for the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, exemplifying his long-time commitment to providing legal services to the poor. During his time with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Barnes devoted himself to using his formidable litigation skills to help clients, particularly elderly and disabled victims of predatory lending practices. Beyond donating his legal services, he committed to sharing his considerable legal knowledge and experience by participating in ongoing training programs at Legal Aid, and he leveraged his excellent reputation among Atlanta's lawyers to improve the delivery of legal services to low-income people and to increase *pro bono* involvement in the city.



*Stephen Cullen*

**Stephen Cullen, Towson, MD**, who has dedicated himself to improving pro bono legal services for children caught in international custody disputes. His work has been particularly helpful to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and parents whose children have been abducted internationally, whom NCMEC assists. Cullen represents left-behind parents whose children have been abducted to, or wrongfully retained in the United States. In the past five years, Cullen has worked on more than 45 international child abduction cases as a *pro bono* lawyer under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.



Toby H. Hollander

**Toby H. Hollander, Portland, ME**, whose dedication to providing outstanding *pro bono* services for Maine’s children caught in custody cases garnered him this year’s Ann Liechty Child Custody Pro Bono Award. Hollander now focuses exclusively on representing children, which he undertakes as a solo practitioner. Working through the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project, Hollander has handled more than 50 *pro bono* guardian *ad litem* matters for children, including complex custody cases involving high conflict and domestic violence. In addition to donating his time and services, Hollander launched a brown bag lunch educational series for guardians *ad litem* where he leads discussions about the resources available to low-income children. He has also served as a mentor to other volunteer guardians *ad litem*.



Warren Sinsheimer

**Warren Sinsheimer, New York, NY**, who after practicing law for nearly 50 years now volunteers as president and managing attorney of Legal Services for Children, Inc., an organization he established in 1999 to bring free civil legal services to disadvantaged New York children. Since opening its doors, LSC has provided *pro bono* legal representation to more than 2,500 children, most of whom had no other access to legal assistance. In addition to his leadership of LSC and *pro bono* work, Warren has recruited, trained and utilized more than a dozen retired and other no-longer-practicing lawyers who volunteer at LSC two to four days a week representing children in need.

**Arnold & Porter LLP**, has committed itself to setting a national example of law firm excellence in providing *pro bono* legal services. In addition to averaging more than 130 *pro bono* hours of legal services per lawyer at the firm, Arnold & Porter also established a number of innovative new *pro bono* programs in 2003, including criminal defense of the indigent, federal appellate advocacy, and a resource center for the D.C. Landlord Tenant Court. The firm also took on a number of

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new *pro bono* cases in a variety of areas such as discrimination against undocumented aliens, First Amendment issues, technology sharing among countries, assistance to the arts, medical services to minority communities, domestic security and human rights, and fighting HIV/AIDS discrimination.



Kenneth Feinberg

The Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service is honored to provide special recognition to **Kenneth Feinberg** who served in a *pro bono* capacity as Special Master for the Victims Compensation Fund (VCF). The VCF was enacted by Congress after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and was established to provide a no fault legal process to compensate the victims and the families of the terrorist attacks of that day. As the VCF’s Special Master, Mr. Feinberg has carried the major burden of implementing the directive of Congress to provide a fair and efficient process of compensation. He has worked diligently, without any personal compensation, carrying out his work in an exemplary manner.

Without the VCF, the victims and their families would have been deprived of any immediate relief and their suffering would have been prolonged for many years. Mr. Feinberg’s *pro bono* work on behalf of the Fund represented the highest values of the legal profession while providing great benefit to the Nation and to the victims and families of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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