

August 2007

## Annual Meeting Awards

### 2007 ABA Medal

Established in 1929 as the American Bar Association's highest honor, the ABA Medal recognizes exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence. This year's recipient is **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**. For more information, please contact Marilyn Barmash at mbarmash@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5160. Visit [www.abanews.org](http://www.abanews.org) for the news release on Justice Kennedy.

### ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards

Five individuals and law firms that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to providing volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged are being recognized with the 2007 Pro Bono Publico Awards. The awards, presented annually by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, recognize individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments or other institutions in the profession that improve or deliver volunteer legal services. This year's winners are **Robert E. Borton** of San Francisco; the law firm of **Darfner, Altman & Wilborn** of Charleston, South Carolina; **Stephen H. Oleskey** of Boston; **Sidley Austin LLP**; and **Patricia Yoedicke** of Minneapolis who is the recipient of the Ann Liechty Child Custody and Adoption Pro Bono Award.

For more information on the awards contact Steve Scudder at 312/988-5768 [scudders@staff.abanet.org](mailto:scudders@staff.abanet.org) or visit the committee's web site at [www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/probonopublicoaward.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/probonopublicoaward.html).

### Rule of Law Award

The ABA Rule of Law Initiative will present its annual Rule of Law Award to **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer** and past Rule of Law Initiative Pro Bono Volunteers. Justice Breyer is a Special Advisor to the Rule of Law Initiative and a long-standing board member of the Latin America & Caribbean Division. The Rule of Law Initiative's past **Pro Bono Volunteers** will be honored collectively for their essential contributions to the ABA's worldwide rule of law programs. This group of committed individuals, from the United States and elsewhere, has contributed more than \$200 million in pro bono technical legal assistance since 1990.

For more information contact the Rule of Law Initiative Outreach Department at 202/662-1982. More information can be found at [www.abanet.org/rol/news/news-event-luncheon-2007.html](http://www.abanet.org/rol/news/news-event-luncheon-2007.html).

### Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award

The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is recognizing **Roxana C. Bacon**, executive director, Western Progress, Phoenix; **Marsha S. Berzon**, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco; **Angela M. Bradstreet**, Labor Commissioner for the state of California, San Francisco; **Marva Jones Brooks**, partner, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta; and **Irma S. Raker**, Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, with the 2007 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The award, presented annually, recognizes women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence and have actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Ebetino at the Commission at 312-988-5668 or [ebetinoj@staff.abanet.org](mailto:ebetinoj@staff.abanet.org). Information on the award winners and the award can be found at [www.abanet.org/women/awards.html](http://www.abanet.org/women/awards.html).

### International Human Rights Award

The ABA Section of Litigation is honoring **Elena S. Ezhova** of Russia with the International Human Rights Award. The award is presented to lawyers and judges who have made outstanding contributions to human rights in foreign countries. Ezhova serves as director of the Moscow Office and Senior Attorney for the Stitching Russian Justice Initiative.

For more information, please contact Melissa Wood at [woodm@staff.abanet.org](mailto:woodm@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6228. [www.abanet.org/litigation/committees/international/ihr.html](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/committees/international/ihr.html).

### Thurgood Marshall Award

The Thurgood Marshall Award is given by the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities to an individual who has displayed long-term contributions to civil rights, civil liberties or human rights. This year's award is being presented to **Matthew J. Perry Jr.**, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, who has played a central role in almost every case that integrated South Carolina's public schools, hospitals, golf courses, restaurants, parks, playgrounds and beaches. The Thurgood Marshall Award was created in honor of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who was a forceful and constant voice for the protection and advancement of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights.

For more information, please contact Jeff Lubbers at [lubbersj@staff.abanet.org](mailto:lubbersj@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1030. More information on the award can be found at [www.abanet.org/irr/marshall-award.html](http://www.abanet.org/irr/marshall-award.html).

### Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy

The Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy, given by the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, is being presented to **Ken Alex**, supervising deputy attorney general, Environmental Section of the State of California; **James Milkey**, chief, Environmental Protection Division of the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General; and to the **Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program of Denver University Sturm College of Law**. The award was developed to recognize significant leadership in improving the substance, process or understanding of environmental law.

For more information, please contact Jinny Choi at [choij@staff.abanet.org](mailto:choij@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1694. [www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental/](http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental/).

### E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award

The **Indianapolis Bar Association's Professionalism Initiative**, the **Vermont Law School's General Practice Program** and the **Tenth Judicial District/Wake County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee** (North Carolina) are this year's recipients of the E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award. The award is named in honor of former American Bar Foundation president, the late E. Smythe Gambrell, and recognizes projects contributing to the understanding of professionalism among lawyers. The award is presented by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Maher at [maherk@staff.abanet.org](mailto:maherk@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5307. Information on the award is posted at [www.abanet.org/cpr/awards/gambrell.html#2007](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/awards/gambrell.html#2007).

### Robert J. Kutak Award

The Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will present its annual Kutak Award to **Cruz Reynoso**, professor emeritus of the University of California School of Law at Davis, and formerly an associate justice of the California Supreme Court. The award recognizes one individual each year who meets the highest standard of professional responsibility and demonstrates substantial achievement toward increased understanding between legal education and the active practice of law. Reynoso has been widely recognized as among the leading Hispanic civil rights leaders of his generation. Joe Puskarz in the section is key contact. He can be reached at [puskarzj@staff.abanet.org](mailto:puskarzj@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6751. The Web site contains information on the award [www.abanet.org/legaled/committees/committees.html](http://www.abanet.org/legaled/committees/committees.html).

### Harrison Tweed Award

The **Boston** and **Massachusetts Bar Associations** have been selected to receive the Harrison Tweed Award from the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. The award was created to recognize the extra achievements of state and local bar associations that develop or significantly expand projects or programs that increase access to civil legal services for poor persons or criminal defense

services to indigents. Information on the award is posted at [www.abanet.org/legalservices/sclaid/harrisonsweedmain.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/sclaid/harrisonsweedmain.html) or contact Janice Jones at [janicejones@staff.abanet.org](mailto:janicejones@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-576.

### **ABA Partnership Awards**

Four winning bar association projects that represent broad-based efforts to nurture diversity in the legal profession have been selected as recipients of the 2007 ABA Partnership Awards. The winning projects include: The **ABA Young Lawyers Division "Choose Law, A Profession for All"** program; the **Hispanic National Bar Association's National Mentoring Program**; the **Bronx County (N.Y.) Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial Program**; and the **Cleveland Bar Association's Diversity Program**. The awards are sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the National Native American Bar Association, the National Hispanic Bar Association, and the National Bar Association and recognizes the efforts by bar associations to increase the participation and advancement of lawyers of color in the organized bar and to attract students of color to the legal profession. Award information can be found at [www.abanet.org/barserv/partnership.html](http://www.abanet.org/barserv/partnership.html) or contact Kimberly Vann at [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5364.

### **National Association of Bar Executives Bolton Award**

**Thomas A. Edmonds**, executive director and chief operating officer of the Virginia State Bar Association, is the 2007 recipient of the NABE Bolton Award for Outstanding Bar Leadership. The award recognizes exceptional professional and achievement of a bar executive and is NABE's highest accolade. The award is named for the late Fred Bolton who was executive director and secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

### **2007 LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Award**

NABE has selected four winners of the award for 2007. The award honors bar associations and foundations that are committed to public service. The recipients include the **State Bar of Texas' They**

**Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement** program; the **Oklahoma Bar Association's Law School for Legislators**; **The 3R's - Rights Responsibilities, Realities** project of the **Cleveland Bar Association** and the **Cleveland Municipal School District**; and the **El Paso Bar Association's Flood and Disaster Relief Information Program**.

### **Peer Excellence Award**

NABE will honor **Tobin "Toby" Brown**, communications director at the Utah State Bar, with the 2007 NABE Peer Excellence Award. The award is presented to a member who has provided significant and noteworthy service to the association during the past year. For more information on NABE awards, contact Kimberly Vann at 312/988-5364 or at [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org). Visit the NABE Web site for more information at [www.abanet.org/nabe/awards/index.html](http://www.abanet.org/nabe/awards/index.html).

### **National Conference of Bar Foundations Award for Bar Foundation Excellence in Public Service Programming**

The **Cincinnati Bar Foundation** is being recognized with this award for its project, *Out of the Crossfire*, a gun violence intervention program created to address the dramatic rise in the incidence of gun violence – more than 500 percent – in Cincinnati between 2000 and 2005. The award is given annually to a bar foundation demonstrating excellence and impact in either its programs or grant-making awards to its community. The purpose of the Public Service Programming Award is to recognize and honor the work of foundations that quietly and effectively build communities, understanding and hope.

More information can be found at [www.ncbf.org/awards.htm](http://www.ncbf.org/awards.htm) or contact Kimberly Vann 312/988-5364 or at [vannk2@staff.abanet.org](mailto:vannk2@staff.abanet.org).

### **Section of Dispute Resolution Lawyer as Problem Solver Award**

Recognizing lawyers and organizations that have exhibited extraordinary skills in promoting the concept of the lawyer as problem-solver or resolving individual, institutional, community, state, national or international problems, the Section of Dispute Resolution has selected

Professor **David Sandborg**, a visiting professor at the University of Hong Kong Law Faculty, and the **Innocence Project** as this year's recipients of the Lawyer as Problem Solver Award. The award recognizes lawyers and organizations that use their problem-solving skills to forge creative solutions with extraordinary skill in either promoting the concept of the lawyer as problem-solver or resolving individual, institutional, community, state, national or international problems.

### **D'Alemberte/Raven Award**

**Charles B. Renfrew** of San Francisco is the recipient of the 2007 American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution D'Alemberte/Raven Award. The award recognizes members of the dispute resolution community who have contributed significantly to the field by developing new or innovative programs, improving service and efficiency, researching, writing about dispute resolution, or producing continuing education programs. Renfrew is an internationally recognized arbitrator and mediator, a pioneering leader in the dispute resolution, legal, and corporate community. He serves as chairman of the board of directors of the International Institute for Conflict Resolution and Prevention (CPR). The award is named for Robert D. Raven of San Francisco and Talbot D'Alemberte of Tallahassee, former ABA presidents and also past leaders within the ABA in dispute resolution.

For more information, please contact Ellen Miller at [millere@staff.abanet.org](mailto:millere@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1690. Web sites for the awards can be found at [www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=DRO20100](http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=DRO20100) and [www.abanet.org/dispute/documents/DalemberteRaven.doc](http://www.abanet.org/dispute/documents/DalemberteRaven.doc).

### **Section Officers Conference Meritorious Service Award**

The SOC Meritorious Service Award, established in 1994, recognizes the important contributions ABA Sections, Divisions and Forum committees make to the life and work of the ABA. The award recognizes a program, project or other initiative undertaken in the last year that is of extraordinary benefit to the profession, the public and/or the Association. Finalists for the 2007 award include the **Section of Litigation's Darfur Legal Training Project**; The **Leadership Academy of the Section of Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section**; and the **Young Lawyers Division "Choose Law: A**

**Profession for All"** program. The key contact is Lametrea Gray at [grayl@staff.abanet.org](mailto:grayl@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5633. Visit the web site for more information at [www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=YY100200](http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=YY100200).

### **ABA Senior Lawyers Division Pro Bono Award**

**Dennis R. Baldwin** of Syracuse, New York, is this year's recipient of the Division's Pro Bono Award. The award honors one ABA lawyer member who is 55 or older as of July 1, 2007 who provides pro bono services to the poor outside of this/her regular employment. Baldwin developed the Onondaga County Bar Lawyers Project and the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

### **John H. Pickering Award of Achievement (Inaugural)**

The first Pickering Award is being presented to **Ronald S. Miller** of Chicago in recognition of his civil rights advocacy and delivery of legal services to those who cannot otherwise afford them. Miller has been active in the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and in other local and national efforts. This award was recently created in honor of the life and accomplishments of John H. Pickering, a Washington, D.C. lawyer who was involved in pro bono services, law-related social issues and the needs of the elderly. The award recognizes a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated throughout his or her career outstanding legal ability; compiled a distinguished record of dedicated service to the profession and the community at large; and has made significant contributions to the furtherance of access to justice for all. For more information contact the Senior Lawyers Division at 312/988-5565.

Details on the awards can be found at these Web sites for the awards: [www.abanet.org/srlawyers/probono/home](http://www.abanet.org/srlawyers/probono/home) and [www.abanet.org/srlawyers/probono/johnpickeringaward.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/srlawyers/probono/johnpickeringaward.shtml).

### **John Marshall Award**

The John Marshall Award, presented by the ABA Justice Center, is being awarded to **Chief Justice Ronald M. George** of the Supreme Court of California. The award was established to recognize those dedicated to the improvement of the adminis-

tration of justice. For more information, please contact Gilda Fairley at fairleyg@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5689.

More information can be found at [www.abanet.org/justicecenter/johnmarshall.html](http://www.abanet.org/justicecenter/johnmarshall.html).

### **ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges Awards Franklin N. Flaschner Award**

The Franklin N. Flaschner Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to continuing education of the judiciary. The conference has selected retired **Chief Justice Harry C. Martin** of Asheville, North Carolina, to be the 2007 recipient.

### **Judicial Education Award**

**Sarah Y. Sheppard** of Knoxville, Tennessee, is the 2007 recipient of the Judicial Education Award. The award, which recognizes superior efforts in providing high quality education for judges, is presented annually.

### **William R. McMahon Award**

The 2007 William R. McMahon Award, created to honor leaders in the implementation of technological advances in the courts, is being presented to **David Pimentel** of Jacksonville, Florida.

For more information on these awards, please contact Gilda Fairley at fairleyg@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5689. Information is posted at the Web site for the conference at [www.abanet.org/jd/ncscj/awards.html](http://www.abanet.org/jd/ncscj/awards.html).

### **Jefferson Fordham Society Award**

The ABA Section of State and Local Government Law will honor four individuals with Jefferson Fordham Awards for their accomplishments in four areas of state and local government practice. The 2007 recipients are **Daniel R. Mandelker** of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, who is receiving the Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award; receiving the State and Local Government Law Up & Comers Award is **Carie A. Torrence** of the City Attorney's Office in Las Vegas; **Dennis J. Herrera** of the San Francisco Office of the City Attorney is the recipient of the State and Local Government Law Office Accomplishment Award; and **John Echeverria** of Georgetown University Law Center has been named recipient of the State and Local

Government Law Advocacy Award. The awards are named in honor of the late Jefferson B. Fordham, former chair of the ABA Section of Municipal Law, who served as dean of the Ohio State and University of Pennsylvania Law Schools and who pioneered the development of local government law by seeking solutions to matters of municipal government.

For more information on the awards, contact Leigh Stewart at [stewartl@staff.abanet.org](mailto:stewartl@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5649. Visit the Web site at [www.abanet.org/statelocal/lawnews/spring07/sectionnews.html](http://www.abanet.org/statelocal/lawnews/spring07/sectionnews.html).

### **Jury System Impact Award**

The ABA Commission on the American Jury Project will give its inaugural awards to Robert J. Grey Jr. and Judge B. Michael Dann. Grey, former president of the ABA, formed two special commissions during his presidency - the American Jury Project and the Commission on the American Jury - to increase public awareness of and participation in the jury system in the U.S. and to develop a comprehensive set of jury principles. Dann, a judge in the Maricopa County (Phoenix) Superior Court for 20 years, including chief judge for five years, serves as a visiting fellow at the National Center for State Courts, where his work focuses on jury trial and judicial selections reforms and on science and law issues. The award was established to recognize an individual or organization that has made significant contributions and tremendous efforts to the improvement, preservation and strengthening of the American jury system.

For more information, contact Rebecca Desalvo at 312/988-5742 or [desalvoR@staff.abanet.org](mailto:desalvoR@staff.abanet.org). Information on the award is posted at [www.abanet.org/jury/](http://www.abanet.org/jury/).

### **Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Awards**

#### **Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award**

**Aaron Twerski**, a professor at Brooklyn Law School, is this year's recipient of the Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award. The annual award recognizes a law professor who is committed to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession through their outstanding contributions to the fields of tort and insurance law.

### Pursuit of Justice Award

The Pursuit of Justice Award is being presented to **Robert E. Cartwright Jr.** of San Francisco. The award is presented quarterly to a civil litigation lawyer who has demonstrated outstanding merit and excelled at ensuring access to justice. Cartwright has been active in national, state and local bar work, and has an active practice in civil trial litigation. He has received recognition for his work from a number of organizations.

### Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award

**David A. Siegel**, of Nahon Saharovich & Trotz, PLC, a Memphis, Tenn. law firm, is being honored with the 2007 Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award. The Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award recognizes TIPS members who have the attributes embodied by Senator Muskie: his dedication to justice for all citizens, his public service, and his role as a lawyer and distinguished leader of TIPS.

### Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award

TIPS is honoring **Hervey P. Levin** of Dallas, Texas, with the Hecker Memorial Award for 2007 in recognition of his work as a section member who consistently demonstrates the qualities of leadership, outreach, enthusiasm, professionalism and pride in the section and its accomplishments. Levin is a 28-year member of the section. The award is named in honor of the late Andrew C. Hecker of Philadelphia, former chair of the section.

### Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award

This inaugural award honors **Jane Hoffman** of New York City, president and chairman of the Board for the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals. The award was developed to recognize exceptional work by a member or leader of an international, national, regional, state or local animal law committee who through his or her commitment and leadership has made an impact on the advancement of the human treatment of animals.

### Kirsten Christophe Memorial Award for Excellence in Trial and Insurance Law

TIPS is honoring **Juanita Bolland Luis** of Little Canada, Minnesota, with the 2007 Kirsten Christophe Memorial Award for Excellence in Tort Trial and Insurance Law. Award recipients are selected based on their demonstrated expertise in an area of trial practice or insurance law, and an exemplary balance of career, profession and family, in both life and practice. The award was created in honor of former section council member, Kirsten Christophe, who died in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center attacks. Luis, associate general counsel for United-Health Group in Minnetonka, Minnesota, has been a long-time member of the ABA and TIPS and has held various leadership positions within TIPS.

For more information on TIPS awards, please contact Nick Michna, [michnan@staff.abanet.org](mailto:michnan@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-5574. Award information can be found at [www.abanet.org/tips/press/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/tips/press/home.html).

### Young Lawyers Division Awards The YLD Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer award

The annual awards for legal contributions are based on professional accomplishments, leadership and service to the community. A member of each uniformed service is recognized. This year's honorees are U.S. Army Captain **Daniel J. Everett**, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, OSJA, Camp Liberty, Iraq; U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander **Susan M. McGarvey**, OTJAD, Department of the Navy, Pentagon; U.S. Air Force Captain **W. James Annexstad**, Air Force JAG School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; U.S. Marine Major **Robert G. Palmer**, Legal Service Support Section, 3D Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan; and U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant **Robert M. Pirone**, Special Prosecutor, Central Criminal Court of Iraq Liaison Office, Baghdad, Iraq.

### The YLD Child Advocacy Award

The YLD, in conjunction with the ABA Center on Children and the Law, annually honors two lawyers for their distinguished service on behalf of children. The recipients are selected based on their personal achievements and commitment to child advocacy. This year's recipients are: Non-Young Lawyer Category: **Gail Chang Bohr**, executive director Children's

Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul. In the Young Lawyer Category: **Leecia Welch**, senior attorney, National Center for Youth Law, Oakland, California.

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## Fellows of the Young Lawyers Division Award

The Young Lawyers Division selected **Wm. Reece Smith Jr.**, a past president of the American Bar Association, to receive this year's Fellows of the YLD Award. The award is presented annually in recognition of distinguished service to the public or the legal profession. Reece Smith is recognized as one of the nation's finest and most respected leaders in the law. During his 50-year career, Smith has been a leader as a lawyer, an educator, a mentor to younger lawyers, a community servant, and an outstanding citizen. He is a former Rhodes Scholar, author of numerous law journal articles, a vigorous champion of legal services for the poor, former president of the University of South Florida, recipient of the ABA Medal, president and chair of numerous arts and philanthropic organizations, and Chair Emeritus of his law firm, Carlton Fields. The award is presented annually at the Annual Fellows Dinner. Contact Rob King in the Young Lawyers Division at 312/988-6235 or [kingr@staff.abanet.org](mailto:kingr@staff.abanet.org). Information is posted at [www.abanet.org/yld](http://www.abanet.org/yld).

## The Paul G. Hearne Award

The Paul G. Hearne Award will be presented by the Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law to **Laura Cooper Fenimore**. The award is presented each year to an individual or organization that has performed exemplary service in furthering the rights, dignity and access to justice for the some 54 million Americans with disabilities.

Paul G. Hearne was a pioneer in advancing the cause of the disabled. Hearne helped create opportunities for himself through his tenacity, intelligence and initiative. He served as the director of Just One Break, Inc., the nation's first private job placement agency for people with disabilities; the National Council on Disability; the Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities; the International Center for the Disabled; the Very Special Arts International Fund; and the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation. The award is

cosponsored by the Starbucks Coffee Company.

Fenimore, of Portland, Oregon, specializes in long-term planning and insurance issues for people with chronic illnesses. She is a co-founder of *Pathwise*, a non-profit formed to assist people with chronic illnesses and/or disabilities in creating viable plans to enable them to achieve true long-term financial independence. Prior to that, she was a solo practitioner specializing in planning and consumer-based insurance-related issues and other legal needs of those with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Since 1992 Fenimore has been, on a volunteer basis, outside counsel and national independent living consultant to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. In 1988 she was elected chair of the Disabled Lawyers Committee of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

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## Silver Gavel Awards

Presented by the ABA Standing Committee on Gavel Awards, the Silver Gavel Awards are presented annually to communications media that have been exemplary in helping to foster the American public's understanding of the law and the legal system. The 2007 winners are:

- **Newspapers: *Signing Statements***, *The Boston Globe*
- **Television News and Documentaries: *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till***, Court TV and Till Freedom Come Productions
- **Radio: " Judge Vows to Free Inmates Held since Katrina,"** National Public Radio
- **New Media: [www.votingforjudges.org](http://www.votingforjudges.org)**, King County Bar Association and 19 Co-Sponsoring Organizations, Seattle, Washington
- **Magazines: "Nobody's Hero,"** 5280: *Denver's City Magazine*
- **Books: *Guantanamo and the Abuse of Power***, Simon & Schuster

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