

## Awards

### Pursuit of Justice Award

**Charles L. Becton** of Becton, Slifkin & Bell, P.A. in **Raleigh, N.C.**, was selected as the recipient of the Pursuit of Justice Award, presented by the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section. The Pursuit of Justice Award is bestowed quarterly to recognize civil litigation lawyers who have shown outstanding merit and excelled at ensuring access to justice. A Senior Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law and the John Scott Cansler Lecturer at the University of North Carolina School Law, Becton received this award in recognition of his work in trial advocacy and education. For more information, contact Sarai Shacklett at shackles@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5574.

### Minister of Justice Award

**Norman Maleng** of **Seattle** received the Minister of Justice Award, presented by the ABA Criminal Justice Section at the section's conference, "Disaster Preparedness and the Criminal Justice System." The Minister of Justice Award was established to recognize prosecutors who have evidenced the prosecutor's obligation to protect the innocent and to convict the guilty, to guard the rights of the accused and to enforce the rights of the public, and to have an unwavering commitment to the highest legal and ethical standards. Maleng gained notoriety for being the "Green River serial killer prosecutor." For more information, contact Jack Hanna at hannaj@staff.abanet.org or 202/662-1510.

### Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Fellows Program

Fellowships were awarded to **Jasleen Kaur Anand**, Law Offices of Jasleen K. Anand in **Valley Stream, N.Y.**; **Suzanne E. Luna**, Law Offices of Suzanne E. Luna, LL.M., P.C. in **Virginia Beach, Va.**; **Tanya D. Marsh**, Kite Realty Trust Group in **Indianapolis**; **Rana H. Salti**, Winston & Strawn LLP in **Chicago**; and **Michael A. Spielman**, Tucker Ellis & West LLP in **Cleveland**. The goal of the program is to provide active members of the ABA Young Lawyers Division or state and local bar associations with an opportunity to become involved in the substantive work of the Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, to develop future leaders and to enhance knowledge about the work of the section among members of the YLD and other young lawyers. For more information, contact Amy Cianci at ciancia@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5590.

## 2007 Spirit of Excellence Awards

Presented annually by the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, the Spirit Awards celebrate the accomplishments of lawyers who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. The 2007 recipients are: **William T. Coleman Jr.** of **Washington, D.C.**, Melveny & Myers LLP and senior director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc; **William S. Richardson**, retired Chief Justice of **Hawaii** and the first native Hawaiian to hold that position; former Justice **Joseph W. Hatchett** of the Florida Supreme Court, first African-American to serve on the federal appellate court in the south; **Thomas A. Mars**, senior vice president and general counsel of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.; **Arturo L. Jaramillo**, first Hispanic president of the State Bar of **New Mexico**; **Paulette Brown** of **Short Hills, N.J.**, partner with Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge; and **Paul W. Lee**, founder and first president of the Asian American Lawyers Association of **Massachusetts**. The awards will be presented at the 2007 ABA Midyear Meeting in Miami.

## 2005-2006 Student Excellence awards

In recognition of outstanding work in the areas of land use law and local government law, the 2005-2006 Student Excellence Awards were presented by the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law to: **Seth Mosebey**, **Penn State** University, The Dickinson School of Law; **Shariq Siddiqui** and **Michael Montagano**, **Indiana** University School of Law; **Leopold Wetula**, **Cleveland-Marshall** College of Law; **Jared Taylor**, Tulane Law School; **April H. Hocutt**, The University of **Alabama** School of Law; **Erica Lynne Holzman**, **Georgia** State University College of Law; **Betsy Haws**, J. Reuben Clark Law School; **Melanie Karkos**, Quinnipiac University School of Law; **Adam Van Buskirk**, **Jon P. Thayer** and **Natasha E. Phillip**, **Albany** Law School; **Mary Pat O'Connor**, **Ohio** Northern University, Pettit College of Law; **Ron Evan Peck**, Rutgers Law School; **John Carter Grant**, Wake Forest University School of Law; and **Juana C. Gonzalez and Allison Raggo**, University of **Connecticut** School of Law.

## Nominations

### John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award

The ABA Section of Litigation is looking for nominees for the 2007 John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award. The award honors outstanding individuals and firms that have significantly contributed to the quality of justice in their communities and to ensuring that the legal system is available to all. To download the nomination form, visit [www.abanet.org/litigation/committee/probono/jmwa.html](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/committee/probono/jmwa.html). Nominations are due **Dec. 4, 2006**. For more information, contact Sharyne Tu at [tusharyne@staff.abanet.org](mailto:tusharyne@staff.abanet.org) or 312/988-6069.

### 2007 Pro Bono Publico Awards

The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service will present five awards to individual lawyers and institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. Please nominate a colleague or law firm for the 2007 ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards. Nominations for lawyers of color and women are encouraged. The deadline for nominations is **Feb. 9, 2007**. The awards will be presented during the ABA Annual meeting in San Francisco. To download nomination guidelines, information on past recipients, or nomination forms visit [http://www.abanet.org/legal/services/probono/pbp\\_current\\_recipients.html](http://www.abanet.org/legal/services/probono/pbp_current_recipients.html). For more information, please contact Tamaara Mason-Piquion at 312/988-5756 or at [masont@staff.abanet.org](mailto:masont@staff.abanet.org).

### ABA Senior Lawyers Division

The ABA Senior Lawyers Division will present the 2007 SLD Pro Bono Award to an exceptional senior lawyer who does not obtain principal income through employment by a legal services organization or by delivering legal services to the poor. A nominee must be an ABA member, age 55 or older as of July 1, 2007. Completed submissions must include a typed nomination form, biographical sketch or resume of three pages, three letters of support, and three supporting documents or articles. To download the guidelines and nomination form, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/srlawyers/probono/home.shtml>. Submit nominations to [boykinaa@staff.abanet.org](mailto:boykinaa@staff.abanet.org) no later than **Feb. 28, 2007**.

### National Public Service Award

The ABA Section of Business Law Committee on Pro Bono is seeking nominations for its 2007 National Public Service Award in two categories: contributions of an individual and contributions of a law firm or corporate law department. Award recipients must have demonstrated dedication to the development or delivery of *pro bono* legal services, provided *pro bono* business counsel, or contributed work toward developing innovative approaches to the delivery of *pro bono* business legal services. Deadline for nominations is **Jan. 19, 2007**. The award will be presented at the section's spring meeting in March. For more information, please contact Allyn M. O'Connor at 312/988-6398 or [oconnora@staff.abanet.org](mailto:oconnora@staff.abanet.org).