

## **GP/Solo Difference Makers Awards**

The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division honored six individuals with its annual GP/Solo Difference Makers Awards during its Fall Conference. Recipients included **William T. Robinson III, C. Dale McClain, Wendy Demchick Alloy, Mary Coyne Pugh, Harvey Strauss,** and **Judge Pamila J. Brown.** Legal practitioners who demonstrate a commitment to changing their communities and/or the legal profession for the better are eligible for the GP/Solo Difference Makers Award. For more information, please contact Dee Lee at 312/988-5648 or visit <http://www.abanet.org/genpractice/awards/#diffmakers>.

## **Pursuit of Justice Award**

The Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section recently presented the Pursuit of Justice Award to **Chief Justice Fred R. Lewis** of the Florida Supreme Court during the TIPS 2007 Fall Meeting. Justice Lewis was recognized for his continuing efforts in ensuring justice for all, particularly needy children. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1998 and has received several other rewards for his accomplishments. For more information, please contact Nick Michna at 312/988-5574 or [michnan@staff.abanet.org](mailto:michnan@staff.abanet.org).

## **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**

The Section of Family Law holds the Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest annually to encourage curiosity and investigation into the field of family law. The winners receive a certificate, a letter of commendation to their law school dean, and the opportunity to have their essay published in the *Family Law Quarterly* and/or on the Section's Website. This year, **Lila Slovak, Jessica Hawkins,** and **Tracie Siddiqui** were first, second and third place recipients of the award, respectively. For more information, contact Carrie Asalon at 312/988-5145 or [asalonc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:asalonc@staff.abanet.org). Information is available online as well at <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml#overview>.

### **Spirit of Excellence Awards**

The Spirit of Excellence Award celebrates the achievements of diverse lawyers and others who contribute to the legal profession and society. **Cesar L. Alvarez, Christopher J. Arriola, John W. Kozyak, George Bundy Smith, Margaret Bush Wilson** and **Mia F. Yamamoto** will be honored for their work on Feb. 9, in Los Angeles. For more information, contact Sandra Yamate at 312/988-5638 or [yamates@staff.abanet.org](mailto:yamates@staff.abanet.org). Information is also available at [www.abanet.org/minorities/spirit/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/minorities/spirit/home.html).

### **Solicitations**

#### **Judicial Intern Opportunity Program**

The ABA Section of Litigation is now accepting applications for its Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. A full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship, JIOP is available to all first- or second-year minority students and/or financially disadvantaged law students. The program provides opportunities to do legal research and writing for state and federal judges in participating cities. Interns will receive a \$1,500 award. For more information, contact Gail Howard at 312/988-6348 or [howardg@staff.abanet.org](mailto:howardg@staff.abanet.org). Information is also available online at <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/home.html>.

#### **Thurgood Marshall Award**

The Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities invites ABA members to submit nominations for the 2008 Thurgood Marshall Award. Recipients are honored for their long-term contributions to the furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights in the U.S. To nominate a candidate, contact the section office at 202/662-103 or [irr@abanet.org](mailto:irr@abanet.org). Nomination forms can also be obtained at [www.abanet.org/irr](http://www.abanet.org/irr).

### **National Public Service Award**

Initiated in 1994, the National Public Service Award honors those who have made significant *pro bono* contributions in legal services, and nominations are currently being accepted. Award recipients have demonstrated concerted efforts to develop innovative approaches to the delivery of these services and/or provided sustained *pro bono* business legal counsel to non-profit organizations or to microbusinesses in aid of community development. For more information, please visit [www.ababusinesslaw.org/r/npsa](http://www.ababusinesslaw.org/r/npsa).

### **Michael Franck Award**

Named after Michael Franck, late director of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michael Franck Award is a tribute to lawyers who have made significant contributions to the work of the organized bar. Noteworthy scholarly contributions made in academic settings, creative or legislative initiatives undertaken to advance the professionalism of lawyers and other related professions will also be given consideration. For more information, please contact Angela Burke at 312/988-5305 or [angelaburke@staff.abanet.org](mailto:angelaburke@staff.abanet.org). Nominations can also be made online at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/awards/franck.html>.

### **Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project**

The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project provides law students with the extraordinary opportunity to work in the consumer protection and antitrust departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General. Established in honor of the late Janet D. Steiger, this fellowship introduces law students to the rewards of legal careers in public service. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 28, 2008. For more information, contact Deborah Douglas at 312/988-5606 or [douglasd@staff.abanet.org](mailto:douglasd@staff.abanet.org). Applications may also be submitted online at <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml>.

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