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FEDERAL COURTS ANNOUNCE PRO BONO LEADERS AMONG D.C. FIRMS

Washington D.C. – April 13, 2016: In a ceremony to be held at the federal courthouse on Thursday, April 21, 2016, the judges of the District of Columbia federal courts will honor local law firms for outstanding leadership in the area of pro bono service.

Representatives of the 33 law firms being recognized will join the District of Columbia federal judges for the thirteenth annual 40 at 50 Judicial Pro Bono Recognition Breakfast.

The event honors law firms at which at least 40% of all attorneys dedicated 50 or more hours in 2015 to providing free legal representation to individuals with limited financial resources or to charitable organizations. Fourteen firms reached at least 50% participation at or above 50 hours and five firms reached at least 60% participation at or above 50 hours. At the first recognition breakfast in 2004, only seven firms met the “40 at 50” standard. This year’s number, 33, is a record.

The honorees are listed on the following page. The fourteen firms where 50% or more of attorneys contributed at least 50 hours in 2015 (designated below with a “*”) will receive special recognition at the breakfast. Five of these fourteen (indicated below by a “+”) had 60% or more of their attorneys contributing 50 or more hours of pro bono service in 2015.

In alphabetical order, the honorees are:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Arnold & Porter LLP*

Blank Rome LLP

Bryan Cave LLP

Covington & Burling LLP*

Crowell & Moring LLP

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

DLA Piper LLP (US)

Duane Morris LLP

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP*

Gilbert LLP*+

Goodwin Procter LLP*+

Hogan Lovells US LLP

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP*

Jenner & Block*+

Jones Day

Kirkland & Ellis

McDermott, Will & Emery LLP

Miles & Stockbridge P.C.

Miller & Chevalier Chartered*

Morrison & Foerster LLP

O'Melveny & Myers LLP*

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP*

Paul Hastings LLP

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP*+

Reed Smith LLP*

Ropes & Gray LLP*+

Sidley Austin LLP

Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Weil*

WilmerHale

Winston & Strawn

*Indicates 50% at 50

+indicates 60% at 50

Bold font indicates firm partners achieved 40% at 50 goal

The D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services sponsors this annual event to promote the aspirational goal of the Circuit's Judicial Conference that each attorney contributes at least 50 pro bono hours per year. Law firms with 25 or more attorneys in the District are eligible for recognition.

The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in the William B. Bryant Annex Atrium of the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse.

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