CHIEF JUDGES ANNOUNCE PRO BONO LEADERS AMONG D.C. FIRMS

Washington D.C. – April 21, 2017: In a ceremony to be held at the federal courthouse on Thursday, April 27, 2017, the Chief Judges of the District of Columbia federal courts will honor local law firms and the National Capital Region Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) for outstanding leadership in the area of pro bono service.

Representatives of the 33 law firms being recognized and the ACC National Capital Region Chapter will join Chief Judge Merrick Garland, Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell, and other District of Columbia federal judges for the fourteenth 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 2016 to providing free legal representation to individuals with limited financial resources or to charitable organizations. At seven firms, 40% of the firm partners contributed 50 or more hours of pro bono service in 2016.

This year’s honorees are listed below. The eleven firms where 50% or more of attorneys contributed at least 50 hours in 2016 (designated below with a “**”) will receive special recognition at the breakfast. Three of these eleven (indicated below by a “+”) had 60% or more of their attorneys contributing 50 or more hours of pro bono service in 2016.

The ACC National Capital Region Chapter is being recognized for promoting pro bono work by in-house corporate lawyers and for establishing partnerships with the District of Columbia Bar Pro Bono Center’s Small Business Assistance Clinics, with the Whitman-Walker Legal Services Program, and with the Children’s Law Center.

The program will specially honor the demonstrated pro bono commitment of Ropes & Gray, Jenner & Block LLP, and Miller & Chevalier. At Ropes & Gray, 75% of attorneys contributed 50 hours of more of pro bono service in 2016. At Jenner & Block and Miller & Chevalier, more than 65% of attorneys contributed 50 or more hours of pro bono service.
In alphabetical order, the law firm honorees are:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP *
Arnold & Porter LLP *
Covington & Burling LLP
Crowell & Moring LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP *
Dechert LLP
DLA Piper, LLP (US)
Duane Morris LLP *
Foley & Lardner LLP
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Gilbert LLP
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP
Jenner & Block LLP **+
Jones Day
Latham & Watkins *

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP *
Mayer Brown LLP
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Miller & Chevalier Chartered *+
O’Melveny & Myers LLP
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP *
Paul Hastings LLP
Reed Smith
Ropes & Gray LLP *+
Shearman & Sterling LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Steptoe
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
WilmerHale
Winston & Strawn *

* indicates 50% at 50
+ indicates 60% at 50
**+ 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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