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**Allegheny County Bar Foundation to Recognize Individuals,  
Pro Bono Project with 2025 Pro Bono Achievement Awards**

*Awards to be presented at Sept. 25 Fall Foundation Reception at Hotel Monaco*

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Bar Foundation is proud to support the delivery of free legal services to members of the community facing critical legal matters who cannot afford representation. Each year through its Pro Bono Achievement Awards, the ACBF recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the worthy cause of closing the justice gap and promoting justice for all.

The 2025 Pro Bono Achievement Awards will be presented at the ACBF's Fall Foundation Reception on Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m., at Hotel Monaco in Downtown Pittsburgh.

The following four individuals and one pro bono project will be recognized:

**Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award: Bradley J. Kitlowski**

Bradley J. Kitlowski of Mt. Lebanon – an attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC (Buchanan) – has demonstrated steadfast support to pro bono legal services. Mr. Kitlowski has lead Buchanan's Protection From Abuse (PFA) Program in its Pittsburgh office for several years in collaboration with Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS). PFAs are unfortunately a perennial need, in which those who have suffered abuse need support with securing protective orders from their abusers in court. NLS recruits volunteer attorneys to help meet this dire need. Under Mr. Kitlowski's leadership, the firm has remained dedicated to its PFA program, for which Buchanan's attorneys dependably volunteer. Mr. Kitlowski is not only able to deliver consistent volunteer attorneys for NLS, but is also eager to arrange for NLS to hold PFA Continuing Legal Education Seminars at Buchanan's offices. These seminars help encourage pro bono participation for the project from those outside of the firm. Mr. Kitlowski's leadership in Buchanan's Protection From Abuse Program is extraordinary. Beyond his pro bono leadership through Buchanan's PFA Program, Mr. Kitlowski also manages Pittsburgh's H.E.L.P. Clinic, which provides pro bono legal protection to those experiencing homelessness.

**Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award: Matthew Mohammad Roohollahi**

Matthew Mohammad Roohollahi of Charleston, W. Va. – an attorney with JBM Legal, LLC – has been dedicated to volunteer legal service since the start of his career. Mr. Roohollahi implemented the pro bono Special Immigrant Juvenile Program at JBM Legal, where immigrant children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned are assisted with securing permanent residency cards to remain in the United States, where they have made dangerous journeys to reach.

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Many of these children have suffered horrible abuses and do not speak a commonly-spoken language, but indigenous dialects. In the last four years, Mr. Roohallahi has represented over 60 children across eight counties in their journey to start their American Dream. Mr. Roohallahi aids the most vulnerable in the community, who have endured such hardship, through legal representation with professionalism and empathy.

### **\*Mary Ann Troper-Malley Partner in Justice Award: Dana Gold**

Pittsburgh's Dana Gold – the Chief Operations Officer of Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) – is a deserving recipient of the inaugural Mary Ann Troper-Malley Partner in Justice Award. In response to anticipated immigration policy changes, Ms. Gold created the Collaborative for Immigrant Impact in 2024, a partnership of 18 local organizations serving the immigrant community. Despite maintaining a full workload at JFCS, Ms. Gold not only created the collaborative, but helped secure over three million dollars in emergency funding to benefit organizations within the group that had experienced funding cuts. This funding allowed for vital services for immigrants in the Pittsburgh area to continue. Through the success of the collaborative, partner organizations have been able to not just extend their free legal representation, but partner with fellow organizations to serve more clients than they were previously able and resource other high-risk advocacy areas. Ms. Gold is a true partner in justice as she looks outward to support the Pittsburgh community at every turn.

### **Outstanding Pro Bono Project Award: Carnegie Legal Clinic Volunteers – Jorie Bagnato, Morgan M. Bonekovic, Joseph Gray, Roger D. Horgan, Anita Astorino Kulik, Joseph Kulik, Matthew J. Morella, Jennifer Fox Rabold, and M. Farley Schlass**

The Pro Bono Center held the first Carnegie Legal Clinic on February 22, 2024, at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Carnegie, Pa. is a location without access to convenient legal services, and the Pro Bono Center hoped to address this need by establishing a quarterly evening brief advice clinic in the area. The Pro Bono Center has now held five clinics that have become extremely popular in the community, addressing legal issues ranging from wills and estates to criminal records clearing to housing and family law. What makes the clinics so successful is the experienced and dedicated group of volunteer attorneys: Jorie Bagnato, Morgan M. Bonekovic, Joseph Gray, Roger D. Horgan, Anita Astorino Kulik, Joseph Kulik, Matthew J. Morella, Jennifer Fox Rabold, and M. Farley Schlass. These attorneys are eager to donate their time and expertise to help their community and advise their clients with compassion and competency. Several volunteers return for almost every clinic, and many have opted to extend the clinic's brief advice cases into longer pro bono projects with full representation. The volunteers will assist in set-up, take-down, and have even baked cookies for clients. The Carnegie Clinic Volunteers are deserving of the Outstanding Pro Bono Project Award as their reliable and consistent pro bono participation has brought crucial legal services to an area in need.

### **Law Student Pro Bono Award: James Miller**

The Pittsburgh Pardons Project of the ACBF's Pro Bono Center works to clear criminal records through gubernatorial pardons, eliminating one of the most common barriers to housing, employment, and educational opportunities. James Miller – a Johnstown, Pa. native – came to Pittsburgh Pardons Project in his second year at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Duquesne University after attending one of the project's Continuing Legal Education Seminars of his own volition, adding another course to his already rigorous class schedule. Mr. Miller demonstrated a passion for the cause and reached out immediately to request a pardon case assignment. He has been a dedicated volunteer for the Pardons Project ever since, through his final year of law school and now as a graduate. Mr. Miller's clients appreciate the kindness and diligence he brings to his cases. As both a law student and a young professional, Mr. Miller has established an early dedication to public interest causes.

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The award winners will also be recognized during National Pro Bono Week, Oct. 19-25. Pro Bono Week is a national celebration of the life-changing work that volunteer attorneys perform on behalf of clients with low incomes across the country. The ACBF Pro Bono Center will celebrate the week with a variety of events by thanking volunteers, recruit and train additional volunteers, and bring attention to the needs of individuals facing critical legal issues.

### ***Additional Award Information:***

*The Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award is given to an attorney who demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment to pro bono effort benefitting the most vulnerable in the community.*

*The Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award is given to an attorney who has shown exemplary commitment to or made substantial achievements in pro bono legal services. The ACBF Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in 2002 to name this award in recognition of Jane Hepting's dedication to the delivery of pro bono legal services through her 26 years as a Neighborhood Legal Services attorney, the many and varied pro bono programs that she helped create and implement, her recruitment initiatives and exceptional training programs to attract and prepare volunteer attorneys, her exceptional expenditures of time and energy on behalf of pro bono legal services, and her outstanding commitment and dedication to public service, the legal profession and the community.*

*\*The Mary Ann Troper-Malley Partner in Justice Award is given to non-attorneys who have made outstanding contributions to the delivery of free legal services. The ACBA/ACBF Access To Justice Committee voted to name this award in recognition of Mary Ann Troper-Malley's remarkable devotion to public interest services in 2025, honoring her 50<sup>th</sup> year with Neighborhood Legal Services as a paralegal. Mrs. Troper-Malley is responsible for recruiting and overseeing attorneys in NLS's Protection From Abuse Pro Bono Project, in which she is widely regarded for her professionalism and kindness by her clients, volunteer attorneys, and the whole of Pittsburgh's legal community.*

### **About the ACBF**

*The ACBF provides educational programming, promotes public awareness of the legal and judicial systems, renders legal services to clients with low incomes and provides financial assistance and grants to legal-related organizations. The foundation's Pro Bono Center helps attorneys fulfill their professional responsibility to provide public interest legal services by creating, managing, and supporting programs that match volunteer attorneys with individuals with low incomes facing legal issues that threaten their basic human needs. For more information, visit [www.PittsburghProBono.org](http://www.PittsburghProBono.org).*

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