

NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION 2006 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT PRO BONO AWARD

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association is currently seeking nominations for its 2006 Outstanding Achievement Pro Bono Award. This award is intended to foster and recognize the outstanding pro bono efforts undertaken by IP Section members during the year. Please take a few moments to nominate yourself or another IP Section member (including law firms and other organizations such as in-house legal departments) and summarize the qualifying pro bono activities performed by the candidate during the past year. Thank you in advance for your nominations and for your encouragement of the pro bono efforts of the IP Section's members.

Award Categories

Depending on the nominations received, at least one Outstanding Achievement Pro Bono Award will be presented to an individual attorney and at least one Outstanding Achievement Pro Bono Award will be presented to either a law firm or other organization.

Basis of Awards

Individual Award. The outstanding individual achievement award will be given to at least one IP Section member who has actively participated in pro bono activities such as direct indigent representation or direct community service efforts (excluding support of professional/business organizations such as bar associations, chambers of commerce, etc.), during the period beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006 (the "Nomination Period") and who meets the below eligibility criteria.

Law Firm/Organization Award. The outstanding law firm/organization award will be given to the law firm or other organization (such as an in-house legal department) that best supports and facilitates the pro bono efforts of its attorneys. Examples of award criteria in this category include, but are not limited to: the number of IP Section member attorneys of the law firm or organization who were involved in pro bono services during the Nomination Period; the total number of hours attributed to such efforts during the Nomination Period; and the existence and substance of policies and operating guidelines intended to facilitate and promote the pro bono efforts of the firm's/organization's attorneys. Examples of qualifying pro bono activities by attorneys for this category are the same as those set forth in the basis for individual awards above. Participating firms/organizations must also meet the below eligibility criteria.

The award winners for both of the above categories will be determined by an IP Section Award Grant Committee from a review of all fully completed Nomination Forms submitted by the below deadline.

Description of Awards

The awards to be presented for each of the above categories include a plaque (or similar item) recognizing each winner and a donation in each winner's name to the Legal Services of North Carolina office in the region in which the award winner resides or has its principal place of business. All award winners will also be recognized through announcements, including one to run in an upcoming issue of the IP Section's *IP Links* newsletter.

Eligibility for Awards

Individual Award: North Carolina Bar Association member in good standing and IP Section member in good standing.

Law Firm/Organization Award: Must have at least one member in good standing in both the North Carolina Bar Association and the IP Section, and must have its principal place of business in North Carolina.

Presentation of Awards

The Outstanding Achievement Pro Bono Awards will be presented at the IP Section's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 13, 2007 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Nomination Guidelines and Deadline

Self and third party nominations are being solicited. The deadline for submission of all nominations is **Friday, March 16, 2007**.

**NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
SELF OR THIRD PARTY NOMINATION FORM FOR 2006 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT PRO BONO AWARD**

- 1) **NOMINEE:** _____
(name of individual nominee and current employer, or law firm/organization nominee, as appropriate)
- 2) **Nominee's (or main contact's if nominee is a law firm or organization) phone number or e-mail address:** _____
- 3) **Description of Nominee's efforts (pro bono activities, estimated hours, and other relevant factors – attach additional sheet as necessary):** _____

- 4) **Name of person making nomination:** _____
- 5) **Phone number or e-mail address of person making nomination:** _____

E-mail, fax or mail Nomination Form by Friday, March 16, 2007 to:

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