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Please consider the nomination of Moore and Van Allen PLLC for the 2006-2007 VLP Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Large Firm. The firm has voluntarily contributed direct pro bono legal services to indigent clients referred by Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) and Legal Services of Southern Piedmont (LSSP). The firm's extraordinary contribution of time and quality legal service has made a significant impact on the availability of legal services to low income individuals who would not have been represented otherwise.

We nominate Moore and Van Allen for this award in recognition of six hundred and eighty-six hours volunteered in closing twenty-nine cases in 2006 for low income clients referred by our organizations. Five hundred and twenty (520) hours of service were provided to LANC in closing 20 cases. Service hours to LSSP totaled one hundred and sixty-six (166) hours in closing seven cases. This work included nine types of legal cases. The diversity of the cases and the difficulty of the legal issues in many cases was extremely challenging. Two examples of the outstanding service provided by Moore and Van Allen attorneys are summarized below.

A first year associate won a judgment for \$55,125 against a landlord for an unemployed mother of four who has health problems. The tenant had resided in a property since 2001 which was virtually uninhabitable and had had serious code violations such as lead based paint. The landlord sued the tenant for summary ejection for non-payment of rent following the loss of her job. The judgment will help the client secure a decent home and a new start in life.

An 86 year old lady who is legally blind and lives alone in an apartment for senior citizens faced eviction. She had no place to move. The apartment manager alleged that the client had breached a provision in the lease which prohibits residents from committing acts that disturb the comfort of neighbors. The volunteer attorney got the eviction dismissed. The client was relieved that she didn't have to try to find a new home at this stage of her life.

In addition to the extensive work for LANC and LSSP, Moore and Van Allen provided support to several other efforts in our community which have an impact on justice for indigent citizens. Attorneys from the firm committed one hundred volunteer hours to the Judicial Pro Se project for the first year of the project and hosted a Judicial Pro Se training program. The firm is also active in the work of the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children. Attorneys from the firm provide legal assistance and have hosted two events for this organization since its inception two years ago. They have worked with the Council for Children's Rights to serve immigrant children and on cases involving access to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Moore and Van Allen is also a generous participant in the annual fundraising campaign for Access To Justice.

Accordingly, LANC and LSSP strongly recommend Moore and Van Allen for the Outstanding Large Firm 2006-2007 MCB VLP Pro Bono Award. The contribution of this firm to the quality of justice available to low income people in our community certainly merits recognition and serves as an inspiration to others in the legal profession.

Thank you for your consideration.

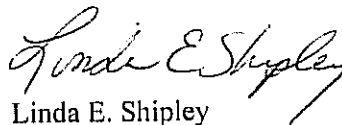
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