

Seyfarth Shaw's First Annual Pro Bono Week Celebration a Success

Educational Events Held Firmwide to Promote Awareness, Recognize Accomplishments and Encourage Participation

Chicago, IL (October 30, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, today announced that the firm joined the American Bar Association (ABA) in celebrating Pro Bono Week from October 26 through October 30, 2009. Throughout the week, members of the firm learned about the difference the firm has made in their communities, the recognition received for their efforts, the value of doing pro bono work, and the ways attorneys and others can get involved.

"As members of the legal community, it is our responsibility to use our special skills to help those who cannot afford a lawyer but who nonetheless face legal issues," said Allegra R. Rich, Pro Bono and Philanthropy Partner at Seyfarth Shaw. "All of us—staff, paralegals, and attorneys—can contribute and make a difference in someone's life."

Pro Bono Week Accolades:

Atlanta Office

On October 30, 2009, Seyfarth Shaw received the Guardian ad Litem Award for its pro bono work at this year's Celebrating Service Luncheon and Pro Bono fair. The firm trained a large number of its employees for guardian ad litem work this year, pairing lawyers and paralegals. In the past year, the firm took eight guardian cases and closed four cases. One lawyer logged more than 200 hours on pro bono divorce cases involving contested custody matters in Fulton Superior Court. The event marks the second collaboration between the Atlanta Bar Association and Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation to present their annual awards at a single event honoring often-shared constituencies.

New York Office

On Wednesday, October 27, 2009, Seyfarth Shaw received a 2009 Cornerstone Award presented by The Lawyers Alliance for New York (LANY). The Cornerstone Awards are presented each year in recognition of outstanding pro bono legal services to nonprofit groups that are working to improve neighborhoods through New York City. Seyfarth Shaw was recognized as a firm for its exemplary pro bono contributions. Lawyers Alliance is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods throughout New York City.

On Tuesday, October 26, 2009, Seyfarth Shaw corporate partner, E. Ann Gill, was one of the recipients of The Legal Aid Society's 2009 Pro Bono Publico Awards symbolizing the outstanding commitment of major New York City law firms to provide access to justice to low-income children, families, and individuals. The Legal Aid Society noted that "Gill provided excellent representation to ensure that current low-income tenants could use their Section 8 housing subsidy and not be illegally discriminated against by their landlords."

Seyfarth Shaw has over 750 attorneys located in nine offices throughout the United States including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., as well as Brussels, Belgium. Seyfarth Shaw provides a broad range of legal services in the areas of labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation and business services.

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The firm's practice reflects virtually every industry and segment of the country's business and social fabric. Clients include over 300 of the *Fortune* 500 companies, financial institutions, newspapers and other media, hotels, health care organizations, airlines and railroads. The firm also represents a number of federal, state, and local governmental and educational entities. For more information, please visit www.seyfarth.com.

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