

Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Circuit
Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services

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**U.S. DISTRICT COURT SEEKS NOMINATIONS
FOR PRO BONO AWARD**

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeks nominations for the fourth annual Daniel M. Gribbon Pro Bono Advocacy Award. Nominees may be an individual or firm that has demonstrated distinguished advocacy before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in a pro bono matter that has concluded between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008. Candidates may self-nominate, and non-winning nominations from previous years may be resubmitted if the matter falls within this year's eligible dates. Nominations, which will be accepted beginning on January 12, 2009, must be in writing and are limited to six (6) pages in length. Nominations may consist of a brief (no longer than two pages) description of the pro bono matter, as well as letters of support. **No pleadings or court filings may be attached.** The two-page description must be received **no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, March 16, 2009.** Letters of support will be accepted through **12:00 noon on Monday, March 30, 2009.** All nomination documents may be submitted electronically to the member of the D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services responsible for the nominations process, Scott A. Memmott, at smemmott@sonnenschein.com. Alternatively, an original plus 10 copies of the nomination may be submitted by the deadline to: Scott A. Memmott, Esq., Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, 1301 K Street, N.W., Suite 600, East Tower, Washington, DC 20005.

The family and friends of Daniel M. Gribbon have graciously endowed this award, in honor of Dan Gribbon's lifetime commitment to and strong support of pro bono legal services. The nominations process is managed for the District Court by the D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services. Requests for further information should be directed to Standing Committee member Scott Memmott by email at smemmott@sonnenschein.com or by phone at (202) 408-9169.