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Congratulations from the Virginia Access to Justice Commission:

The Virginia Access to Justice Commission was created on September 12, 2013, by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Its mission is to promote equal access to justice, with particular emphasis on the civil legal needs of Virginia residents. The Commission has identified increasing the bar's participation in pro bono as one its most important goals. Pro bono reporting is complimentary to that objective, and we encourage all Virginia lawyers to engage in pro bono and report their annual contributions to the Virginia State Bar.

In 2018, the Supreme Court of Virginia added Paragraph 22 to § IV of Part Six of the Rules of Court to provide for voluntary reporting of pro bono contributions. Voluntary pro bono reporting provides the Court, the Virginia Access to Justice Commission, and other pro bono stakeholders the data necessary to better understand and improve pro bono engagement by Virginia lawyers. It also provides a mechanism to recognize the pro bono contributions of Virginia lawyers who are devoted to the cause of providing meaningful access to justice.

Thank you for voluntarily reporting the pro bono contributions you made in the 2020 to 2021 bar year and for identify yourself so that we can recognize the meaningful efforts you have undertaken to deliver legal services to those in need consistent with the professional obligations outlined in Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The hours you reported on last year's dues statement demonstrate your commitment to pro bono. We would like to thank you for your contributions to pro bono by naming you as a "Pro Bono Service Honor Roll" member for the 2020 to 2021 bar year.

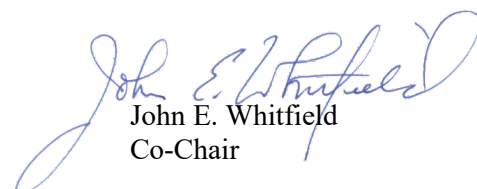
As part of this recognition, we plan to include your name on the Pro Bono Service Honor Roll list that will be published in *Virginia Lawyer Magazine*. We will also include your name in the program for the upcoming Chief Justice's Pro Bono Summit on June 9, 2022. An invitation to the Summit is forthcoming from the Virginia Bar Association and we encourage you to attend. In appreciation of your service, the Commission is also preparing a certificate bearing your name, which will be available for pick up at the Summit event.

If you would like to opt out of public recognition, please send an email to Crista Gantz, Director of Access to Legal Services, Virginia State Bar at cgantz@vsb.org by Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

We are grateful for your service and for increasing the availability of quality legal services to those in need. Congratulations on this recognition and we hope you will continue to engage in pro bono and encourage others to do so.

Very truly yours,


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