

MSBA Children and the Law Section Seeking Nominations for the Child Advocate and Service Award

The MSBA Children and the Law Section invites nominations for the Child Advocate and Pro Bono Service Award. The Section's Governing Council established this award in 2010 as a way of recognizing one attorney and one law student annually who have made an outstanding contribution to the area of child law through pro bono or legal aid in Minnesota.

The Section's Governing Council receives nominations and selects the award recipients based on the following criteria:

Attorney Criteria:

- A member of the MSBA Children and the Law Section.
- A practicing or retired attorney.
- Contributions and service to the legal community in the area of child law and advocacy.
- Contributions and service to the community at large with a focus on children.
- Pro bono and/or legal aid activities.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the practice of child law in Minnesota.

Law Student Criteria:

- A member of the MSBA Children and the Law Section.
- A current law student at one of the four metro-area law schools.
- Contributions and service to the legal community in the area of child law and advocacy.
- Contributions and service to the community at large with a focus on children.
- Pro bono and/or legal aid activities.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the practice of child law in Minnesota.
- Interest in practicing in the area of child law upon graduation.
- Contributions to child law student groups or clinics.

If selected, award recipients will be honored at the Section's September 2010 "State of Children and Law in Minnesota" CLE program. Program details will be available in July 2010.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Child Advocate and Service Award, please submit your nomination on or before July 1, 2010. Please include with your request:

- 1) The nominee's name, employer/law school, email address and telephone number.
- 2) The nominator's name, employer/law school, email address and telephone number.
- 3) A short narrative explaining the nominee's qualifications.
- 4) The nominee's resume, if available.

Please send nominations by email or US Mail to:

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