

May 14, 2012

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Dear  Ms. Bellistri,

On behalf of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland I am very pleased to inform you that your nominee, Anne Arundel County Homeless Resource Day Planning Team, has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Herbert S. Garten Special Project Pro Bono Service Award.

The Awards Committee's choice was a difficult one. All of the nominees deserve special recognition for their outstanding contributions toward increasing access to legal services for the poor. However, the Committee was particularly impressed with Ms. Paizs's pro bono efforts to ensure equal access to justice.

The official awards ceremony will be held at the Maryland State Bar Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2012 in the Ballroom at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. The presentation of the awards will be made during the latter part of the General Business Meeting, sometime between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

Congratulations, and thank you again for your nomination.

Sincerely,



Sharon E. Goldsmith, Esq.
Executive Director

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