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A Joint Statement from Carol M. Adinamis, Indiana State Bar Association President, and Geoffrey G. Slaughter, Indiana Bar Foundation President

As the year comes to a close, many of us take stock in our personal and professional lives. This year for the first time, Supreme Court Rule 6.7 asks us to take note of our annual pro bono services and donations. [Read more on this Rule and how we can help here.](#)

Shepard, Pro Bono Publico Awards Presented to Three Honorees

Members of the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Indiana Pro Bono Commission selected the following individuals for its 2015 pro bono service awards: **Hon. Martha B. Wentworth** and **Monica A. Fennell** for the Randall T. Shepard Award, and **William O. Harrington** for the Foundation's Pro Bono Publico award. [Learn more about these individuals here.](#)

Brown County Schools Superintendent and Lafayette Litigator Honored for Educating Youth

Two individuals who share a passion for education and youth development were honored for their dedication to educating tomorrow's leaders. **Susan Roberts**, formerly of Lafayette, and **David Shaffer**, Brown County Schools Superintendent, were recognized for their leadership roles. [Learn more of their stories and what others had to say about their commitment to civic education.](#)

We the People Results: Fishers' High School We the People Team Going to National Competition, Brown County Wins Indiana's Middle School Competition

A 26-member team of students in Liz Paternoster's senior government class won the 2015 Indiana *We the People* State Finals. Now the team is eligible to compete nationally April 22-25, 2016, in Maryland. The class is fundraising for the trip. You can make a donation through their [GoFundMe page](#) or you can [donate through the Indiana Bar Foundation](#) and the Foundation will send them your donation. See photos from the State Finals on our website [here](#). Like our [Facebook page](#) and follow the Foundation on Twitter [@INBarFoundation](#) to stay updated on the team's progress in the national competition.

"Words cannot even describe the joy and excitement we all felt the moment they called our name as the winners," said Ms. Paternoster. "Now, we are known as Team Indiana and will represent the Hoosier state at the "We the People" national finals. Winning the state finals in Indiana is a huge accomplishment and I am so proud to be a part of it all!"

Donald Ward: 2015 Legendary Lawyer

"I want to thank the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation for selecting and honoring me with the 2015 Legendary Lawyer Award on August 19, 2015. It was an honor to be selected by my peers for this award and I will always remember and cherish the event and the memories I have with all of my family, friends and members of the judiciary present at the award ceremony. To say the least, it is still hard for me to believe and comprehend that my peers honored me with this prestigious award." **Don Ward**, Indianapolis, shares his views on the profession including wisdom from Theodore I. Koskoff [here](#).

Justice Dickson Honored with President's Award

Geoffrey G. Slaughter, Indiana Bar Foundation president, surprised **Justice Brent Dickson** with the President's Award for his service to the profession at the annual Celebrating Civics dinner December 13. Read more about that honor in [this Indiana Lawyer article published](#) about the event. Dickson, ever humble, thanked the Foundation for its work in civics and pro bono in Indiana.

65th Anniversary Celebrates Mission, Features Watergate Journalist Woodward

November 6, 2015, the Foundation hosted Pulitzer Prize Award Winner Bob Woodward as the keynote speaker for its 65th anniversary celebration. The gala at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis was attended by over 220 members of the legal community.

Woodward began his speech by telling the audience that he "loves lawyers." Indeed, his father was a lawyer and judge in Illinois who served for a period of time as the Chief Judge of the Illinois Court of Appeals. Bob relayed a quip from his father that "lawyers say the most profound things ... unless you listen very carefully." Learn more about Woodward's comments and news from the Foundation's 65th anniversary celebration [here](#).

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