

>> ALL RISE.
HEAR YE, HEAR YE.
THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS
NOW IN CEREMONIAL SESSION.
ALL WHO HAVE CAUSE TO PLEAD,
DRAW NEAR, GIVE ATTENTION OF THE
YOU SHALL BE HEARD.
GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES,
THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA AND
THIS HONORABLE COURT.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA.
PLEASE BE SEATED.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND
YET MEN.
WILL COME TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME
COURT.
WE GATHER HERE TODAY FOR WHAT IN
MY OPINION IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OUR ANNUAL
CALENDAR.
AND THAT IS TO HONOR THE WOMEN
AND MEN OF OUR PROFESSION WHO
VOLUNTEERED THEIR LEGAL SKILLS
TO HELP THOSE WHO OTHERWISE
MIGHT NOT HAVE ACCESS TO
JUSTICE.
OUR HIGHEST AWARD, TOBIAS
PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD.
COMES FROM A PIONEERING EXAMPLE
OF ALL FLORIDA ATTORNEYS.
SIMON HIS LEGACY INCLUDED
PROVIDING ADVICE TO COUNTLESS
NUMBERS OF PRO BONO CLIENTS
REPRESENTING THE UNPOPULAR AND
OPPRESSED MEMBERS OUR SEE SIGHT,
IN TEACHING THIS SAME ETHIC TO
SCORES OF STUDENTS.
OUR STATE BAR'S PRO BONO EFFORTS
TAKE INSPIRATION FROM BOTH
TOBIAS SIMON'S MEMORY AND FROM
EXPRESS PROVISION OF OUR
CONSTITUTION THAT GUARANTIES
ACCESS TO THE COURTS FOR REDRESS
OF ANY INJURY.
FOR MORE THAN HALF CENTURY THIS
COURT REPEATEDLY RECOGNIZED THE
PRACTICE OF LAW IS A PRIVILEGE
AND IT CARRIES WITH IT CERTAIN
RESPONSIBILITIES AND

OBLIGATIONS.

BY TAKING THE OATH OF ADMISSION TO THE FLORIDA BAR EVERY LAWYER SWEARS IN PART AND I QUOTE, I WILL NEVER REJECT FROM ANY CONSIDERATION, PERSONAL TO MYSELF, THE CAUSE OF THE DEFENSELESS OR OPPRESSED, END QUOTE.

WE CONVENE HERE TODAY IN CEREMONIAL SESSION TO HONOR THOSE IN OUR PROFESSION WHO HAVE SHOWN EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT IN PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO OUR COURTS.

FIRST YEAR IN WHICH PRO BONO HOURS WERE COMPILED, THAT WAS 1993 AND 1994, SHOW THAT ATTORNEYS STATEWIDE DONATED ABOUT 800,000 HOURS OF FREE SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE.

BY THE LATEST AVAILABLE REPORTING PERIOD, ENDING LAST JUNE, THE NUMBER HAD RISEN TO MORE THAN 1.8 MILLION HOURS, WITH ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGAL AID OF NEARLY \$5 MILLION.

WE ALSO GATHER HERE TODAY TO HONOR A JUDGE A LAW FIRM, A VOLUNTARY BAR ORGANIZATION AND SPECIFIC ATTORNEYS FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS. AND STARTING NEXT YEAR, IN 2016 I HAVE DIRECTED THAT WE ADD A NEW AWARD, THE DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE AWARD. IT WILL RECOGNIZE AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED JUDGE ON A FEDERAL COURT IN FLORIDA FOR OUTSTANDING AND SUSTAINED SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE SUPPORT OF PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES.

I KNOW OF NO PROFESSION THAT GIVES MORE FREELY AND UNSELFISHLY OF ITS SERVICES ESPECIALLY IN THE STATE OF

FLORIDA.

FLORIDA LAWYERS ALSO HAVE
DONATED MANY MILLIONS OF HOURS
TO OTHER KIND OF VOLUNTARY--
VOLUNTEERISM, INCLUDING
RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE AND CIVIC
WORK.

THIS IS WORK DESERVING OF PUBLIC
RECOGNITION WHICH IS THE REASON
WE ARE HERE TODAY.

BEFORE RECOGNIZING SPECIFIC
INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, I THINK
IT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE THAT WE
ALL JOIN IN A ROUND OF APPLAUSE
FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF
MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA BAR WHO
HAVE RECOGNIZED THEIR
RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS CHARGE
WITH SUCH UNSELFISHNESS AT THIS
TYPE.

[APPLAUSE]

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S PRO BONO
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD A VERY
DIFFICULT TASK OF MAKING
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A LONG LIST
OF NOMINEES, ALL OF WHOM ARE
DESERVING OF RECOGNITION.
IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE,
THOSE WHO ARE BEING HONORED
TODAY ARE SIMPLY THE MOST
DESERVING.

THOUGH THE COMMITTEE'S TASK WAS
NOT AN EASY ONE, I FULLY CONCUR
IN THE COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE
MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AND THEIR CHAIR, THE
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
FLORIDA BAR, EUGENE K. PETTIES
AT THIS TIME.

OKAY.

WE WON'T RECOGNIZE HIM.

THOSE WHO ARE PRESENT, PLEASE
STAND, THOSE, ON THE COMMITTEE
WHO ARE PRESENT, PLEASE DO STAND
AND BE RECOGNIZED.

[APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO

RECOGNIZE PRIOR RECIPIENTS OF
THE TOBIAS SIMON PRO BONO
SERVICE AWARD.

THOSE WHO ARE PRESENT.
PLEASE STAND NOW AND BE
RECOGNIZED.

[APPLAUSE]

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE
MEMBERS THE FLORIDA PRO BONO
COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION.

THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE PRESENT,
WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND AND BE
RECOGNIZED.

[APPLAUSE]

NOW LET ME TURN TO THE AWARDS.

IN 2005 THE COURT ADDED A NEW
AWARD TO RECOGNIZE A STATE COURT
JUDGE WHO WOULD WORK TOWARDS
IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE AS IT RELATES TO
PRO BONO WORK BY LAWYERS.

SPECIFICALLY THE AWARD HONORS A
JUDGE WHOSE WORK BEST
EXEMPLIFIES THE ASPIRATIONAL
BOWL DESCRIBED IN THE COMMENTARY
IN CANNON 4-B IN THE CODE OF
JUDICIAL CONDUCT.

COMMENTARY SAYS, SUPPORT OF
PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES BY
MEMBERS ABOUT BENCH IS AN
ACTIVITY THAT RELATES TO
IMPROVEMENT OF THE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, END
QUOTE.

THE COMMENT GOES ON TO SAY, THAT
JUDGES MAY ENGAGE IN A NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO
ENCOURAGE ATTORNEYS TO PERFORM
PRO BONO SERVICES.

MOREOVER THIS AWARD HONORS A
JUDGE FOR OUTSTANDING AND
SUSTAINED SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.
IN KEEPING WITH THIS ASPIRATION,
THAT WE AS JUDGES COLLECTIVELY
SHARE, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE AND
HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S
RECIPIENT OF FLORIDA'S
DISTINGUISHED JUDICIAL SERVICE
AWARD.

IT GOES TO JUDGE ASHLEY B. MOODY

OF THE 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN TAMPA.

[APPLAUSE]

NOT YET.

DO I HEAR AN ECHO?

TO BEGIN WITH, JUDGE ASHLEY
MOODY HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN
MOTIVATING OTHERS TO SHARE HER
INTEREST IN PRO BONO SERVICE
WHICH IS HER PASSION.

SEEING A SHORTAGE OF PRIVATE
ATTORNEYS WILLING TO STAND IN
WITH JUVENILES WHO HAD NO OTHER,
WHO HAD NO PARENT OR GUARDIAN
PRESENT, JUDGE MOODY FOUNDED THE
13th CIRCUIT JUVENILE
DELINQUENT ATTORNEY'S AD LITEM
PROGRAM.

SHE FORGE AD MENTORING PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN IN THE DELINQUENCY
SYSTEM WORKING WITH BIG BROTHERS
AND BIG SISTERS OF TAMPA.

SHE FOUNDED A PRO BONO RACE TO
THE COURT HOUSE, KNOWN AS THE
PRO BONO RIVER RUN FIVE
KILOMETERS OR 5-K TO PROMOTE
PRO BONO SERVICE.

SHE CREATED THE QUOTE, JUSTICE
GAMES, AN EVENT STARTS WITH ALL
FOR JUSTICE SOCIAL HOUR WHICH
PRO BONO THEY SERVICE
ORGANIZATIONS SET UP
INFORMATIONAL TABLES.

SHE SERVED AS A CATALYST IN THE
FORMATION OF CROSSROADS FOR
FLORIDA KIDS WHICH NOW PROVIDES
THOUSANDS OF PRO BONO HOURS EACH
YEAR REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN
THE DEPENDENCY AND DELINQUENCY
DIVISIONS.

SHE HELPED IN THE PLANNING AND
LAUNCH OF THE TAMPA BAY PRO BONO
PARTNERSHIP.

SHE FOUNDED IT WITH THREE OTHER
JUDGES, WILLIAM REESE SMITH,
JR., LITIGATION IN AMERICA
COURT, TO POKE FOCUS ON PRO BONO
SERVICE, PROFESSIONALISM AND
DIVERSITY.

IN THE TIME I'VE GIVEN HERE

TODAY I COULD NOT POSSIBLY GO
THROUGH THE ENTIRE RECORD OF
PUBLIC SERVICE OF THIS
JUDGE BUT I INVITE YOU TO READ
THAT RECORD IN THE BOOKLET
DISTRIBUTED HERE TODAY.
IN ALL JUDGE MOODY TRULY IS A
SHINING EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC
SERVICE AND OF THE GOALS SET BY
CANNON 4-B THE COURT NOW
RECOGNIZES JUDGE ASHLEY B. MOODY
TO APPROACH THE BEN.
RECEIVE THE AWARD, SHAKE HANDS
WITH THE JUSTICES AND PROCEED TO
THE PODIUM FOR SOME REMARKS.
[APPLAUSE]

12450 I SEE THAT MY FATHER,
FEDERAL JUDGE JAMES MOODY, MADE
IT JUST IN TIME, RIGHT?
AS THEY CALLED ME UP HE WAS
SLIPPING IN THE BACK DOOR.
YOU'RE NOT IN TROUBLE.
MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, I DO
MISS SAYING THAT AS A LAWYER, I
REALLY DO WANT TO PLEASE THIS
COURT BECAUSE THERE ARE LIGHTS
UP HERE SHOW ME WHEN IT IS TIME
TO STOP TALK.
WE DON'T HAVE THE FANCY LIGHTS
IN TRIAL COURTS ALTHOUGH I KEEP
ASKING OUR TECH PEOPLE TO
INSTALL A BUTTON WHEN I START A
CRESCENDOED OF MUSIC WHEN I WANT
LAWYERS TO STOP TALKING.
THEY KEEP TELLING ME IT IS NOT
IN BUDGET.
IT IS VERY HUMBLING TO STAND
HERE IN TO OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND HONORABLE COURT AND MY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT IS AWARD
RECOGNITION OF SO MANY OTHER
PEOPLE.
BEGINNING WITH MY FAMILY.
MANY THAT TRAVELED A GREAT
DISTANCE TO WITH ME TODAY.
BY EXAMPLE TAUGHT PUBLIC SERVICE
AS IMPORTANT IN LIFE AS
PURSUING A CAREER.
THE LAWYERS OF HOLLAND AND NIGHT
INCLUDING MARTHA BARNETT,

ALLOWED ME TO TRY CASE AS LAWYER
AND DO A WEEK LONG FEDERAL CASE
TRIAL PRO BONO.

MY HUSBAND EFFORTLESS,
GRATEFULLY PICK UP THE SLACK
WHEN MY PROJECTS ADD ALREADY TO
MY CRAZY LIFE.

JUDICIAL ASSISTANT GINGER, BEEN
WITH ME EIGHT YEARS, TALKS TO ME
NIGHT TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL TIME
COMMITMENTS AND HOW PLOWED SHE
IS OF FOR HAVE OTHER
VOLUNTEER FOR PRO BONO.

WE CONSISTENTLY ENCOURAGE JUDGES
IN OUR CIRCUIT TO SUPPORT
PRO BONO EFFORTS.

TO HIS CREDIT WE HAD TO SOME
JUDGES WIN THIS AWARD.

PRO BONO CHAMPIONS OF THIS
CIRCUIT, SOME OF THEM HERE
TODAY, AS ROSEMARY ARMSTRONG AND
NANCY LUGO CATHERINE MCCUNE.

WITHOUT HESITATION THEY JUMPED
INTO MY LOFTY PROJECTS WITH ME,
TAGGED ALONG TO INDIVIDUAL FIRMS
TO RECRUIT FRESH NEW LAWYERS FOR
PRO BONO, THEY ARE LAWYERS AND
JUDGE WHO IS UNDERSTAND OUR
PROFESSION IS A NOBLE ONE, WITH
RESPONSIBILITIES THAT EXTEND FAR
BEYOND EARNING A PAYCHECK.

AND TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF BAY
AREA LEGAL SERVICES WHO
NOMINATED ME FOR THIS AWARD
AND WHO CONTINUE TO REMIND ME
THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO
JUSTICE FOR THE POOR, I SEW
ADMIRE THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO BE
DETERRED IN THAT PURSUIT,
DESPITE LOSS OF STAFF, CUTS IN
FUNDING AND SEEMING APATHY FROM
MANY OF OUR OWN COLLEAGUES IN
THE LEGAL COMMUNITY.

I ONCE LISTENED AS LAWYERS
DISCUSSED PRO BONO EFFORTS AT
THEIR FIRMS AT A LAUNCH TABLE.
ONE LAWYER WITHOUT MISSING A
BEAT, HIS FIRM THEY ALL
PREFERRED TO SIT AROUND AND SING
KUMBAYAH.

I WAS SHOCK, MORE SO EMBARRASSED
THAT A LAWYER WOULD HAVE SUCH A
SHALLOW UNDERSTANDING OF
PRO BONO, AS A RESULT, A SHALLOW
APPRECIATION FOR PRO BONO
SERVICE ESPECIALLY WINS WE AS
LAWYERS TOOK AN OATH TO SUPPORT
OUR CONSTITUTION.

THE VERY FIRST SENTENCE OF THE
CONSTITUTION SAYS ITS PURPOSE IS
TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE AND JUSTICE
ONLY EXISTS IF IT IS AFFORDED TO
TO WE THE PEOPLE, NOT JUST WE
THE WEALTHY.

WHEN THE LEGAL SYSTEM
BECOMES COST PROHIBITIVE DENYING
AVAILABILITY TO MOST VULNERABLE
IN SOCIETY OUR SYSTEM BEGINS TO
FRAY.

THE STRENGTH OF OUR JUDICIAL
SYSTEM RESTS ON ITS PERCEIVED
VALIDITY AND ACCESSIBILITY BY
OUR CITIZENS.

AT A TIME WHEN THERE ARE MANY
CRITICS OF OUR DEMOCRACY, BOTH
ABROAD AND HERE AT HOME.

WE AS JUDGES AND LAWYERS MUST
REMAIN VIGILANT AND OUTSPOKEN IN
INSURING EVEN THOSE WITHOUT
MEANS MAY SEEK RESOLUTION AND
PROTECTION FROM OUR COURTS.

I OFFER A CHALLENGE TO THE OTHER
CIRCUITS WHO MAY HAVE INACTIVE
CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEES OR
MAYBE COMMITTEES IN NAME ONLY.
ENCOURAGE YOUR CHIEF JUSTICE TO
CREATE, REORGANIZE AND OR
REINVIGORATE YOUR CIRCUIT
COMMITTEE.

CHANGE THE APPROACH.

DON'T ASK LAWYERS IN OUR CIRCUIT
TO DO PRO BONO BECAUSE IT WILL
MAKE THEM FEEL GOOD.

FRANKLY NOT OUR BUSINESS HOW
THEY FEEL.

WHAT IS OUR BUSINESS QUITE
LITERALLY AS JUDGES AND LAWYERS
TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION AND
PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR
JUDICIAL SYSTEM INSURING ALL

HAVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE.
SEND A MESSAGE THAT PRO BONO
SERVICE BY LAWYERS IS THE
DEFENSE OF OUR CONSTITUTION.
IT IS NOT ABOUT POLITICAL
PARTIES.
IT IS NOT ABOUT HANDOUTS.
IT IS NOT ABOUT WELFARE.
IT IS ABOUT THE LONG-TERM
SUCCESS AND STABILITY OF OUR
FORM OF GOVERNMENT.
A PATRIOT AND I DON'T MEAN THE
KIND OF PATRIOT THAT DEFLATES
FOOTBALLS OR WRONGFULLY OF
ACCUSED OF DEFLATING FOOTBALLS
AS MY HUSBAND WOULD MAKE SURE I
SAY SINCE HE MAY LEAVE ME ANY
MOMENT FOR TOM BRADY, A PATRIOT
IS SOMEONE WHO LIVES AND DEFEND
THE IDEALS OF HIS COUNTRY.
NO ONE REMEMBERS HOW MUCH JOHN
ADAMS GOT PAID REPRESENTING
BRITISH SOLDIERS AFTER THE
BOSTON MASSACRE.
WE REMEMBER THAT HE STOOD UP FOR
THE PRINCIPLE THAT JUSTICE AND
DUE PROCESS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
TO ALL.
THERE MUST BE RENEWED VIGOR FOR
PRO BONO.
WE CAN NOT SIT COMPLACENT OUR
COLLEAGUES MAY BE GUIDED BY LACK
OF UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL
PERSUASIONS OR AGENDAS
MARGINALIZE ITS IMPORTANCE.
CHANGE THE MOTTO TO A BATTLE
CRY.
INSTEAD OF HAVE A HEART, TRY BE
A PATRIOT.
I DARE SAY IT WOULD BE MUCH
HARDER IN RETURN FOR SOMEONE TO
SAY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE A
PATRIOT.
I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIALIZED
SKILLS TO BE A PATRIOT.
I THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS VERY
IMPORTANT AWARD.
IT IS TRULY AN HONOR.
[APPLAUSE]
>> WE ARE ALSO HERE TODAY TO

RECOGNIZE A LAW FIRM FOR
DISTINGUISHED PRO BONO
CONTRIBUTIONS.

THIS IS A SPECIAL HONOR BECAUSE
THE AWARD IS NOT GIVEN EVERY
YEAR.

ONLY WHEN A TRULY DESERVING FIRM
IS NOMINATED.

THIS YEAR WE HONOR THE ACKERMAN
LAW FIRM WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED
IN MIAMI.

ACKERMAN IS ONE OF THE 100
LARGEST LAW FIRMS IN THE UNITED
STATES WITH MORE THAN 600
LAWYERS IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONALS IN 20 OFFICES
NATIONWIDE.

YET ACKERMAN FIND MANY WAYS TO
HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

I CAN ONLY REPEAT A FEW EXAMPLES
IN THE TIME I HAVE.

IN 2009 ACKERMAN WAS A FOUNDING
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA
BUSINESS LAWYERS PRO BONO
PROJECT.

TO HELP NON-PROFITS WITH A RANGE
OF BUSINESS COMMERCE CONCERNS.

IN ACKERMAN'S MIAMI OFFICE
LAWYERS PROVIDED PRO BONO
SERVICE TO UNACCOMPANIED
IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE CUBAN AS
PART OF THE AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION IMMIGRANT CUBAN
PRO BONO PROJECT.

ATTORNEYS IN MIAMI ALSO PROVIDED
PRO BONO REPRESENTATION, I CAN
READ THAT BETTER THAN YOU CAN, A
YOUTH LED NON-PROFIT THAT SEEKS
TO OVERCOME POVERTY IN LATIN
AMERICA.

IN PALM BEACH COUNTY ACKERMAN
ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN
THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF PALM
BEACH COUNTY.

HELPING IN MATTERS OF
GUARDIANSHIP ISSUES WITH ADULTS
WITH DISABILITIES TO
REPRESENTING NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS IN 2014 ACKERMAN
LAUNCHED GIVE BACK CAMPAIGN TO

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE THE FIRM'S FOCUS ON YOUTH AND EDUCATION.

NATIONWIDE, ACKERMAN'S LAWYERS PLEDGE 14,000 HOURS AND RAISED MORE THAN \$100,000.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROGRAM WILL REACH 200 FOSTER CHILDREN IN THE FIRST YEAR.

THE COURT NOW RECOGNIZES ANDREW M. SMULIAN TO APPROACH THE BENCH ON BEHALF OF THE FIRM AND RECEIVE THE AWARD.

SHAKE HANDS WITH THE JUSTICES AND PROCEED TO THE PODIUM FOR REMARKS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

CHIEF JUSTICE LABARGA, JUSTICE, BAR LEADERS, AWARD WINNERS AND GUESTS.

I'M MON IN ORDER TO BE HERE TO ACCEPT THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S LAW FIRM COMMENDATION AWARD ON BEHALF OF MY PARTNERS AT AKERMAN AND 600 LAWYERS AND GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS ACROSS OUR FIRM.

I WANT TO THANK THE FLORIDA STATEWIDE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM FOR NOMINATING THE FIRM TO RECEIVE THIS AMAZING RECOGNITION.

I LIKE TO THANK THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT AND FLORIDA BAR FOR RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE BEING HONORED HERE TODAY.

I STAND BEFORE YOU SO VERY PROUD OF THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF THE ENTIRE AKERMAN COMMUNITY AND OUR FIRMWIDE COMMITMENT TO SERVING THOSE IN NEED.

AS THE FIRST LAW FIRM TO PARTNER NATIONALLY WITH A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN ORGANIZATION OUR RECOGNITION TODAY REFLECTS COUNTLESS HOURS OF PRO BONO SERVICE THAT OUR LAWYERS HAVE

CONTRIBUTED THROUGH
PARTICIPATION IN GUARDIAN AD
LITEM PERHAPS THROUGHOUT
FLORIDA AND THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY.

EFFORTS INSPIRED BY RESILIENCE
OF 600,000 CHILDREN IN
OVERBURDENS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM,
OVER 20,000 IN FLORIDA ALONE
WITH ALMOST A THIRD LACKING IN
ADVOCATES TO STAND FOR THEM AND
TO INSURE THE SERVICES AND
SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.
AKERMAN HAS A LONG HISTORY OF
PRO BONO SERVICE AND OUR LAWYERS
INVITED HIGHEST IDEALS OF LEGAL
PROFESSION WITH A GENUINE
PASSION FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY
IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION AND
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

AS MANY HERE WILL REMEMBER, LAST
YEAR, AKERMAN PARTNER KAREN
BUSING WAS PRESENTED WITH THE
BUY WAS SIMON PRO BONO SERVICE
AWARD FOR HER UNWAVERING
COMMITMENT TO ASSIST HOMELESS
YOUTH.

AKERMAN PARTNERS RICHARD
MILSTEIN AND MARGARET MATTHEWS
HAVE ALSO BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR
THEIR OUTSTANDING PRO BONO
SERVICE IN YEARS PAST.

BUILDING ON THIS RICH TRADITION
ACHE HER CAN -- AKERMAN
INTENSIFIED COMMITMENT TO FORM
NEW ALLY LANCES AND CLOSE THE
JUSTICE GRAB GAP AND ACHIEVE
COMMUNITY IMPACT.

OUR FIRM RECENTLY WELCOME FORMER
FLORIDA FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF
APPEAL JUDGE WILLIAM VAN NORWICK
AS PARTNER CHARGE OF OUR
PRO BONO PROGRAM.

BILL, AND HE INSISTS WE CALL HIM
BILL, HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF
SOME OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND
INFLUENTIAL PRO BONO PROGRAMS IN
THE LEGAL INDUSTRY.

I'M PLEASED HE JOINED AKERMAN TO

HELP EXPAND OUR PRO BONO
INITIATIVES.

THIS HONOR FROM THE SUPREME
COURT AND FLORIDA BAR ENERGIZED
AKERMAN COMMUNITY.

WE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH TOGETHER
AND WE STILL HAVE MORE TO DO.

IT IS INSPIRING TO BE HERE WITH
SOME OTHERS HERE TODAY COMMITTED
SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME TO LAWYERS
AS PRO BONO WORK.

MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL THE HONOR REESE HERE TODAY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

EACH YEAR THE COURT ALSO
RECOGNIZES A VOLUNTARY BAR
ASSOCIATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING
PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS.

THIS YEAR OUR WINNER IS THE
HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION FOR
WOMEN LAWYERS.

WHICH USUALLY GOES BY THE NAME
HAWL.

THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN
PROVIDING PRO BONO LEGAL
SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN NEED IN
THE TAMPA BAY AREA FOR MORE THAN
30 YEARS.

IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, ITS
MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED MORE THAN
1800 HOURS OF PRO BONO SERVICE.
SOME OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK
INCLUDE HELPING BAY AREA LEGAL
SERVICES PROVIDE LEGAL
ASSISTANCE, LOW INCOME RESIDENTS
IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA.

STAFFING CLINICS WITH THE FAMILY
FORMS CLINIC WHICH USES
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS TO HELP
PEOPLE COMPLETE COURT APPROVED
FAMILY LAW FORMS AND PACKETS.
PROVIDING NEW TRAINING MATERIALS
IN A TRAINING VIDEO FOR THE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM.

WORKING WITH CROSSROAD FOR
FLORIDA KIDS WHICH TRAINS AND
MENTORS ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT
CHILDREN IN DEPENDENCY CASES AND

ARE YOU SAFE PROGRAM WHICH HELPS
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

IN 2014, HILLSBOROUGH
ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS
ASSISTED WITH A NEW PROGRAM.
PROJECT HELP.

IT PROVIDE SERVICES TO PEOPLE
WHO ARE HOMELESS.

THE COURT WILL NOW RECOGNIZE AMY
BANDOW AND MAMIE WISE, APPROACH
THE BENCH.

SHAKE THE HAND OF JUSTICES,
RECEIVE THE AWARD AND PROCEED TO
THE PODIUM FOR REMARKS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> YOUR HONORS, PRESIDENT
COLEMAN, MEMBERS OF THE AWARDS
COMMITTEE, FELLOW HONOR REESE
AND GUESTS.

WHAT AN HONOR TO BE HERE ON
BEHALF OF THE HILLSBOROUGH
ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS.
HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION FOR
WOMEN LAWYERS OR HAWL AS YOU
HERD WE LIKE TO CALL IT, STARTED
FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

IN THE LATE 1970S AS INFORMAL
LUNCH GROUP OF WOMEN LAWYERS IN
TAMPA WHO RESERVED A LARGE TABLE
AND INVITED MEMBERS BY FAX WHICH
I WAS ENTERTAINED TO LEARN AND
SHARED THEIR SUCCESSES AND
STRUGGLES AS WOMEN COMING OF AGE
IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

SINCE THEN WE'VE GROWN A LOT.
EARLY 1980S SOME MEMBERS OF THE
INFORMAL GROUP WERE APPROACHED
BY THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN LAWYERS AND CONVINCED TO
BECOME A CHAPTER WHICH WE DID IN
THE EARLY '80s AND SINCE THEN,
WE HAVE GROWN TO 309 MEMBERS AT
LAST COUNT WHICH IS INCREDIBLE
PROGRESS.

WE PROVIDE CLE PROGRAMS,
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
HAVE A CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO
PRO BONO SERVICE.

I WANTED TO TELL YOU A LITTLE
BIT ABOUT WHAT HAWL HAS DONE IN

PRO BONO OVER THE YEARS IN
ADDITION TO RECENT WORK YOU
HEARD ABOUT.

TWO OF THE AREAS WE'VE BEEN
FOCUSED ON HAVE BEEN PRO BONO
SERVICE FOR YOUTH AND FOR
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

HAWL WAS LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF
KINSHIP CARE ASSISTANCE PROJECT
WHICH ASSISTED RELATIVE
CAREGIVERS FOR CHILDREN.

OVER THE YEARS HAWL HOST AD
LEGAL ASSISTANCE SUMMIT FOR 250
OF THOSE CAREGIVERS, A STAFFED A
WARM LINE AS OPPOSED TO HOTLINE
FOR FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRO BONO
LEGAL SERVICE AND PROVIDED
FINANCIAL AND IN KIND SUPPORT
OVER THE YEARS.

HAWL HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME
PARTNER OF THE SPRING, A
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER IN
TAMPA, OFFERED TRAINING TO HAWL
MEMBERS HOW TO AS SIS MEMBERS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND LEGAL
ASSISTANCE.

ALWAYS IMPORTANT IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ASSISTANCE PROJECT, BAY AREA
LEGAL SERVICES AND CURRENTLY
WE'RE CONTINUING THAT WORK ON
BEHALF OF YOUTH AND VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

WE'RE THRILLED TWO OF OUR
CURRENT PRO BONO PARTNERS IN THE
TAMPA COMMUNITY WERE STARTED BY
HAWL MEMBERS.

WE WORK A LOT WITH ARE YOU SAFE?
A NON-PROFIT PROVIDE FREE
COUNSELING FOR VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN HELP
OBTAINING INJUNCTIONS.

WE HAVE CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA
KID WHICH YOU HEARD ABOUT
ALREADY TO TRAIN VOLUNTEER
LAWYERS TO REPRESENT YOUTH IN
FLORIDA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND
YOUTH THAT HAVE DELINQUENCY
MATTERS PENDING.

WE'VE BEEN EXCITED TO BE

INVOLVED IN PROJECT HELP.
WE FINISHED OUR FIRST MONTH
STAFFING THAT CLINIC ON CAMPUS
OF METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES IN
TAMPA.

AND IN BUILDING A VARIETY OF
LEGAL QUESTIONS FROM HOMELESS
AND STRUGGLING INDIVIDUAL IN OUR
COMMUNITY.

WE'RE NOT DONE.

NOT DONE YET.

NEXT ON HORIZON FOR US IS
COMMUNITY LAW FAIR WHERE WE'LL
BE VISITING A LOCAL LIBRARY ON
SATURDAY MORNING AND PROVIDING
FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS THERE
AND SOME EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
PRO BONO HAS BEEN A HUGE PART OF
HAWL'S HISTORY AND OF OUR
CURRENT PROGRAMING AND WE'RE
INCREDIBLY THRILLED TO RECEIVE
THIS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

I WILL NOW ASK GREGORY COLEMAN,
PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA BAR, TO
PRESENT THE FLORIDA BAR
PRESIDENT'S PRO BONO SERVICE
AWARD.

THEN TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT
OF THE BAR'S YOUNG LAWYERS
DIVISION FOR FURTHER REMARKS.

MR. COLEMAN.

>> JUSTICE LABARGA, JUSTICE
POLSTON, JUSTICE QUINCE, JUSTICE
PARIENTE, JUSTICE LEWIS, JUSTICE
CANADY, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.
MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA BAR,
GUESTS, HONOREES OF COURSE AND
FAMILIES OF OUR DISTINGUISHED
HONOREES.

TWO THINGS.

FIRST OF ALL I APOLOGIZE FOR MY
VOICE TODAY.

SECONDARILY, I LIKE THIS PODIUM
A LOT BETTER WHEN IT FACES THIS
WAY AS OPPOSED TO THIS WAY.

DON'T ASK ME WHY.

IT'S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR

ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CEREMONY.

ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ELECT ABERDEEN AND PRESIDENT ELECT DESIGNATE, ALL THE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NEARLY 100,000 MEMBERS OF OUR BAR, I LIKE TO CONGRATULATE, THANK AND RECOGNIZE EACH OF THE RECIPIENTS HERE TODAY.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY, NOT ONLY EVERYBODY IN THIS COURTROOM, BUT FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF NOR FLORIDIANS WHO RECEIVED LEAGUE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND DIRECT PRO BONO SERVICE OF NOT JUST THESE LAWYERS BUT ALL LAWYERS.

I'M VERY PROUD TO SAY AS JUSTICE LABARGA POINTED OUT, CHIEF JUSTICE LABARGA POINTED OUT, LAST YEAR 1.9 MILLION HOURS OF REPORTED PRO BONO SERVICE.

I SUGGEST THE NUMBER IS MUCH HIGHER.

ADDITIONAL \$4.9 MILLION IN CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

IF YOU TAKE MEDIAN AVERAGE HOURLY RATE IN STATE OF FLORIDA OF THE \$250 AN HOUR, THAT IS HALF A BILLION, WITH A "B," DOLLARS WORTH OF TIME THAT LAWYERS IN FLORIDA, CONTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY.

WE'RE THE ONLY PROFESSION IN THE WORLD THAT DOES THIS.

AND WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THAT.

I HAVE ATTENDED THIS---

[APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU.

AND YOU KNOW, I'VE ATTENDED THIS CEREMONY AT LEAST 12 TIMES.

EVERY TIME I FEEL A VERY STRANGE MIX OF EMOTIONS, I FEEL EXCITEMENT AND PRIDE AND I FEEL AWE.

THE CEREMONY EXCITES ME.

IT MAKES ME SO PROUD TO BE A

FLORIDA LAWYER.

I ABSOLUTELY STAND IN AWE AT YOU, THE AWARD RECIPIENTS AND WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE MAINTAINING YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN A BUSY PRACTICE.

THESE FLORIDA LAWYERS ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

AND HERE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MANY SOLVE TODAY'S AWARD RECIPIENTS.

ONE RECIPIENT HELPED SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH MANY LEGAL ISSUES THAT CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF THEIR STARTING A NEW LIFE.

ANOTHER HELPED A CUBAN IMMIGRANT AND U.S. ARMY VETERAN OBTAIN THE CITIZENSHIP THEY SO RIGHTLY DESERVED.

ONE OF TODAY'S RECIPIENTS HAS CONCENTRATED HIS PRO BONO WORK IN COUNSELING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS, AS THEY BATTLE THEIR AT DICTIONS AND THE LEGAL PROBLEMS THAT ACCOMPANY THEM. ANOTHER HAS WORKED WITH A FAMILY OF SEVEN CHILDREN FOR 20 YEARS, ACTING AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, REASON COORDINATING FAMILY OUTINGS.

OTHER PRO BONO SERVICE BY THESE INDIVIDUAL IN ADDITION TO THEIR PRO BONO HOURS INCLUDE ATTORNEYS AD LITEM, ATTORNEYS AD LITEM HANDLING WILLS AND BANKRUPTCY FILINGS AND ASSISTING CLIENTS IN GENERAL AT LEGAL EDECRIN EX AND SPECIAL EVENTS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED FROM POLICE OFFICERS TO OUR FIRST-RESPONDERS, TO MOST IMPORTANTLY, LATELY OUR VETERANS WHICH IS A GROWING NEED AS ALL OF US KNOW.

SO AGAIN, THANK YOU, TO THE HONOREES, THEIR FAMILIES, FRIEND AND COLLEAGUES.

I WILL NOW ASK EACH RECIPIENT OF

THE FLORIDA BAR PRESIDENT'S
PRO BONO AWARD TO COME FORWARD,
RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE AS I
CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT, KENNETH
BROOKS, JR.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE SECOND CIRCUIT,
ELIZABETH RICHIE.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE THIRD CIRCUIT, BONNIE
GREEN.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE FOURTH CIRCUIT, BLANE
McCARTHY.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, RICHARD
A. PERRY.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, BRENT A.
WOODY.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 7th CIRCUIT, JIMMY
ALLEN DAVIS.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 8th CIRCUIT,
MICHAEL L. FARKAS.

I'M SORRY, MICHELLE.
MICHELLE.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE NINTH CIRCUIT, FRANK C.
WESIGHAN.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 10th CIRCUIT,
SAMUEL G. CROSBY.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 11th CIRCUIT,
ELIZABETH S. BAKER.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 12th CIRCUIT,
ANDREW R. BOYAR.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 13th CIRCUIT,
ELIZABETH L. HAPNER.

[APPLAUSE]

FROM THE 14th CIRCUIT,
DOUGLAS L. SMITH.

RECIPIENT OF THE 1 SIXTH
CIRCUIT, ROBERT, BOB, GOLDMAN,
COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY.

WE'LL GET THAT TO HIM.
FROM THE 17th CIRCUIT, JAY
KIM.

[APPLAUSE]

I WILL COME BACK TO THE
15th.

FROM THE 15th CIRCUIT, ANNE
HINDS.

COME ON, ANNE.

FROM THE 18th CIRCUIT,
MICHAEL G. HOWARD.

[APPLAUSE]

I'M NOW GETTING WHISPERED IN MY
EAR WHICH CIRCUIT I'M DOING.

19th CIRCUIT, STEVEN A.
MESSER.

[APPLAUSE]

AND FROM THE 20th CIRCUIT,
GREGORY T. HOLTZ.

[APPLAUSE]

AND OUR OUT-OF-STATE RECIPIENT,
GARRETT FENTON, WAS UNABLE TO
ATTEND.

WE'LL GET THAT TO HIM AS WELL.
NOW THAT WE HAVE ALL THE HONOR
EAST IN FRONT OF THE COURT I
WOULD ASK WE GIVE THEM A ROUND
OF APPLAUSE RECOGNIZING THEIR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

[APPLAUSE]

SO NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
AND ASK TO COME TO THE PODIUM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG
LAWYERS DIVISION, MICHAEL FOX
FOX ORR TO PRESENT THE YOUNG
LAWYERS DIVISION PRO BONO
SERVICE AWARD.

MICHAEL?

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

MR .CHIEF JUSTICE, JUSTICES.

IN TODAY'S LEGAL CLIMATE IT IS
PARTICULARLY SPECIAL TO
RECOGNIZE A YOUNG LAWYER WHO IS
ENGAGING IN PRO BONO LEGAL
SERVICE.

YOUNG LAWYERS, SADDLED WITH
TREMENDOUS STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND
EXPERIENCING LOW INCOMES IN A
VERY COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE
DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES

THAT MAYBE SOME MORE ESTABLISHED
LAWYERS HAVE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE
AND PERFORM PRO BONO SERVICE.
AND YET, WE BELIEVE THAT YOUNG
LAWYERS ARE THE KEY TO SOLVING
THE ACCESS TO COURT ISSUE
THROUGH PRO BONO WORK.

AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE ON
BEHALF OF THE YOUNG LAWYERS
DIVISION TODAY, TO RECOGNIZE A
VERY SPECIAL YOUNG LAWYER AS THE
RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S 2015
FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS
DIVISION PRO BONO AWARD.

SARA ALPERT IS AN ASSOCIATE WITH
ZUCKERMAN, SPADER IN TAMPA,
WHERE SHE PRACTICES IN COMPLEX
CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MITIGATION
CONCLUDING DEFENSE OF HEALTH
CARE FRAUD CLAIMS AND CASES
INVOLVING THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT.
OVER THE LAST YEAR SARA
CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 250
PRO BONO HOURS.

I RAN THE MATH VERY QUICKLY.
THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF DOING
AN HOUR OF PRO BONO SERVICE ON
EVERY SINGLE DAY OF THE WORK
WEEK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SARA'S DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
OF WORK AND SHE DOES ALL OF THAT
MOSTLY AT NIGHT AND ON THE
WEEKEND.

SHE'S NOT ONLY REPRESENTED A
NUMBER OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE
YEARS IN PRO BONO CASES BUT MORE
RECENTLY, SHE REPRESENTED TWO
PARTICULAR YOUNG CLIENTS AND HAS
DEALT WITH EVERYTHING FROM ABUSE
TO BEDBUG INFESTATIONS.

SHE ALSO TAKES TIME TO COUNSEL
YOUNG TEENS ON LIFE CHOICES.
SARA HAS BEEN A TRAINING SPEAKER
FOR CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KID,
PRO BONO ATTORNEYS THAT HAVE
WORKED WITH CROSSROADS AND
SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE PEARL
SOCIETY, A GIVING CIRCLE
DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING BAY AREA
LEGAL SERVICES.

HER WORK WITH CROSSROAD SHE IS ALSO DONE EVERYTHING FROM GIVING ADVICE TO THE YOUTH TO PURCHASING S.A.T. PREP BOOKS. BEFORE SHE WAS AT ZUCKERMAN SHE WAS AT A SMALLER FIRM AND SHE HAD SUCH A PASSION FOR PRO BONO SERVICE SHE USED TO SNEAK OUT FROM HER FIRM AND PERFORM PRO BONO WORK.

THAT'S THE LEGAL CLIMATE WE'RE IN TODAY, THAT IT'S NOT EVERY FIRM LOOKING AT EACH OTHER SAYING, WE HAVE TO DO THIS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF US IN THE STATE THAT RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF IT, BUT THEN THERE ARE STILL EVEN MORE WHO HAVE A SITUATION PRESENTING TO THEIR YOUNG LAWYERS LIKE SARA HAD WHERE SHE HAD TO SNEAK OUT TO PERFORM THAT SERVICE.

SARA, WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO OFFER THIS AWARD TO YOU.

ON BEHALF OF 25,444 YOUNG LAWYERS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR GUIDANCE IN THE AREA OF PRO BONO SERVICE.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AWARD.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THIS IS ALWAYS THE CHALLENGE FOR ME IS MOVING THE MICROPHONE DOWN LOW ENOUGH WHEN I'M ABOUT TO SPEAK.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

THANK YOU, MR .CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF THE COURT.

THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT COLEMAN. LAST YEAR I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THIS CEREMONY AS A MEMBER THE WILLIAM REESE SMITH, JR., FLORIDA BAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WHO'S CLASS TWO MEMBERS ARE NOW HERE TODAY.

IT IS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR FOR ME TO STAND HERE BEFORE YOU.

IT IS SOMETHING I NEVER IMAGINED CERTAINLY LAST YEAR WHEN I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING HERE.

I CERTAINLY.

I LOOK UP TO THOSE WHO HAVE
STOOD HERE BEFORE ME.

I'M INSPIRED BY THE SERVICE OF
EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM AND ALL OF
THE ATTORNEYS THROUGHOUT THE
STATE WHO ARE PROVIDING PRO BONO
SERVICE EVERY DAY AND ALWAYS
GIVING WHAT THEY CAN.

LIKE WITH ANYTHING IN LIFE, I AM
NOT HERE TODAY ON MY OWN.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO
HAVE I HAVE TO THANK FOR GIVING
ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THIS
MOMENT.

I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE
WITHOUT THEIR LOVE, SUPPORT,
FRIENDSHIP, EXAMPLE.

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THE
HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN LAWYERS FOR NOMINATING ME
FOR THIS AWARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE
FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS
DIVISION FOR YOUR WORK TO
PROMOTE AND DEVELOP FLORIDA'S
YOUNGER ATTORNEYS.

I HAVE TO SEND A VERY SPECIAL
THANK YOU TO THE INCREDIBLE
ROSEMARY ARMSTRONG AND HER
ORGANIZATION, CROSSROAD FOR
FLORIDA KID AND TO THOSE AT BAY
AREA LEGAL SERVICES--

ESPECIALLY NANCELY LUGO, WHO I
KNOW IS HERE TODAY, DICK
WOLFMAN, WHO INSPIRING ME TO
GIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MY
COMMUNITY WHICH I'M RECEIVING
THIS AWARD.

I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF
THE PEARL SOCIETY FOR YOUR
SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO LEGAL
SERVICES.

TOGETHER, 35 WOMEN IN FIVE YEARS
WE RAISED OVER \$129,000 FOR BAY
AREA LEGAL SERVICES.

THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AT
ZUCKERMAN SPAEDER, FOR ALWAYS
SUPPORTING MY PRO BONO EFFORTS.
I'M BLESSED RIGHT NOW TO WORK

WITH BRILLIANT, DEDICATED AND CARING ATTORNEYS AND THE EQUALLY INCREDIBLE SUPPORT STAFF, PARTICULARLY MY ASSISTANT KIM O'BRIEN.

THANK YOU TO MY MOTHER, LIZ ALPERT, FROM WHOM I LEARNED HOW TO BE GENEROUS AND WHO'S UNWAVERING OPTIMISM INFLUENCED MY OWN OUTLOOK ON LIFE.

THIS IS THE HARD PART.

I WANT TO THANK MY FATHER, JONATHAN ALPERT.

HE WAS A TRIAL LAWYER, A PROFESSOR AND A JUDGE AND THE ONLY HEAR REI REALLY EVER HAD WHO TAUGHT ME TOLERANCE, AND TO TREAT EVERYONE EQUALLY, NO MATTER THEIR POWER, AUTHORITY, STATUS IN LIFE OR CIRCUMSTANCES. MY DAD KNEW I HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD BUT HE PASSED AWAY BEFORE I FOUND OUT I HAD WON.

AND IT'S FUNNY, FOR THOSE WHOEVER EVER LOST A PARENT YOU ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THEM.

I NEVER KNEW MY DAD DID PRO BONO SERVICE.

THE REASON I FOUND OUT WAS BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE TRIAL VICTORIES, ALL THE CLIENTS HE SERVED OVER THE YEARS, THE ONLY CLIENTS WHO SHOWED UP FOR HIS CELEBRATION OF LIFE, PRACTICALLY, IN FACT BEAT DOWN MY DOOR TO BE THERE, WERE CLIENTS WHOSE CASES HE TOOK ROW BONO AND THEY TOLD ME HOW HE TOOK THOSE CASES BASED ON PRINCIPLE AND NOT ON PAYMENT.

SO FOR EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM, I HOPE YOU ALL KNOW HOW MUCH WHAT YOU DO REALLY MATTERS AND THAT YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR IT. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU TO MY FIANCE CORY LAWSON WHO STAND WITH ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

NORMALLY WHEN I SPEAK ABOUT
PRO BONO SERVICE, I SHARE THE
NEED AND THE REWARD FOR SUCH
SERVICE ALONG WITH THE ENDLESS
WAYS TO SERVE INCLUDING DONATING
FUND TO ALLOW OTHERS TO DO THE
WORK WHEN YOU CAN NOT.

NO ONE IN THIS ROOM NEED SUCH
ENCOURAGEMENT.

SO INSTEAD, I WOULD LIKE TO
BRIEFLY SHARE MY HEART WITH YOU.
MY CORE BELIEF THAT MOTIVATES ME
TO SERVE AND PERSISTS IN
PERSUADING OTHERS TO ALSO GIVE
WHAT THEY CAN TO LIFT UP THOSE
AROUND THEM.

IN THE WORDS OF THE GREAT
HUMANITARIAN, HE WILY WIESEL, WE
MUST NOT SEE ANY PERSON AS AN
ABSTRACTION.

INSTEAD WE MUST SEE IN EVERY
PERSON A UNIVERSE WITH ITS OWN
SECRETS, WITH ITS OWN TREASURES,
WITH ITS OWN SOURCES OF ANGUISH
AND WITH SOME MEASURE OF
TRIUMPH.

I GIVE MY TIME AND MY TALENTS
AND MY TREASURE TO LEGAL
SERVICES EFFORTS BECAUSE THOSE
EFFORTS GIVE LIFE TO THE PEOPLE
WHO OFTEN ARE SEEN AS AN
ABSTRACTION.

WHO OFTEN AREN'T HEARD AND
AREN'T VALUED BUT WHOSE HUMANITY
IS THE SAME AS OUR OWN.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> NOW TURN TO THE TOBIAS SIMON
PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE
THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT THE
FLORIDA LEGAL PROFESSION'S
HIGHEST PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR.
TOBIAS SIMON PRO BONO SERVICE
AWARD.

THIS YEAR'S AWARD GOES TO JOHN
W. KOZYAK.

OF MR.KODIAKTIC YOUR
CONTRIBUTION TO HIS COMMUNITY IS
THE COAST YAK MINORITY MENTORING

FOUNDATION AND ASSOCIATED ANNUAL
MINORITY MEANTER TOKING PICK
THICK.

KOZYAK.

THIS PICNIC DRAWS THOUSANDS OF
PEOPLE INCLUDING MINORITY LAW
STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE
AS WELL AS LAWYERS AND JUDGES.
MENTORS AND STUDENTS FORM
RELATIONSHIPS, THAT LAST WELL
BEYOND THE STUDENT'S TIME IN LAW
SCHOOL.

MR .KOZYAK TAKES PRO BONO CASES
EVERY YEAR.

HE HAS LED INITIATIVES TO
BENEFIT LEGAL SERVICES OF
GREATER MIAMI AND DADE LEGAL AID
TO PUT SOMETHING BACK.

ONE LETTER OF NOMINATION FOR THE
TOBIAS SIMON HONOR SAID OF
MR .KOZYAK, QUOTE, HE NEVER SAYS
NO TO ANY CAUSE OR CONSIDERATION
END QUOTE.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ASK
MR .KOZYAK TO APPROACH THE BENCH
AND RECEIVE THE AWARD, SHANK
HANDS OF JUSTICES, AND PROCEED
TO THE PODIUM FOR REMARKS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

JUSTICE LABARGA, JUSTICES, BAR
LEADERS, WINNERS, SARA ALBERT,
YOU ALMOST BROUGHT ME TO TEARS,
HONORED GUESTS, DEEPLY MON IN
ORDER TO BE-- HONORED TO BE
HERE.

AND I THANK THE DADE PUTTING
SOMETHING BACK PROGRAM FOR
NOMINATING ME.

THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY
LEGAL CAREER.

I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN
SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE TOBIAS
SIMON AWARD.

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING
TOE BUY WAS SIMON A FEW TIMES.

I KNOW AND ADMIRE HIS FORMER
PARTNER, ELIZABETH DUFRESNE.

MR .SIMON TOLD ME TO CALL HIM
TOBY, AND I HOPE NONE OF YOU

MIND IF I DO SO BECAUSE WITH
UTMOST RESPECT THAT I ACCEPT
THIS AWARD.

LAST NIGHT AS I WAS FINISHING MY
REMARKS, I RECEIVED AN AMAZING
EMAIL FROM THE FLORIDA BAR'S
PRESIDENT IN 1970, BURTON YOUNG,
FROM ONE WHO I HAVE KNOWN FOR A
NUMBER OF YEARS AND KNOW HIS SON
AND PARTNERS.

HE TOLD ME A STORY THAT TOBIAS
SIMON CAME WITHIN ONE VOTE OF
THE FLORIDA BAR BOARD OF
GOVERNORS OF BEING DISBARRED IN
1969.

THERE HAD BEEN A SIT-IN DAYTONA
BEACH.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE
PROTESTING THE CONTINUE WAGES OF
ILLEGAL SEGREGATION THERE.
THEY WERE ARRESTED THE STORY
GOES, TOBY SIMON ADMITTED IT, HE
RUSHED TO DAYTONA BEACH AND
OFFERED TO HELP THEM.

SOME DISGRUNTLED LAWYER TURNED
HIM INTO THE BAR FOR SOLICITING
CLIENTS.

AND THE REFEREE WAS A JUDGE FROM
JACKSONVILLE, STATE COURT JUDGE
FROM JACKSONVILLE AND SAID, DID
YOU DO IT?

HE SAID, YES I DID MUCH.

HE RECOMMENDED DISBARMENT.

THE MATTER GOT TO THE FLORIDA
BAR BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND AS
BURTON YOUNG TELLS IT, THEY
DEBATED ALL DAY WHETHER TO
ACCEPT THIS RECOMMENDATION,
SUSTAIN THE FINDINGS, BASED UPON
ADMISSION OR TO DISMISS IT.

AND ON, NEAR THE END, BURTON
JUNK VOTED FOR DISMISSAL.

IT WAS A TIE VOTE.

THEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE
FLORIDA BAR, MARK BUSEY, MARK
HALSEY, I'M SORRY, SAID, I HAVE
TO WORK WITH YOU MR .YOUNG FOR
THE NEXT YEAR.

I HAVE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF.

CALL MR .SIMON AND TELL HIM HE A

MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR.

I THINK ABOUT THAT JUST A FEW YEARS LATER, THREE YEARS LATER, I THINK IT WAS THAT THE FLORIDA BAR BOARD OF, I MEAN FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED HIM AS A WITH THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

THEN A MAN WHO WAS ALMOST DISBARRED, ONE VOTE AWAY. THE SUPREME COURT RECOGNIZED HIM WITH THIS AWARD AND TODAY, I GET THAT AWARD AND JOIN SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I HAVE ADMIRER FOR SO MANY YEARS INCLUDING TOBY SIMON.

I DON'T BELIEVE I EVER MET A LAWYER UNTIL I GOT OUT OF COLLEGE.

I NEVER GAVE A THOUGHT TO BEING A LAWYER UNTIL LONG AFTER THAT, A FEW YEARS AFTER THAT.

I WAS INTENT ON GOING TO BUSINESS SCHOOL BUT THE ARMY AND A BRIEF STINT OF WORKING WITH MY FATHER IN THE GROCERY BUSINESS IN ST .LOUIS AREA GOT IN THE WAY.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. SOMEONE SAID, WELL YOU LIKE TO READ, AND YOU SURE LIKE TO ARGUE, SO WHY DON'T YOU BECOME A LAWYER?

AND THAT WAS OVER 40 YEARS AGO. AND I WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOVED LAW SCHOOL BUT I DID LOVE MY FIRST JOB, WORKING WITH JOHN UREL AND NOW SENIOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PAUL HUCK. THEY BOTH ADOPTED ME INTO THEIR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES. THEY TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF ETHICS, ENCOURAGED ME TO START DOING PRO BONO WORK IN MY FIRST YEAR AS A YOUNG ASSOCIATE.

I'M A RELATIONSHIP GUY, IF YOU KNOW ME.

I WORKED FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS EACH WITH HARLEY TROPIN AND CHUCK THROBBING MORTON. THEY SUPPORTED AND ASSISTED ME

IN EVERYTHING I'VE DONE AND
THOUGHT OF DOING.

I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF MY
PARTNERS.

CORY CASTRO AND HERE TODAY WITH
CHUCK.

MY ASSISTANT, MARTA HAS WORKED
WITH ME 30 YEARS AND DESEVENS
LOTS OF CREDIT.

MY WIFE SAYS THANK GOOD FOR HER.
CORY AND OUR FORMER PARTNER AND
A U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE HAVE
DONE SO MUCH FOR PRO BONO AND
BEYOND.

THEY ARE THE ONES THAT DESERVE
THE PRO BONO AWARDS.

MY RIGHT HAND WOMAN WHEN IT
COMES TO THE PICNIC.

EVERYTHING ELSE HAVING TO DO
WITH DIVERSITY.

MY FAVORITE LAWYER AND HOWEVER
AND MY BEST FRIEND IS BARBARA
SILVERMAN.

WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME FOR 38
YEARS.

INCLUDING THE CRAZY YEARS WHEN I
WAS DEFINITELY TOO FOCUSED ON
BUILDING A PRACTICE AND NOT HOME
ENOUGH, TO BE WITH HERE AND MY
WONDERFUL KIDS.

BOTH SPECIAL YOUNG MEN, BEN AND
JEREMY, WHO ARE MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD.

WHATEVER CREDIT I GET TODAY, OR
THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, FOR
PROVIDING PRO BONO SERVICES OR
HELPING DIVERSIFY THE
FLORIDA BAR IS SHARED BY PEOPLE
I JUST MENTIONED.

THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO
HAVE HELPED ME.

AND I APOLOGIZE I DON'T HAVE
TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM BUT IF
YOU KNOW ME, YOU KNOW THAT I
CARE ABOUT YOU.

AND ONE, FINALLY MY MENTOR, BOB
JOSEPHSBURG WHO HELPED ME AT
EVERY STAGE.

HOWEVER THERE IS NOT A DAY THAT
GOES BY THAT I DON'T THINK AND

THANK MY MOTHER FOR SETTING THE
BAR HIGH.

MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE PART
OF THE GREATEST GENERATION AND
THEY ARE STILL LIVING.

THEY BOTH HAVE PARKINSON'S
DISEASE NOW.

SO I'M SPENDING MUCH OF MY TIME
NOW AS CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL
PARKINSON FOUNDATION.

THUS THIS PIN.

THEY KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE
DIRT POOR AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
HELPING OTHERS.

I GREW UP IN A TOTALLY
SEGREGATED CITY, I WOULD SAY A
MEANLY SEGREGATED CITY IN
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ABOUT 20 MILES
FROM FERGUSON, MISSOURI.

I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU COULD
SEE COLORED-ONLY SIGNS IN
ST .LOUIS.

MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME THAT IT WAS
WRONG TO JUDGE PEOPLE BY THEIR
COLOR.

IT WAS MANDATORY TO BE NICE AND
RESPECTFUL TO EVERYONE.

MY MOTHER MINIMIZES HER
INTELLECT, HER IMPACT ON OTHERS.
BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET, SMALL
LADY AND I, EATING ON THE WRONG
SIDE OF THE DRUGSTORE COUNTER IN
THE EARLY '60s IN ST .LOUIS.

BECAUSE, IN HER WORD, IT'S THE
RIGHT THING TO DO.

SHE IS MORE COURAGEOUS, FAR
WISER THAN SHE WILL EVER KNOW OR
ACKNOWLEDGE.

I KNOW MY PARENTS ARE WATCHING.

I MUST SAY, THANK YOU.

SOMETIMES IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE,
THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

MY MOTHER WOULD MAKE TOBY SIMON
PROUD.

EVERY PERSON I MEET THROUGH ROW
BONO WORK AND EVERY MINORITY
STUDENT I HAVE MATCHED WITH A
LAWYER OR JUDGE MAKE ME A BETTER
PERSON.

MY FIRM AND I HAVE REPRESENTED

MANY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES AND
INDIVIDUAL.

WE'VE GOTTEN SOME GREAT AWARDS
HERE.

HAD SOME TAKEN AWAY HERE.

WE'VE-- WE'VE MADE A GOOD
LIVING BUT NOTHING REALLY
COMPARES TO A TEARFUL PRO BONO
CLIENT THAT YOU'VE HELPED SAVE
THEIR HOUSE OR THEIR APARTMENT,
OR YOU HELPED PRESERVE THEIR
DIGNITY.

LEGAL AID PUTS SOMETHING BACK
DOES THIS EVERY DAY.

I THANK THEM AGAIN NOMINATING
THEM.

MINORITY MENTORING
PROGRAM ENABLED ME TO
DO THE RIGHT THING AND GIVE
SOMETHING BACK.

THERE ARE TONS OF STORIES THAT
WOULD LIKE TO TELL ABOUT THAT.
BUT THE ONE THAT MAYBE MAKES THE
MOST IMPACT ON ME, PROBABLY WILL
SURPRISE THE PERSON I MENTIONED,
HIS NAME IS HILTON NAPOLEON.

HILTON IS FROM DETROIT.

HILTON'S UNCLE WAS, HEAD OF THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I LINED UP HILTON WITH THE BEST
OF THE BEST MENTORS.

HE WOULD NEVER CALL THEM.

FINALLY FOUND THEM, I SAID WHAT
IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?

ERVING GONZALEZ IS WILLING TO
MENTOR YOU.

ED IS READY TO MENTOR YOU.

AND HE FINALLY STARTED DOING IT
AND LATER CAME TO ME AND SAID,
YOU KNOW, JOHN, YOU'RE THE FIRST
WHITE PERSON I EVER TRUSTED.

THAT COMMENT MEANT SO MUCH TO ME
THEN AND NOW.

ONE OF MY OTHER MENTEES,
NATALIE JAMES, SOMEBODY I ADMIRE
SO MUCH THAT REFER TO HER AS MY
HAITIAN-AMERICAN DAUGHTER.

SO I'VE GOT ENAS MUCH OUT OF
THIS AS I HAVE PUT IN.

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS.

WHEN I GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL
IN 1975, OUR FIRST JEWISH
JUSTICE HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED
SIX MONTHS BEFORE THAT.

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN JUSTICE,
JUSTICE HATCHET, WHO IS HERE,
NOT YET HAD BEEN APPOINTED.

FIRST HISPANIC JUSTICE FOLLOWED
MANY YEARS LATER.

I USED TO THINK IN MY EARLY
YEARS THAT BEING A MEMBER OF THE
FLORIDA BAR WAS JUST A BUNCH OF
GRAY-HAIRED WHITE GUYS.

THEN I BECAME ONE.

[LAUGHING]

AND I LOOK AROUND AT THE BAR NOW
AND I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF WHAT
I SEE.

I'M PROUD OF THE OTHER AWARDEES,
THE PEOPLE, THE STORIES THEY
HAVE TOLD.

I'M NOT GOING TO STOP AND I
DON'T VIEW THIS AS A LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

LEGAL AID, LEGAL SERVICES,
PUBLIC DEFENDERS, TO NAME A FEW
NEED MORE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.

OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEED AND
MUST HAVE ITS INDEPENDENCE.

MINORITY LAWYERS NEED TO
CONTINUE LEADING THE WAY THROUGH
OUR FRAGILE SOCIETY.

WHICH IS STILL NOW TOO QUICK TO
JUDGE PEOPLE BY THEIR COLOR,
THEIR GENDER, THEIR PREFERENCES,
THEIR DISABILITIES, OR THEIR
RELIGION.

COME TO THE PICNIC NEXT YEAR.

JOIN JUSTICE QUINCE, JUSTICE
PARIENTE, HOPEFULLY OTHER

JUSTICES AND ABOUT 4,000 OTHERS
AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT THE FUTURE

OF THE PROFESSION BUT DON'T
FORGET FERGUSON, THE MANY PLACES
LIKE IT OUT THERE.

DO NOT FORGET OUR MUSLIM

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE SO
MISUNDERSTOOD AND TARGETED.

DO NOT FORGET OUR OATH TO MAKE

SURE EVERYONE HAS LEGAL
REPRESENTATION.
AND NEVER TELL A LAWYER JOKE.
WE'RE NOT JOKING ABOUT OUR
OBLIGATIONS TO THE POOR AND THE
NEEDY.
AND PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET WHEN
MY MOM WOULD SAY, DO THE RIGHT
THING.
THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY
HEART.

[APPLAUSE]

>> TO THOSE OF YOU HONORED HERE
TODAY, TO THOSE EVERYWHERE IN
FLORIDA WHO NONE NOR THE SPIRIT
OF-- HONOR THE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC
SERVICE, LET ME URGE YOU TO,
THERE IS NO GREATER CAUSE THAN
SERVING JUSTICE, EVEN WHEN IT
MEANS THAT YOU MUST PLACE
YOURSELVES BETWEEN THE JUST
CAUSES OF THE POOR AND
OPPRESSED, AND THE UNJUST
OPINIONS OF THE POWERFUL.
IN SO DOING NOT ONLY DO YOU HELP
THOSE IN NEED, BUT AS TOBIAS
SIMON RECOGNIZED, YOU HELP
PRESERVE MANY OF THE RIGHTS
BASIC TO OUR REPUBLIC.
THIS IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE
RULE OF LAW WHICH HAS MADE THIS
NATION GREAT.
IN THIS VAIN, LET'S GIVE A LAST
ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL OF OUR
AWARD WINNERS.

[APPLAUSE]

AND A FINAL NOTE, WE INVITE
EVERYONE HERE WHO IS NOT AN
AWARD WINNER TO PROCEED TO THE
ROTUNDA FOR A RECEPTION
CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS.
AND WE ASK THAT THE RECIPIENTS
REMAIN HERE IN THE COURTROOM FOR
PHOTOGRAPHS AND YOU WILL LATER
JOIN OUR GUESTS IN THE ROTUNDA.
THIS CEREMONIAL SESSION NOW
STANDS ADJOURNED.
THANK YOU.

