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**PRO BONO AWARDS PRESENTED**

At the District Court's biennial bench bar conference on October 30, 2009, Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., presented the court's Pro Bono Award to four attorneys who provided extraordinary pro bono service in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland from 2007 to 2009. Grant P. Bagley and John S. McInnes of Arnold & Porter, LLP, and Ellen B. Flynn and M. Celeste Bruce of Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC were honored.

Drs. Bagley and McInnes received the award for their work in Haynes v. Porcari, case number BEL-99-2263, a 1999 Americans with Disabilities Act class action suit against the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Mass Transit Administration. The parties settled the case in late 2008. Ms. Flynn and Ms. Bruce were recognized for their pro bono representation in White v. Nolan, case number RWT-04-2072, which involved a civil rights action against officers of the Baltimore City Police Department for alleged misconduct during the arrest of the plaintiff. Ms. Flynn and Ms. Bruce were appointed counsel by the Court and obtained a settlement for their client in 2008.

In recognizing these attorneys at the conference, Judge Williams remarked that "pro bono legal service to the poor is an integral part of an attorney's public service responsibilities and a challenge to members of this bar. Pro bono service is not only ethically required of attorneys but, in the long run, contributes to the enhancement of our profession and helps build a stronger community."

The District Court congratulates these attorneys for their outstanding service.