

Donahue Gallagher Woods LLP has been selected as the 2007 recipient of the State Bar President's Pro Bono Award in the medium-sized law firm category (26-99 attorneys). This statewide recognition is given to only one law firm each year. It is one of the highest honors a firm can receive for pro bono work. In evaluating nominations, the State Bar considers factors such as the breadth and impact of the firm's pro bono work, the nature and extent of services rendered, and the firm's historical and continuing commitment to pro bono work..

Pro bono legal services are defined as legal services (bar association and other volunteer activities do not count as legal services) rendered without charge to clients who would otherwise not be able to afford them. Contingency fee matters are not considered pro bono legal services, nor are cases in which attorneys' fees are recovered from the other side as part of the litigation.

21 attorneys and legal assistants in the firm, including 8 partners, provided pro bono services in 2006. The level of partner participation reinforces the importance that the firm places on pro bono work, as does the firm's policy of treating all work on approved pro bono matters as billable time. Although they do not keep time and can therefore not be included in the statistical report, the firm's secretaries and staff provide full support of the firm's pro bono.

Chief Justice Ronald George will present the firm with its award at the State Bar Annual Meeting in September.