

# The Connecticut Bar Association Pro Bono Awards



The Pro Bono Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) is proud to announce the winners of the Pro Bono Awards for their work in 2011. The awards are given annually to recognize attorneys and paralegals who are registered members of both the CBA and the Connecticut Pro Bono Network, who are not salaried employees of a legal aid or similar non-profit organization, and who demonstrate a dedication to the provision of legal services without expectation of payment to indigent persons. The awards reflect the dedicated work of the Connecticut pro bono volunteers/recipients for their pro bono work in 2011.



*Edward J. Heath*

**Attorney Edward J. Heath** of Robinson & Cole LLP has tirelessly helped the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center assist veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness to overcome legal barriers in relation to housing, healthcare, and income since 2009. He made his firm a prompt and reliable source for legal representation, increased the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center's access to other corporate and governmental partners, and participated in its sponsorship and fundraising programs. His efforts have directly saved several veterans from eviction and foreclosure.



*Allan P. Cramer*



*Anthony E. Ahern*

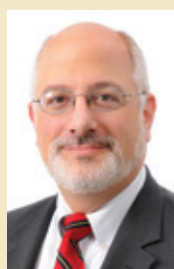
**Attorneys Allan P. Cramer** and **Anthony E. Ahern** of Cramer & Ahern displayed extraordinary commitment to their representation of a low-income mother in a complex divorce involving serious allegations of sexual abuse against the

minor child and custody claims by the husband under various criminal charges. Their exceptional dedication of time and expertise for Connecticut Legal Services has made all the difference in the lives of their client and her child.



*Gregory N. Smith*

**Attorney Gregory N. Smith** of Gregory Smith LLC has been a mainstay in the School Expulsion Project for Statewide Legal Services. He handled 12 expulsion cases in 2011, including some with special education components requiring intensive attention. His willingness to expand his participation into the special education area is an inspiring example of an attorney willing to step outside his comfort zone to help those in need.



*Richard D. Harris*

**Attorney Richard D. Harris** of Day Pitney LLP has helped Lawyers for Children America represent abused and neglected children for more than a decade, and he currently serves as the president of its national board of directors. Although he has helped countless children in need over the years, in one case he not only assisted one severely abused girl with her legal needs but encouraged her to develop and publish

her moving poetry; years later she wrote him from college to say that without him she probably would not be alive.

**Paralegal Lynn Logemann** volunteered to do all of the initial work on expungement cases that came to Statewide Legal Services. Last year she worked three days a week, every week talking with clients and putting that information into the pardon files. Her efforts not only helped those individuals but also allowed Statewide Legal Services to handle a greater overall volume of cases. **CL**