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Conrad, Trosch & Kemmy, P.A. honored by Charlotte nonprofits for pro bono legal work

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Charlotte firm Conrad, Trosch & Kemmy, P.A. was honored at a joint nonprofit awards night September 16 in Charlotte to recognize pro bono attorneys and advocates for their generous work for those in need in the past year. At the third annual Pro Bono Awards, hosted by nonprofits Council for Children’s Rights, Legal Aid of North Carolina and Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, the firm was awarded with honors recognizing its commitment to serving low-income families, individuals and children with pro bono legal work.

Conrad, Trosch & Kemmy, P.A. was awarded the Outstanding Firm Service Award by N.C. nonprofit Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC). The firm has been especially instrumental in serving LANC’s domestic violence clients, accepting every pro bono client referral offered to them in the past 18 months.

“Conrad Trosch & Kemmy is passionate about helping Legal Aid protect victims of domestic violence in Mecklenburg County,” said Theodore Fillette, senior managing attorney of LANC’s Charlotte office. “They always provide excellent representation to ensure that their clients and the clients’ children received the full protection of the law against domestic violence and harassment. Their work is invaluable and reflects the highest standard of pro bono service to the most vulnerable segment of the community.”

The firm’s pro bono team, made up of Minette Trosch, Andrew Rheingrover and Jennifer Scott, has been able to take some of LANC’s most critical cases, working through complex and timely circumstances to protect survivors of domestic violence.

“Our attorneys share a passion for the law and the fundamental belief that an individual’s economic circumstances should not serve as a barrier to our justice system,” said Trosch, partner at Conrad, Trosch & Kemmy, P.A. “Through our firm’s pro bono work, we are able to provide legal assistance to the oftentimes under-served and under-represented members of our community. This work allows us to give back to a community that has supported our firm for over forty years. Whether drafting estate planning documents or advocating on behalf of victims of domestic violence, our attorneys handle pro bono work with the same pride and zeal that we do for all cases that pass through our doors.”

The local firms, attorneys and advocates recognized and honored at the event have made considerable pro bono contributions toward the community’s access to vital legal services and transformed the lives of hundreds of area residents. In the past year, approximately 550 Charlotte-area attorneys and

advocates gave more than 6,400 pro bono hours to CFCR, LANC and LSSP, serving upwards of 1,300 local children, families and individuals in need. Among this year's Pro Bono Awards sponsors were Presenting Sponsor Lawyers Weekly and Zealous Champion McGuireWoods LLP. The event was held at Foundation for the Carolinas in Charlotte and drew a crowd of more than 200 attorneys, judges, advocates and community members.



Council for Children's Rights

Council for Children's Rights leads our community to stand up for every child's right to be safe, healthy and educated. The Children's Legal Services teams serve over 2,500 children per year and respond to more than 1,000 advice and guidance inquiries, while the Research and Planning and Policy Teams address local and state legislative changes that may impact all children in our community. www.cfcrights.org



Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. www.legalaidnc.org



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