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Legal Services of North Florida Hosts Law Day Reception

TALLAHASSEE, FL. - U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham (D-2nd) honored over 750 area attorneys for their contributions to providing pro bono legal services for those who cannot afford legal representation throughout North Florida at the annual Law Day Celebration Reception, today at University Center Club.

The event recognizes volunteer attorneys from throughout the 2nd Circuit for their dedication to providing pro bono legal services including cases involving Family Law, Housing, Public Benefits, Employment, Education, and Health Care issues.

During the nationally celebrated Law Week, Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association and the Tallahassee Bar Association, jointly host the Law Day celebration and recognize attorneys and judges.

“The recipients of this year’s awards were chosen because of their extraordinary contributions and commitment to providing pro bono legal services on behalf of poverty level citizens of our community,” said Kris Knab, LSNF’s executive director. “It is through their dedication that we are able to ensure there is hope and justice for all in our community.”

Several attorneys and judges were honored Tuesday, receiving several prestigious awards for their dedication to providing no cost legal services to clients who would otherwise not be able to afford legal representation. U.S. Rep. Graham congratulated the award recipients who included:

- Elizabeth Ricci, 2015 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Services Award for the 2nd Judicial Circuit;
- Wendy Loquasto, 2015 Legal Services Corporation Pro Bono Award;
- Judge Nikki Ann Clark, Capital City Bar Presidents Council's Richard W. Ervin Equal Justice Award;
- Karen D. Walker, Esq. and Mia L. McKown, Esq., Joy Aukema Taps 2015 Children's Advocate of the Year Award;
- Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Parks & Crump Thurgood Marshall 2015 Judicial Excellence Award.

About LSNF

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