

Pat Green Honored For Pro Bono Service

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Every month, Southern Arizona Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) recognizes an attorney for his or her efforts and contributions to the program. The VLP's monthly award is a distinct honor: of the 1220 attorneys who volunteer their time with

the VLP, only 12 receive the VLP's Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney award each year.

Pat Green was selected to receive the Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney of the Month Award for February 2010. Pat has been a member of the VLP in Pima County since 2002. During that time, she has helped clients with domestic relations matters that include complex divorce, custody and paternity matters. Recently Pat completed work on a divorce case for a client who had been married to her abusive spouse for more than forty years. The case went to trial, was followed by post-trial motions and concluded when a negotiated decree was entered. Pat helped the client obtain spousal maintenance and settle property issues. Most important, with Pat's assistance, the client was able to move forward and now lives in a safe environment. Pat dedicated eighty-two hours to the matter.

Q & A with Pat Green

Where are you from? Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Where did you go to college? University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Where did you go to law school? James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson.

How long have you lived in Tucson? Relocated to Tucson from Los Angeles in the summer of 1993 to attend law school.

What are your current practice areas? I practice primarily in the area of family law/domestic relations.

What drives you to volunteer with VLP? I believe it is important to donate time to the community in which we live. I also am constantly reminded of the times in my life when I needed legal assistance and I could not afford the services of an attorney.

One reason you would encourage attorneys to volunteer with VLP? It is very rewarding.

Best thing about being an attorney in Tucson? The collegiality among the family law bench and bar.

Worst thing about being an attorney in Tucson? Can't think of anything.

Things that you wish were closer to your office? The courthouse.

Are you a dog or cat person? I am a cat person, but I presently have two dogs in my household because my husband will not tolerate a cat.

What do you do to unwind after work? Spend time with my grandchildren and go bowling.

Person you most admire? My maternal grandmother. Food you can't live without? Sushi.

Best vacation destination? Caribbean cruise.

For information about how you can become involved in the Volunteer Lawyers Program please visit the program's web- site at www.VLPArizona.org or contact Michele Mirto at 6239465, extension 4171.