

Joseph A. Sullivan

Counsel & Director of Pro Bono Programs Philadelphia

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Joe is a passionate champion of access to justice for the indigent and communities in need. In addition to actively handling cases, he coordinates pro bono programs through outreach to bar associations, public interest law firms, business entities and community organizations.

Overview

Joseph A. Sullivan is an experienced litigator and pro bono attorney.

Joe supervises and coordinates all aspects of the delivery of pro bono legal services, including the internal reach and effectiveness of the programs, as well as outreach to bar associations, public interest law firms, business entities and community organizations. Joe also actively participates in pro bono engagements.

Joe is a lecturer of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he teaches professional responsibility, and for many years has been co-chair of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, as well as co-chair of the Association's Task Force on Civil Gideon and Access to Justice. Joseph is an active board member of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and is also a board member of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel (APBCo), a national and international organization of legal professionals working full-time as counsel and directors of pro bono programs at private law firms.

He joined the firm from another firm in Philadelphia, where he was counsel and served as an administrator of that firm's Litigation Services Department and director of its pro bono program.

Rankings and Recognition

• 2010 recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Association Fidelity Award, recognizing significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice

- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Louis J. Goffman Award (the highest honor for pro bono service)
- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Pro Bono Award for Philadelphia County

Bar Admissions

• Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Education

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 1987; editor-in-chief, Columbia Human Rights Law Review
- Columbia University, B.A., 1980

Clerkships

 Hon. Anna Diggs Taylor, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 01/01/1987 -01/01/1989