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PA BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS CAROL MILLS MCCARTHY WITH
PRO BONO ADVOCACY AWARD

PITTSBURGH, PA – Carol Mills McCarthy, a former president of the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Legal Services Association, was recently honored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association with a Jeffrey A. Ernico Award honoring her exceptional pro bono advocacy efforts.

The Ernico Award celebrates the pro bono accomplishments of Harrisburg attorney Jeffrey A. Ernico and his long-standing commitment to equal justice. It is an occasional award of the PA Bar Association Legal Services to the Public Committee that is given to honor those whose efforts have “resulted in significant improvement in the provision of legal services to the neediest among us.”

McCarthy was nominated by Max Laun, General Counsel of ALCOA and NLSA board member who recently completed his term as NLSA board president, and Robert V. Racunas, executive director of Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA). In nominating McCarthy for the Enrico Award, Laun said, “Carol knows first-hand the value and necessity of quality legal representation and takes to heart her professional responsibility to help others in our community gain access to the justice system.”

McCarthy is a partner with the Pittsburgh-based McCarthy McDonald Schulberg & Joy, focusing her practice on family law issues, including divorce, child custody, support and property division. An accomplished attorney, McCarthy is consistently rated as one of the region’s top family law attorneys by *Super Lawyers*. She began her practice of law at NLSA where she represented low income families experiencing a wide variety of difficult family law problems. Throughout her career, she has unfailingly advocated for pro bono legal services to those unable to pay and has supported legal aid. Since 2011, McCarthy has taken 217 pro bono cases for NLSA clients needing Protection from Abuse orders or representation in other family law issues.

“Carol’s heart for justice truly beats loudly in providing pro bono legal services to those who couldn’t otherwise access help and we are very proud to call her a member of the NLSA family,” said Racunas.

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As Neighborhood Legal Services Association enters its 50th anniversary year in 2016, the scope and nature of the agency’s broad range of essential services to the community are reflected in the outcomes for fiscal year 2014-2015 listed below. Our staff of 22 served 14,645 residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties including seniors, veterans, victims of domestic violence and other low income or underserved populations at no cost to them. The staff’s efforts are aided by pro bono volunteers from 45 area law firms and corporate legal departments.