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To: All Members of the Western District of New York Bar
From: Honorable Elizabeth A. Wolford, Chief Judge
Re: Publication of the 2023 *Pro Bono* Honor Roll & Call for Volunteer Attorneys for the Court's *Pro Bono* Volunteer Panel
Date: July 10, 2023

Dear Member of the Bar:

I am pleased to announce the publication of the Court's 2023 *Pro Bono* Honor Roll, acknowledging each of the attorneys who have appeared as *pro bono* counsel in civil matters from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The Honor Roll is available on the Court's website and posted in the lobby of the Robert H. Jackson and Kenneth B. Keating courthouses.

I extend the Court's sincerest appreciation and gratitude to each of the attorneys listed on the Honor Roll, and I encourage those members of this bar who have not yet joined the Volunteer Panel to please give serious consideration to doing so. The use of *pro bono* counsel facilitates equal access to justice for civil litigants, permits the Court to address cases more effectively, and often provides valuable federal court experience to attorneys. As a reminder, attorneys may elect to volunteer for a limited-scope *pro bono* appointment (*i.e.* for a targeted portion of the case, including mediation, amendment of pleadings, motion practice, etc.), full-scope *pro bono* appointment (*i.e.* through final disposition of the case), or both.

Additionally, and to the benefit of our volunteer attorneys, JustCause and the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. have partnered with the Court to provide benefits to *pro bono* attorneys appointed under Loc. R. Civ. P. 83.8, including free CLE programs on federal civil practice, primary malpractice insurance coverage, and CLE credits for *pro bono* service in this Court. The Senior *Pro Bono* Panel, comprised of experienced federal practitioners, is also available to provide guidance and assistance to *pro bono* attorneys upon request.

If you would like to join the Volunteer Panel, please complete the Volunteer Panel form located on the Court's website at <https://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/pro-bono-program> and email it to probono@nywd.uscourts.gov.

Very truly yours,


Elizabeth A. Wolford
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