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THE ATTORNEYS WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO LOW-INCOME CLIENTS IN 2019.

Stinson LLP attorneys Andrew Davis and Diane Galatowitsch were recently recognized by the Pro Bono Council of the Minnesota State Bar Association Access to Justice Committee and the Minnesota Supreme Court for their outstanding pro bono efforts in 2019. They were among just 29 individuals honored statewide.

Davis donated more than 200 hours of pro bono service in 2019, including a great deal of work on human rights matters locally. He argued successfully on two pro bono asylum cases where both individuals were granted asylum, and he assisted a small business owner in successfully defending an investigation into his business by the IRS. Davis has worked with the ACLU on two significant transgender student rights cases. And he has represented several immigrant rights groups in litigation against the "public charge" immigration rule.

Galatowitsch serves on the Deinard Legal Clinic (DLC) Screening Committee, determining which matters will be placed with Stinson attorneys. In 2019, she donated almost 250 hours of pro bono service to four different family law cases through the DLC, as well as matters for two local nonprofits, one of which is dedicated to providing shelter for those experiencing homelessness and the other of which hosts community feasts to invest in local organizations that address inequities. Additionally, Galatowitsch helped write an amicus brief related to same-sex parental rights on behalf of the Lavender Bar Association.

Stinson's pro bono program is driven by the firm's Pro Bono Committee, co-chaired by Partners Allison Woodbury and Bradley Yeretsky and implemented by Pro Bono Director Theresa Hughes and Pro Bono Manager Katie Cronin. The firm's strategic plan expects all partners to contribute to the firm's pro bono

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 $legal\ work\ and\ community\ service.\ Additionally, 100\%\ of\ the\ firm's\ associates\ performed\ pro\ bono\ legal\ work\ last\ year.$

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