

**RECOGNITION
OF THE
BERKS PRO BONO TEAM**

**October 23, 2012
The Abraham Lincoln – A Wyndham Historic Hotel**

11:45 LUNCHEON

Invocation

The Rev. Kim L. Lengert, Esquire

Greetings from the Bench

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Schmehl, President Judge of the Berks County Court of
Common Pleas

Presentation of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Award

Thomas G. Wilkinson, Jr., President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

Recognition of the Pro Bono Team

Frederick K. Hatt, President of the Berks County Bar Association

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Dick Thornburgh, Counsel to the international law firm of K & L Gates,
LLP, Washington, D. C., and former Governor of Pennsylvania and former Attorney
General of the United States

1:45 SEMINAR -- *Pro Bono from Your Desk: PA SeniorLAW HelpLine* (1 hour substantive credit)

This session will train attorneys to provide legal counseling through the PA Senior Helpline, a toll-free telephone service offering free, confidential legal advice, information and referrals to senior citizens statewide. The presentation will focus on the logistics of handling the most common type of HelpLine cases. Since most callers are lower-income, a primer on poverty law (such as public benefits) will be included.

David Keller Trevaskis, Esquire

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

3:00 SEMINAR -- *Civil Gideon and Help for the Pro Bono Attorney* (1 hour ethics credit)

This session will review the status of Civil Gideon nationally and in the state of Pennsylvania. The session will also provide guidance when dealing with self-represented litigants. The presentation will cover the ethics of pro bono service, of limited representation and the ethical duties of attorneys who do such things as ghost write documents. The intersection of poverty and the law will be discussed.

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4:00 RECEPTION