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Four attorneys and a law student will be recognized by the Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services for their exceptional dedication to providing pro bono legal services, the SJC has announced.

They will receive the awards at an Oct. 30 ceremony that also celebrates the 25th anniversary of the committee.

The event also will recognize the achievements of attorneys, law students, and legal organizations who qualified for the SJC Pro Bono Honor Roll.

SJC Justice Elizabeth N. Dewar will present the Ralph D. Gants Award for Extraordinary Leadership in Pro Bono Service, named for the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, posthumously to Mary K. Ryan, a partner at Nutter and former longtime chair of the SJC Pro Bono Committee who died in June.

Dewar will present the Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards, named for John Adams and John Quincy Adams, to the following people for their outstanding pro bono work:

- Akosua Agyepong, a family law attorney at Turco Legal, for her service with Community Legal Aid's pro bono programs, including the Worcester Probate & Family Court lawyer for the day program and UMass Memorial Healthcare Medical-Legal Partnership, among other activities;
- Jeff Goldman, a civil litigator at Morgan Lewis, for his pro bono representation of a divorced mother through two trials and two appeals that resulted in a major decision by the SJC concerning the determination of child support and alimony awards under the Alimony Reform Act of 2011;
- Lisa Pirozzolo, an intellectual property litigator at WilmerHale, for her career-long dedication to pro bono service, including her leadership in a class action seeking accommodations for deaf and hard-of-hearing people in the custody of the Department of Correction; and
- Miyuki Masuda, a student at New England Law | Boston, for providing hundreds of hours of pro bono assistance to survivors of domestic violence and severe trauma at the Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit.

The ceremony will be held on Oct. 30 in the SJC's Seven Justice Courtroom at the John Adams Courthouse in Boston. It will be streamed online at <https://boston.suffolk.edu/sjc/>.