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Newington Attorney Receives Statewide Pro Bono Award

West Hartford, CT - Peter Boorman of Newington received the 2022 Glenn E. Knierim* Pro Bono Award, presented this week by the judges of the Connecticut Probate Assembly at their annual meeting. Attorney Boorman has taken on particularly difficult probate court cases, including pro bono assignments to allow justice to reach those with limited resources.

Connecticut's 54 Probate Courts and six Regional Children's Probate Courts assist thousands of low-income seniors to age in place in their own homes; supervise the care and finances of individuals who cannot care for themselves; support individuals with mental health conditions to live in the community instead of being institutionalized; and help thousands of children stay in familiar surroundings with family and friend guardians rather than being placed in foster care. Probate Courts save taxpayers more than \$2.1 billion each year by avoiding more costly state services.

"During my 15 years plus as a probate judge, Peter has been the attorney I turn to for some of the most difficult conservatorship and fiduciary appointments," said Judge of Probate Robert A. Randich, who nominated Mr. Boorman for the award. "Peter's intelligence and approachable manner make him especially effective in bringing order to chaotic situations. Peter has always placed a high value on the reputation of the probate court system and on numerous occasions I have heard him advocate for a more civil and just presentation to the court in probate proceedings."

Attorney Boorman's contributions to his community and the Probate Court system go beyond accepting difficult and pro bono assignments. Judge Randich said Mr. Boorman has called him on numerous occasions to voice an opinion on issues which he believed would benefit the entire probate system. Attorney Boorman is also past chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Elder Law Section, and has served multiple Newington mayors as town attorney and on a Charter Revision Commission for Newington.

The award is named for the late Probate Judge Glenn E. Knierim, who was the system's longest-serving Probate Court Administrator from 1973 to 1989. Judge Knierim set an outstanding example of judicial leadership and public service, creating the first Code of Probate Judicial Conduct and setting mandatory educational requirements for probate judges. The award named for him is presented annually to the attorney or attorneys who demonstrate significant pro bono support to the Probate Courts. For more information about Connecticut's Probate Courts, visit ctprobate.gov.

* *Pronounced:* kuh-NEAR-im

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Attached (left to right): Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator; Peter Boorman, Glenn E. Knierim Pro Bono Award recipient; Doug Dalena, Daniel F. Caruso Public Service Award recipient; Hon. Evelyn M. Daly, incoming President-Judge, Connecticut Probate Assembly; Hon. Michael R. Brandt, outgoing President-Judge, Connecticut Probate Assembly