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Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP and the Connecticut Bar Foundation Announce the Anthony M. Fitzgerald Fund for Excellence to Support Outstanding Advocacy by a Connecticut Legal Services Organization

New Haven, CT, February 11, 2019 – The partners of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP have established the Anthony M. Fitzgerald Fund for Excellence to honor Tony Fitzgerald on the occasion of his retirement from the practice of law. Tony is a “lawyer’s lawyer.” He has trained a generation of Carmody lawyers and earned the respect and admiration of his clients and colleagues. Tony is a long-time supporter of the Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF) and is a Charter James W. Cooper Fellow. Carmody lawyers and staff, friends and others have contributed to the Fund, and proceeds from the Fund have been donated to the CBF to establish The Anthony M. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence. The Award recognizes excellence in advocacy, a hallmark of Tony’s distinguished career which spanned nearly 50 years. The CBF will present the award annually. In addition to being recognized, recipient organizations will receive a cash award.

Nominations and Selection

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Anthony M. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence. The award recognizes the dedicated service and outstanding achievements of a Connecticut nonprofit civil legal service provider or legal aid attorney(s). The CBF Awards Committee solicits nominations from the CBF James W. Cooper Fellows but may also consider nominations from other sources. A nomination should describe specifically how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in the provision of zealous and skilled legal representation to low-income clients in Connecticut.

The Committee will screen nominations and select the recipient(s). The CBF will present the 2019 Anthony M. Fitzgerald Award at the CBF Annual Reception on May 6, 2019.

For additional information, please contact Don Philips at the Connecticut Bar Foundation at don@cbf-1.org or at 860-722-2494.

Eligibility

The Connecticut Bar Foundation may present the Anthony M. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence to any legal service provider that currently receives an Interest on Lawyers Trust Account grant from the CBF (Grantee), or an attorney employed by, or who provides volunteer legal services through, a Grantee. Access to justice is a fundamental right, and legal aid providers and attorneys perform a crucial role in ensuring fair and equal access to those most at risk of being excluded from our legal system. Without the zealous and passionate representation of civil legal aid providers, those who face the loss of basic human needs – including housing, safety from domestic violence, health care benefits, employment, and

educational opportunities – are often ill equipped to protect their legal rights. The Anthony M. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence honors legal service providers and attorneys who demonstrate a commitment to the provision of zealous and skilled legal representation to low-income clients, including direct client or other activities that ensure that Connecticut citizens have legal representation when facing important civil legal concerns affecting their safety, health, shelter and survival. Other activities may include implementing a new legal service program, project or service that expands access to civil legal representation for people of low income in Connecticut.

About Anthony M. Fitzgerald

Tony Fitzgerald is recognized by his colleagues for his superior work and commitment to the legal profession. His analytical skill, dedicated work ethic, and outstanding advocacy for his clients puts him among the top lawyers by any measure.

Tony has a wealth of civil trial experience, much of it gained in years as a personal injury defense lawyer early in his career. His civil litigation practice concentrated on business disputes and the representation of lawyers and law firms. He also represented energy companies in regulatory proceedings and related litigation concerning the permitting of large infrastructure projects, such as electric transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. In both practices, Tony focused on intensive early case assessment to develop an efficient strategy designed to produce the best practical outcome.

After completing his undergraduate degree at Yale University in 1966, Tony attended Columbia Law School where he earned his J.D. in 1969 and was named a Stone Scholar.

About Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP

Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP is a Connecticut-based law firm serving a wide range of businesses, utilities, governmental entities and individuals. With more than 75 attorneys and offices in New Haven, Stamford, Waterbury, Litchfield and Southbury, we practice in nearly 30 specific areas of law.

About the Connecticut Bar Foundation

A non-profit organization established in 1952, the Connecticut Bar Foundation works to ensure that the state's legal system is available to all, regardless of power or resources. The Foundation seeks to assure a reliable and sufficient flow of funds to support legal services that protect the interests of those who cannot afford private counsel.