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Dear Jay:

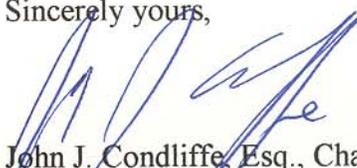
It is a privilege to formally advise you that the Baltimore County Office of Law has been awarded 2005 Annual Pro Bono Award from the Baltimore County Bar Association. This year, the association determined to make both an individual and firm award.

The award to your office is in recognition of being the first county-level government agency to adopt a formal pro bono policy. In addition, members of the association's pro bono committee were amazed at the speed with which your office implemented the policy once it was adopted. Your actions leading to this award demonstrate a recognition that the commitment of the Court of Appeals, the state bar and the county bar to pro bono work serving the needy and the community apply to all members of the bar, not just a select few in certain areas of law.

In sending this letter, I would also be remiss if I failed to mention the work by Assistant County Attorney James J. Nolan, Jr. who was instrumental in the drafting of the policy adopted by your office and coordinating with pro bono agencies in the implementation of the policy. Jim's work as chair of the Baltimore County Circuit Court's Local Pro Bono Committee is also well known.

As you know, on May 2<sup>nd</sup> you and your staff are invited to the noon Law Day Ceremony to be held in the ceremonial court room in the Old Court House. Speaking on behalf of the Pro Bono Committee, we look forward to presenting this well-deserved honor to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
John J. Condliffe, Esq., Chair  
Pro Bono Committee

cc: Honorable James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive  
John B. Gontrum, Esq., President, BCBA