



Archer Attorneys Served as Panelists for Professionalism Day in the U.S. District Court as Recognition for Work on Pro Bono Personal Injury Case

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Archer attorneys, [Kerri E. Chewning](#) and Reginald L. Streater, were recent panelists for a program titled, "The Challenges and Rewards of Pro Bono Publico," offered for attorneys as part of Professionalism Day, sponsored by the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, in conjunction with the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. District Court Judge Noel L. Hillman acted as moderator for the panel, held on October 16th at the Federal Courthouse in Camden.

Ms. Chewning and Mr. Streater were asked to serve on the panel by Judge Hillman to discuss the District Court's new Pro Bono counsel selection mechanism, and the successes and ethical considerations Ms. Chewning and Mr. Streater had to undertake from a law firm's perspective in a recent pro bono personal injury case representing a client who was incarcerated at FCI Fort Dix. Their recognition served as a way for the Court to say thank you for their zealous and ethical advocacy for their client.

Up until Ms. Chewning and Mr. Streater's involvement, the client had been representing himself for many years, encountering difficulties along the way, with little movement through the judicial process. To ensure their client received the best representation possible, they provided over 200 hours of service, which included many trips to FCI Fort Dix, six depositions, case management and status conferences, and significant settlement discussions. Through their efforts, the client received a significant settlement from the government, and subsequently, now as a returning citizen, the client will be able to use his settlement to help him transition back to life outside of Federal Prison.

The other panelists for the program included Hon. Ann Marie Donio, U.S.M.J., Hon. Karen M. Williams, U.S.M.J., and distinguished members of the Bar. The program was run simultaneously with similar programs addressing professionalism and ethics for trial attorneys presented at the Federal Courthouses in Newark and Trenton.

Ms. Chewning practices in the area of complex commercial litigation in the federal and state courts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Her practice focuses primarily on intellectual property litigation and the defense of class actions. Ms. Chewning also handles the defense of civil rights claims. Mr. Streater focuses his practice on commercial and complex litigation. His clients range from individuals and small businesses, to large corporations and public entities. Mr. Streater handles a variety of litigation matters, including contract disputes, federal claims, federal civil rights claims, insurance matters, employment disputes, fraud claims, and tort claims in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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