

CONNER & WINTERS WINS OKLAHOMA ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOUNDATION PRO BONO AWARD

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Tulsa, Okla. (October 26, 2022) - The Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation has recognized Conner & Winters as the Large Firm Winner of the 2022 Summer Pro Bono Challenge.

Held annually, the pro bono challenge is a competition among law firms to provide *pro bono* legal services to communities and organizations across Oklahoma. Attorneys participate by tracking the number of hours of free legal services they provide during the summer months. Participants in the challenge are grouped into categories based on firm size, ranging from the Solo Lawyer category to the Large Firm category.

This year's award winners were announced at the Oklahoma Access to Justice Summit on October 21st. **The following 14 attorneys logged a combined 486.8 hours of pro bono work to help Conner & Winters earn the top spot in the Large Firm category:**

- Anna Sanger
- Beverly Smith
- Daniel Gomez
- Gentra Sorem
- Hayley Stephens
- Hilary Velandia
- J. Ryan Sacra
- Katherine Coyle

ATTORNEYS

Mark D. Berman
Katherine G. Coyle
Daniel E. Gomez
McKayla Hendrix
Lynnwood R. Moore, Jr.
Russell C. Ramzel
J. Ryan Sacra
Beverly K. Smith
Gentra Abbey Sorem
Hayley N. Stephens
Hilary Velandia

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- Lynnwood Moore, Jr.
- Mark Berman
- Mary Huckabee
- McKayla Hendrix
- Rachel Lenehan
- Russell Ramzel

Receiving the award on behalf of the firm, partner Isaac Ellis issue the following statement:

The firm is truly honored to receive the Summer Pro Bono Challenge award. But I think the biggest reward has been the work itself. There's really no greater feeling as a lawyer than knowing you're having a direct and positive impact on someone's life. I'm really proud that so many people in the Tulsa legal community stepped up to meet the need this year.

For 90 years, Conner & Winters has been a stalwart for community service. We pride ourselves on giving back to our local communities and leading with a service-oriented approach. Our firm's core values are centered on doing the right things the right way — and we can only achieve our mission by fostering and promoting a purpose-driven culture.

On behalf of the entire Conner & Winters team, we are honored and grateful to receive the Large Firm award for this year's Pro Bono Challenge. We dedicate this award to all those we had the privilege to serve.

Watch the Award Presentation and Acceptance Speech by Conner & Winters partner Isaac Ellis:

About the Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation:

The Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation was founded in 2018 with the support of the Oklahoma Access to Justice Commission to serve as an independent nonprofit program, policy, and advocacy partner to expand and realize the goals of the Commission. Supported with start-up funding from the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, the ATJ Foundation partners with organizations across the state to further the goal of Access to Justice for everyone, through collaboration, accessibility, innovation, and empowerment. Learn more at okaccesstojustice.org



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About Conner & Winters:

With 100+ attorneys in 6 offices across Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Washington, D.C, Conner & Winters is a regional leader in providing quality legal services for clients of all sizes. As a full-service business and litigation law firm, Conner & Winters successfully represents clients spanning 20 different practice areas, such as corporate law, banking & finance, health care, tax, Native American law, and real estate.