

Michael E. Haglund Award Eric Kearney and Joshua Ross, 2008 Recipients

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Eric Kearney



Joshua Ross

The 2008 Michael E. Haglund Award recipients are Eric Kearney and Joshua Ross.

This award goes to young lawyers who, in the tradition of Michael Haglund, founder of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, have displayed a special commitment to pro bono service.

Eric's devotion to pro bono work is nothing less than outstanding. As a new member of the OSB, Eric hit the ground running by volunteering his time and services to a variety of pro bono clients. Specifically, Eric worked more than 192 pro bono hours in 2007 and provided low-income and elderly individuals access to the legal system. This dedication has yielded extraordinary results and unsolicited praise from his clients, as well as the variety of organizations with which Eric works. Last year, he assisted the St. Andrew Legal Clinic, Legal Aid's Domestic Violence Project and Legal Aid's Senior Law Project.

Eric is a member of the MBA Public Outreach Committee and serves on the OSB New Lawyers Division Pro Bono Subcommittee.

Josh graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2003 and joined the firm of Stoll Berne after nearly two years clerking for the Hon. Rick Haselton on the Oregon Court of Appeals. Josh has volunteered for LASO since 2006. In 2007, he spent nearly 100 hours representing survivors of domestic violence in their contested restraining order hearings. Not only did Josh spend significant time working with clients, his spirit and dedication inspired high praise from his pro bono clients. After each case, his clients commended his communication with them and his hard work on their behalf. Josh's contribution of hours is significant, and beyond that, his dedication to serving his clients well is what makes him an exemplary volunteer.

His other volunteer activities include helping coordinate the Imprint Program and coaching high school Mock Trial.