

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Pro Bono Advocacy Award Presented

On June 23, Chief Judge Royce Lamberth presented the 2009 Daniel M. Gribbon Pro Bono Advocacy Award to Jason Wallach, an associate at the law firm Dickstein Shapiro LLP. Mr. Wallach received the award for his work in the landmark case Sellmon v. Reilly, 551 F. Supp. 66 (D.D.C. 2008), in which he represented several plaintiffs who claimed that the U.S. Parole Commission violated the *ex post facto* clause of the U.S. Constitution when it applied its 2000 Parole Guidelines for offenses committed while the preceding regulations were in effect. Mr. Wallach also was recognized for his efforts to recruit and train more pro bono attorneys to assist with parole hearings.

Also nominated for their pro bono efforts were teams from the law firms Covington & Burling LLP, and Patton Boggs LLP, as well as a team led by Jenner & Block LLP, partner Martina Vandenberg. The court congratulates this year's Gribbon Award winner and extends its heartfelt gratitude to each of the nominees for their outstanding service to the public and court.