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**Atlanta Attorneys Recognized for Pro Bono Service**

**ATLANTA** – The Atlanta Legal Aid Society recently honored attorneys Ashley Akins, Elisa Kodish, Cheryl Shaw, and Dené Terry as Pro Bono Stars for their 2019 service in handling at least three cases or performing at least 50 hours of service.

Additionally, Kodish will receive the Atlanta Legal Aid Commitment to Pro Bono Services Award Nov. 6. The award is given to a member of the pro bono community who has provided long-term support for the mission of Legal Aid through advocacy, advisement, Board or related leadership, and who amplifies the impact Legal Aid has throughout the state. Kodish is immediate past president of the organization's Board of Directors.

Nelson Mullins partnered with Atlanta Legal Aid to create a guardianship program. Through the program, parents and caregivers of young adults with profound special needs receive help obtaining a court order appointing them as legal guardians so they can continue to make critical decisions for their young adults. The four attorneys have been instrumental in handling these cases since the program's inception in 2017.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society offers free civil legal aid for low income people across metro Atlanta. With five neighborhood offices, three offices in Children's Healthcare of Atlanta hospitals, three county courthouse projects, a variety of self-help clinics, and countless community education programs, Legal Aid lawyers and volunteers reach tens of thousands of people annually. More than 20,000 cases are represented by the staff of 75 attorneys and 1,200 volunteers every year.

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