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Drinker Biddle Litigator Honored with First Judicial District's Pro Bono Award

PHILADELPHIA – Tracy E. Schloss, a litigation associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, received the prestigious First Judicial District's Pro Bono Award for 2012. The judges of the Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court nominate and present the award annually to one lawyer representing each division of the First Judicial District who has provided exceptional pro bono service in the Philadelphia courts.

Schloss received the award for her work as a volunteer child advocate attorney with the Support Center for Child Advocates, a group she has worked with since 2008. In 2009, she was appointed to represent an 11-year old victim/witness in a criminal case. Schloss played a key role in ensuring that the child was prepared to testify and able to work with the Special Victims Unit of the Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney. She worked closely with the district attorney to protect the child emotionally during the trial while still ensuring that her client's voice was heard at the sentencing hearing.

"We are very proud of Tracy and her tremendous contribution to the Support Center for Child Advocates, the pro bono community, the Philadelphia courts, and most importantly in this case, her client," said Jill E. Bronson, regional partner in charge of Drinker Biddle's Philadelphia office.

According to the Center, Schloss is a supportive and engaged volunteer attorney who developed a strong relationship with her client. The consistency and dedication that Schloss demonstrated to this child over the past three years has had a positive impact on the client's life through the courts.

Schloss focuses her litigation practice on white collar criminal defense and government and internal corporate investigations. Prior to joining the firm in 2008, she clerked for the Hon. Felipe Restrepo on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Schloss earned her juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, and her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Colby College.

Schloss was nominated for the award by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders of the Court of Common Pleas, Trial Division – Criminal. The award was conferred in a ceremony on October 24 in the Alex Bonavita Law Library at City Hall.

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