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STATE BAR HONORS 2 ATTORNEYS FOR EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Two exemplary volunteer attorneys, Edward T. Pinder and Justin Browne, have been honored with the Maryland State Bar Association's (MSBA) first Spotlight awards for their outstanding public service role as good citizens who volunteer in their local communities. Pinder, a seasoned solo attorney in Baltimore County, and Browne, a young attorney in Howard County, are dedicated lawyers who are exceptional volunteer leaders in the legal profession and in the community. MSBA presented these Spotlight awards on June 13, during the Annual Meeting in Ocean City, recognizing these two attorneys as "good lawyers and good citizens."

Edward T. Pinder, a busy solo practitioner in Baltimore County, was awarded the Seasoned Lawyer Spotlight Award for his extraordinary volunteer commitment to his local community. This solo attorney supports the youth in Parkville as well as the entire community as an active volunteer leader engaged in everything from coaching girls' softball and teaching Sunday school to fundraising and playing Santa Claus. Pinder's many contributions to his local community are the quiet good deeds that characterize a good citizen and an outstanding attorney most worthy of MSBA's first Spotlight Award.

Justin Browne, a new lawyer admitted last December, was honored with the Young Lawyer Spotlight Award for his extensive volunteer work in the community and his pro bono and public service contributions to the legal profession, most as an aspiring law student. This new attorney epitomizes the all around good citizen, quietly doing good deeds every day to make the community a better place. In addition, he has already played an instrumental role in creating MSBA's successful Military Law Committee and partnered with other groups to create a pro bono legal assistance program for veterans, in which he actively volunteers.

MSBA's "Shine the Spotlight" awards recognize attorneys who volunteer as leaders in their communities and applaud their good deeds as everyday citizens. Pinder and Browne both demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to promoting the welfare of their communities.

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