Attorneys Recognized for Legal Service to the Community

he Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society ■ (SCBALAS) held an awards ceremony at Heathrow Country Club to recognize the work of local attorneys for their advocacy and pro bono work on behalf of the economically disadvantaged, including children and the elderly susceptible to exploitation.

According to SCBALAS, in the past fiscal year, volunteer and staff attorneys served 1,172 families, which included 1,381 children. Volunteer attorneys donated pro bono legal services valued at approximately \$389,400, which included advice, counsel, pro se assistance, and legal assistance in court.

The legal aid office is located in Historic Longwood.







- 1. Front row: Melissa Moore Stockham, Guardian of Justice Award; Shivon Patel, Young Lawyer Pro Bono Service Award; Dr. Jordan Camenker, Community Partner Award. Back row: Scott A. Smothers, Pro Bono Service Award: The Honorable Clayton D. Simmons, Advocate of the Year Award; Judge James J. Dekleva, President Award; Steven H. Coover, Pro Bono Service Award.
- 2. Gary Siegel, Steven Kramer, Ryan Yadav
- 3. Seminole County Legal Aid Staff: Charity Steinbach, Denice Garza, Renee Martinez, Yvonne Alonso, Silvia McLain (executive director), Sue Selsky, Amber Brooks, and Allan Andino



