

Joshua Vincent Selected as the 2026 Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award Recipient

Presented as Part of the Chicago Bar Foundation Pro Bono and Public Service Awards

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Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce that partner Joshua (Josh) Vincent has been selected as the 2026 [Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award](#) recipient, part of the 2026 Chicago Bar Association (CBA) and Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) Pro Bono and Public Service Awards.

The CBA & CBF Pro Bono and Public Service Awards recognize “unsung heroes” in the legal community for their exceptional pro bono and public service contributions. According to the CBF, these awards not only celebrate individuals who are deeply committed to serving others but also raise awareness of the profound impact collective efforts can have on the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community.

About the Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award

The Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award is named in honor of Edward J. Lewis, who, before his passing at the young age of 37, devoted more than 2,000 hours to providing pro bono legal services to a variety of organizations.

This nomination-based award recognizes attorneys who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the core principles of equal protection and equal justice through outstanding pro bono work. Recipients are selected based on several factors, including their contributions to impactful pro bono cases benefiting Chicago-area residents affected by poverty, abuse, and discrimination; the depth and duration of their pro bono service; their ability to engage and inspire others to participate in pro bono efforts; and other meaningful achievements that have advanced access to justice within the community. Recipients receive a \$2,500 grant to donate to pro bono organizations of their choice.

Josh and other honorees will be presented with their awards at the CBA's [Pro Bono & Public Service Award Luncheon](#), scheduled on Thursday, July 9, at the Hilton Chicago.

[View all the honorees](#)

About Josh

Josh is an experienced attorney who remains deeply committed to serving both his clients and his community. Over the course of his career, he has appeared before state supreme courts and numerous state and federal appellate courts. He serves clients across a wide range of core legal areas, including commercial contract disputes, labor and employment, professional and products liability, insurance coverage, administrative review, and criminal justice.

Josh spearheaded the firm's adoption of its first pro bono policy and the establishment of the firm's pro bono legal services committee. He leads the firm's pro bono program, representing criminal and civil rights defendants before the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which enables junior associates to do appellate work, and he supervises new lawyers in other pro bono matters. He also serves as the Appellate Forms Subcommittee Chair to the Illinois Access to Justice Commission and on the Board of Directors for the Public Interest Law Initiative.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and has received recognition as a BTI Client Service All-Star, a *Crain's Chicago* Notable Litigator and Trial Attorney, and as the winner of the Best Mentor award in the prestigious *American Lawyer Magazine* Industry Awards. He was also named the 2025 Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year" for Chicago by *Best Lawyers in America*.


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