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**Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. Announces  
2017 Excellence Award Winners**

***Champions of Equal Access to Justice to be honored for Excellence at Pennsylvania Legal Aid  
Network Awards Banquet on March 28, 2017***

HARRISBURG, Pa., December 7, 2016 – The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. (PLAN, Inc.) is honored to announce the 2017 Excellence Award winners as well as the recipient of the Outstanding Leadership in Support of Legal Services. The exceptional individuals, groups and corporation listed below have demonstrated excellence in their efforts to expand access to justice for those who have nowhere else to turn for help when facing a critical legal problem.

Each winner has been carefully selected by criteria assessing increased access to civil legal aid, excellence in advocacy, leadership, and/or innovation in service delivery. The 2017 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award Honorees are:

**Pamela Lynn Dalton-Arlotti, Esq.**

*Director of Program Performance and Compliance*  
Neighborhood Legal Services Association  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Barbara Griffin, Esq.**

*Director of the Pro Bono Center*  
Allegheny County Bar Foundation  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania's Centralized Telephone Hotline Staff**

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Randal Hove, Esq. *Helpline Attorney*; Pamela Manning, *Support Staff Member*; Venzela Moses, *Paralegal*  
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*Managing Attorney*  
Northwestern, Legal Service  
Erie, PA

In addition, Fulton Financial Corporation has been selected to receive the Outstanding Leadership in Support of Legal Services in recognition of the bank's long-standing support and investment in Pennsylvania IOLTA and civil legal aid as an IOLTA Platinum Leader Bank since March 2009. Platinum Leader Banks exceed the PA IOLTA program requirements by paying a 1%, premium yield, on IOLTA accounts. Since 2009, Fulton Financial Corporation has contributed more than \$2.4 million to the IOLTA program.

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award winners will be formally honored at the PLAN Excellence Award Banquet on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Harrisburg Hilton in Harrisburg, PA. The ceremony will feature a video tribute of each honoree highlighting their accomplishments. For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit, [www.palegalaid.net](http://www.palegalaid.net) and click on the Excellence Award tab.

"The mission of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network is to ensure equal access to justice so that Pennsylvanians can have representation, when facing important civil legal concerns, affecting their safety, health, shelter and survival," said Samuel W. Milkes Esq., Executive Director of PLAN. "Our Excellence Award recipients epitomize the tireless efforts of legal aid advocates and friends in the private bar who work to deliver on the promise of justice for all."

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