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**CROWELL & MORING'S ALAN HOWARD RECOGNIZED WITH
ABA'S 2014 "PRO BONO PUBLICO" AWARD**

Washington, D.C. – August 11, 2014: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that Alan Howard, a New York-based partner and member of the firm's Litigation Group Steering Committee, has been honored with a "Pro Bono Publico Award" from the American Bar Association's (ABA) Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. Howard was recognized for his work on *pro bono* matters of national significance and for his collaboration with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) for which he serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The award was presented on August 9 in conjunction with the ABA's Annual Meeting in Boston.

The ABA "Pro Bono Publico Award" honors individuals and organizations in the legal community that enhance the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to the poor or disadvantaged. Howard represented Jesse Ray (Jody) Beard, the youngest of the six African-American young men arrested and charged with attempted murder for a schoolyard fight in the "Jena 6" proceedings in Louisiana—a case of national prominence for its civil rights implications. Committed to giving Jody a second chance at a successful life, Howard also became his legal guardian.

Currently, Howard leads a team of Crowell and SPLC attorneys representing the lead plaintiffs in multiple lawsuits arising out of what is alleged to be one of the largest human trafficking schemes in U.S. history. Plaintiffs are among hundreds of skilled workers from India who were lured to the U.S. with false promises of permanent residence, and housed in "mancamps" on marine fabrication yards in Mississippi and Texas. The first trial is scheduled for January 2015 in New Orleans.

"Alan has not only demonstrated an unswerving dedication to human rights and dignity, but great legal acumen, wisdom and ingenuity," said SPLC President, Richard Cohen. "Simply put, when faced with obstacles, Alan finds a path to justice. He is well-deserving of the American Bar Association's recognition."

"We attorneys in private practice extol the benefits of *pro bono* work, and at the top of that list of benefits is the personal gratification that comes from helping others in need," said Howard. "In my case, the rewards for having the opportunity to help Jody have been immeasurable. The work on the Jena 6 case,

the collaboration with teams of *pro bono* counsel, and the just result we achieved were as professionally rewarding as any matter on which I have worked. Most of all, the Jena 6 case brought Jody, whom we adopted, into my family. Being able to demonstrate to your kids how you can make a difference in someone's life is wonderful. Having your kids participate in making that difference, and learning that lesson first-hand, is priceless."

An ABA video featuring Howard and his son Jody is available for online viewing [here](#).

The mission of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service is to ensure access to justice through the expansion and enhancement of the delivery of legal and other law-related services to the underserved through volunteer efforts of legal professionals nationwide.

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