

Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Award

The Rhode Island Bar Association's Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Award recognizes Rhode Island attorneys who donate their time and legal expertise for charitable work. It is given to those whose efforts most closely reflect those of Rhode Attorney Dorothy Lohmann. Ms. Lohmann devoted her entire professional life working to help the poor. She tirelessly employed her talents as an intelligent and skillful lawyer working for the most vulnerable people in our society. She was known as an expert in poverty law, landlord tenant disputes, public assistance problems and domestic relations. Though she only lived a short time, her impression was deep. She brought hope to folks who had given up on the system, and brought justice to people who had experienced injustice. She did not stop at providing legal assistance to her clients. She volunteered her services at many human service organizations and advocated for laws and policies to relieve the suffering of the poor and disenfranchised. Dorcas Place, Parent-Literacy Center, McAuley House, Amos House, St. Michael Parish community, Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center, Rhode Island Legal Services, Sojourner House, Women's Development Corporation, and the Catholic Inner City Office all know the value this lawyer brought to their organizations and the people they serve. Award nominations are only accepted from representatives of organizations where Rhode Island attorneys have devoted a significant amount of their time and efforts on a strictly voluntary, non-paid basis.