



SHARON ARTMANN NAMED PAUL VAN VALKENBURG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Moss & Barnett established the Paul Van Valkenburg Service Award* in 2001. It is awarded annually to a Moss & Barnett team member in recognition of his or her outstanding volunteer contributions to the community. The award is named after our retired colleague, Paul Van Valkenburg, whose volunteer career set an example of the spirit of service and dedication that we seek to promote and recognize throughout our firm.

Sharon Artmann, a legal assistant in our family law practice area, was the 2011 recipient of the Paul Van Valkenburg Service Award. Sharon was given this award based on her work with a wide range of charitable organizations, including:

Loaves and Fishes – Sharon has been a volunteer at Loaves and Fishes for 18 years. Once a month, Sharon goes to the Loaves and Fishes dining site in North Minneapolis to help serve meals to guests. The organization has eight other dining sites in the Twin Cities metro area. Its mission is to provide nutritious meals to people



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who are hungry in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest. It also works with other organizations to assist guests with additional basic needs that are key to becoming self-sufficient.

Salvation Army – Sharon is a “Toy Shop Elf” who greets and escorts parents of disadvantaged families while they select Christmas gifts for their families at a Salvation Army toy shop. She also has been a Salvation Army bell-ringer and wrapped gifts for children of prisoners.

Ridgeview Medical Center Hospice – Sharon has been a hospice-trained volunteer in the program since 2005. She volunteers at the Marie Steiner Kelting Hospice Home visiting with patients, answering the phones and door, and delivering food to patients. Sharon also provides respite care to caregivers and their families in patients’ homes.

Sharon has also volunteered for **Habitat for Humanity**, **Feed My Starving Children**, and her local **public library**.

Past recipients of the Paul Van Valkenburg Service Award include **Chuck Parsons, Tom Keller, Adrienne Summerfield, Kevin Busch, Cheryl Riggs, Marcy Frost, Bill Haug, and Jennifer Reussé**. We are proud to recognize Sharon and our other award recipients for their willingness to be a part of organizations focused on improving the lives of others.

*The Paul Van Valkenburg Service Award includes a cash donation by the firm to the recipient’s chosen charity, a special recognition ceremony, and a commemorative piece of pottery created by Minnesota artist, Steve Hemmingway. For 2011, the firm’s donation was made to Loaves and Fishes.

MINNESOTA ESTATE ADMINISTRATION DESKBOOK

The recently published fourth edition of the *Minnesota Estate Administration Deskbook* provides a central resource for courts, attorneys, and others to answer estate administration questions. **Cindy Ackerman** has been a co-author of the Deskbook since the first edition in 1991. Cindy’s chapters, *Miscellaneous Procedures* and *Ancillary Administration*, provide practical solutions to messy estate administration problems.



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