

Thomas Casparian and Brett Watson Named ICLS Pro Bono Volunteers of the Year

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SANTA MONICA, CALIF., August 29, 2023 — Thomas Casparian and Brett Watson, members of the firm’s Commercial Litigation Department, have been named Inland Counties Legal Services (ICLS) Pro Bono Volunteers of the Year. This award will be presented at the Advocates for Justice celebration on October 12 in Riverside, California.

“As Volunteer Attorneys of the Year, Brett and Tom exemplify ICLS’ mission to deliver high-quality legal services to those in the greatest social and economic need,” said Matthew Kugizaki, Pro Bono Director at ICLS. “Their efforts have been truly life changing for our clients, and we thank both them and Cozen O’Connor for their commitment to helping close the justice gap.”

Tom volunteers with ICLS’ Systemic & Impact Litigation team, which challenges unlawful policies, procedures, and practices that prevent people of limited financial means from improving their lives. Over the course of several months, Tom provided strategic litigation guidance in a systemic housing case. His litigation experience and his commitment to the team were critical in helping ICLS achieve excellent client results.

Brett volunteers with ICLS’ guardianship program, which helps caregivers navigate complex court proceedings and establish stability for children who have been subjected to trauma, neglect, domestic violence, and child abuse. This year, Brett helped an ICLS client secure permanent guardianship status over her grandchild, who is now in a much more stable, safer environment.

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