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March, 2008 Volunteer of the Month

Philadelphia VIP understands the everyday demands and time constraints that our volunteer attorneys face. We value all volunteers and recognize with this honor those who handle multiple VIP cases, dedicate numerous hours to complex matters and take on cases outside of their general practice area. Philadelphia VIP volunteers serve our clients with compassion and offer them assistance. Philadelphia VIP is proud to recognize volunteers who are truly helping achieve access to justice for all.

This month Philadelphia VIP recognizes Michael Eidel, a Partner of the firm DLA Piper, for his outstanding volunteer assistance to his VIP clients. Please scroll down to read more about our March Volunteer of the Month. Congratulations, Michael!



Michael Eidel has been a volunteer with Philadelphia VIP since 2007. Mr. Eidel represents VIP clients in civil forfeiture cases. In representing clients, Mr. Eidel has gone above and beyond in assisting the client. In a recent case, Mr. Eidel was concerned with a response from his client in time for a deadline and sent a personal messenger to try to locate the client. After repeated attempts and an offer to visit the client at her home personally, Mr. Eidel successfully communicated with the client about the case. The case was eventually settled and dismissed, securing the home for the VIP client. Mr. Eidel recently took another forfeiture case that required very quick action with an emergency deadline. As a partner at a large firm with a demanding schedule, Mr. Eidel makes time to personally communicate with his VIP clients while representing them. Mr. Eidel is exceptionally patient and flexible in assisting VIP clients that often are also dealing with many other legal and personal issues concurrently.

For his tremendous dedication, VIP gives our heartfelt thanks to Michael Eidel and recognizes him as March's VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH.