

# Maxine Long and Ed O'Sheehan Earn Public Guardian Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award

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Shutts & Bowen attorneys Maxine Long and Edward O'Sheehan were honored this weekend with the Office of the Public Guardian *Pro Bono Attorney of the Year* Award. After reviewing the nominations, the Statewide Public Guardianship Office and the Foundation for Indigent Guardianship (FIG) announced the winners during the Florida State Guardianship Conference FIG reception on July 25, 2015.

According to the nomination by Barry University's Office of the Public Guardian, Ms. Long and Mr. O'Sheehan have provided pro bono legal services to the OPG office for over 15 years. They each have volunteered about 150 hours of representation and counsel to the OPG, representing the best interests of the wards in guardianship, abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and foreclosure cases.

"[Ms. Long and Mr. O'Sheehan] have never been formally recognized for their dedication and pro bono contributions to the vulnerable adults served," read the nomination. "This award would honor their quality representation, dedication, and contributions to public guardianship."

## About the Office of the Public Guardian

The Office of the Public Guardian was created in Florida to provide guardianship services to incapacitated adults of limited financial means who may be subject to abuse and neglect because they have no one willing or able to monitor and advocate for them. Learn more at [www.barry.edu/office-of-public-guardian/](http://www.barry.edu/office-of-public-guardian/).

## About Ed O'Sheehan

A former U.S. marine, Ed O'Sheehan is a litigation attorney and partner in the Ft. Lauderdale office, where he focuses his practice on contested foreclosures, consumer finance litigation matters, creditors' rights (including bankruptcy), insurance matters, and tax appeals.

## About Maxine Long

Maxine Long is board certified in business litigation, and a partner in the Miami office, where she serves as the firm's Pro Bono Coordinator. She focuses on resolving disputes for companies and financial institutions in the U.S. and abroad.