Pro Bono Awards Presentation and Reception

October 26, 2017
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Agenda

Welcome
&
New York County Lawyers Association Awards Presentation
Michael J. McNamara
President, New York County Lawyers Association

New York State Bar Association Awards Presentation
Edwina Martin, Co-Chair, President's Committee on Access to Justice
New York State Bar Association

New York State Unified Court System Office for Justice Initiatives Awards Presentation
Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives

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Attorneys to Be Honored for Volunteer Efforts on Behalf of New Yorkers in Need

WHAT: In recognition of National Pro Bono Celebration Week, the NYS court system's Office for Justice Initiatives, along with the NYS Bar Association and New York County Lawyers' Association, will host an awards ceremony and reception honoring attorneys for their volunteer efforts. Special recognition will be given to innovative pro bono programs in the Eighth (Buffalo and surrounding counties) and Ninth (Westchester and surrounding counties) Judicial Districts.

Speakers include Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson**,** Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives; Edwina Martin, Co-chair, New York State Bar Association President's Committee on Access to Justice; and Michael J. McNamara, President, New York County Lawyers' Association.

WHEN: **Thursday, October 26, 2017**
6:00 p.m.

WHERE: New York County Lawyers' Association
14 Vesey Street, Lower Manhattan

The New York State Unified Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives (www.DCAJ-OJI@nycourts.gov) strives to ensure meaningful access to justice for all New Yorkers in civil, criminal and family courts regardless of income, background or special needs.

The New York State Bar Association (http://www.nysba.org/) with 72,000 members, is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. The Association's programs and activities have served the public and improved the justice system since its founding in 1876.

The New York County Lawyers' Association (www.nycla.org), founded in 1908, was one of the first major bar associations in the nation to admit members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. Since its inception, it has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence.

A list of this year's honorees is attached.

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New York State Unified Court System
Office for Justice Initiatives' Access to Justice Program
2017 Pro Bono Service Honorees:

Pro Bono Star Awards:

8th Judicial District Access to Justice Initiative, Hon. Paula L. Feroleto, Chair

9th Judicial District Pro Bono Action Committee, Hon. Sam D. Walker, Chair

Awards for Outstanding Service:

Family Court Volunteer Lawyer Program
Grissel Mercado, Esq.
John Gross, Esq.

Consumer Debt Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program
Tatyana Segal, Esq.
Marc Silverman, Esq.

Uncontested Divorce Program
Jose Gonzalez, Esq.
Stanley Pruszynski, Esq.

Housing Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program
Peter Bartlett Wu, Esq.

Housing Volunteer Lawyer Program
Richard M. Landman, Esq.

Guardian Ad Litem Program
Stuart C. Adler, Esq.

Court Navigator Program
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