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Lillian Moy Awarded 2013 Diversity Trailblazer Award



Lillian Moy of Albany, executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, is the recipient of the Diversity Trailblazer Award, given by the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion of the New York State Bar Association.

Moy received her award on January 21 during the State Bar's Annual Meeting in New York City. The award recognizes individuals

who demonstrate a strong commitment to helping enhance diversity in the legal profession.

"Lillian Moy understands that diversity strengthens and enhances our profession and, in turn, our society. She works tirelessly to promote more inclusive work environments throughout New York," said Kenneth G. Standard of New York (Epstein Becker and Green), co-chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and a past president of the State Bar. "We are pleased to honor an effective leader and wonderful ambassador."

"Because of Lillian Moy, attorneys of color have found a home in the legal profession. Her recruiting and mentoring efforts have helped many attorneys make their mark and inspire others," said Betty Lugo of Brooklyn (Pacheco & Lugo), co-chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. "The Committee is proud to recognize a true champion for diversity with this award."

During Moy's 17-year tenure at the Legal Aid Society, the Legal Aid Society's budget has grown to \$5 million from \$1.5 million and its staff has increased to 60 employees from 21. From 1989 to 1995, she was the managing attorney/advocacy coordinator for the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts. She was a staff attorney with the Georgia Legal Services Program from 1981 to 1989.

Within the State Bar Association, Moy is vice-president of the 3rd Judicial District. She is a past chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and the Committee on Legal Aid. She is a member of the Membership Committee and the President's Committee on Access to Justice.

Moy is a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, the Advisory Committee on New York State Pro Bono Bar Admission Requirements, and Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman's Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York. She is a founding member of the New York State Diversity Coalition and a frequent presenter on management, diversity and cultural competency.

She is a graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York and Boston University School of Law.

Committee Co-chairs

Betty Lugo

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Kenneth G. Standard

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Minority Bar Leaders and Directors Meet

NYSBA leadership and Committee on Diversity and Inclusion co-chairs met with more than 20 minority bar leaders and directors on Tuesday, January 8 at the law offices of Epstein Becker in New York.

This is the first of several regular meetings scheduled for leaders to discuss member recruitment and retention, programming and other ongoing issues affecting bar associations. The second meeting was held April 10 and the next meeting will be scheduled for September. Contact Linda Snyder (Schupp) to register (lschupp@nysba.org | 518.487.5541)

2013 Youth Law Day Programs in Action

The Youth Law Day (YLD) Subcommittee began its year with two rescheduled programs — postponed due to Superstorm Sandy last October. Two more programs were held during for the spring term.



Touro Law held its rescheduled YLD program on December 4. More than 50 high-school students attended.

St. John's Law hosted four area high schools at a successful program February 12. Buffalo Law held its program on March 1, and CUNY Law hosted a program for 108 students Friday, April 12.

10th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar



The committee sponsored its 10th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception following the 2013 Trailblazer Award Ceremony that honored Lillian Moy on Monday, January 21.

The reception took place at the Hilton New York Hotel in Manhattan.



More than 250 attendees took advantage of networking opportunities with NYSBA Section representatives and fellow attorneys.



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Save the Date

11th Annual Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception and Presentation of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion 2014 Trailblazer Award

Monday, January 27, 2014
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For information about the committee, contact Mark Wilson | 518.487.5540 | mwilson@nysba.org