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To recognize distinguished service in the law. The Gold Medal is The New York State Bar Association’s highest honor. The Gold Medal is awarded each year to a lawyer “whose qualifications include outstanding legal accomplishments, an active interest in and positive influence upon the profession, and constructive contributions in civic and community matters.”

Recipient: Louis A. Craco, Esq.

Long Island attorney Louis A. Craco – a longtime advocate for professionalism and reform in the legal profession – will be awarded the State Bar’s Gold Medal. A former president of the New York City Bar Association and chair of the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law, Craco is perhaps best known for chairing the Chief Judge’s Committee on the Profession and the Courts. The blue ribbon panel, appointed in 1993 by then-Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, was established to explore the scope of public dissatisfaction with the legal profession and make recommendations for meaningful solutions.

During a legal career spanning more than five decades, Craco worked as a litigation partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher from 1964 until his retirement in 2003. He currently is of-counsel to Craco & Ellsworth LLP, a Huntington, N.Y., law firm of which his son, Paul V. Craco, is a partner.
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William T. Lifland Award
Presented by The Antitrust Law Section
Presented to antitrust practitioners in recognition of their contributions and accomplishments in the field of antitrust. The Award acknowledges those who throughout their professional careers have distinguished themselves as leading antitrust practitioners as well as serving the broader antitrust community in a leadership role.

Recipient: Jay L. Himes, Esq.

New York State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section Public Service Award
Presented by The Antitrust Law Section
Recognizes Distinguished Service To New York City and the State of New York.

Recipient: Professor Eleanor M. Fox

The David Caplan Award for Meritorious Service
Presented by The Business Law Section
Given in honor of David Caplan, former Section member, Executive Committee member and Committee Chair, to recognize exemplary and long term service to the Business Law Section and its constituent members.

Recipient: David L. Glass, Esq.

Stanley H. Fuld Award
Presented by The Commercial and Federal Litigation Section
Presented to a member of the legal profession who has significantly contributed to the practice of commercial law and litigation in New York. The award was created by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section in honor of the late Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, Stanley H. Fuld, to recognize outstanding contributions to the development of commercial law and jurisprudence in New York State.

Recipient: Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin
Judge Scheindlin has been a United States District Court Judge since 1994. Among her many other accomplishments during her tenure, are her groundbreaking opinions on electronic discovery in 2003-2004 recently recognized as “shaping e-discovery practices nationwide” by the New York Law Journal’s 125th anniversary issue. She is a former Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the NYSBA and a member of the House of Delegates. She recently served as a member of the Special Committee on Human Trafficking co-chaired by Bernice Leber, a former
Michael J. Berey, Esq.

On Receiving
The Real Property Law Section’s Professionalism Award!

The Real Property Law Section Congratulates all of the award recipients for 2014!
President of NYSBA, and Sandra Rivera. She was awarded the Weinfeld Award by the New York County Lawyer’s Association and the Brennan Award by the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar. She is the author of the first casebook on e-discovery and served for seven years as a member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules.

New York State Bar Association Award for Attorney Professionalism
Presented by The Committee on Attorney Professionalism
Honors an attorney for outstanding professionalism, which is defined as dedication to service to clients and a commitment to promoting respect for the legal system in pursuit of justice and the public good, characterized by exemplary ethical conduct, competence, good judgment, integrity and civility.

Recipient: John S. Marwell, Esq.
John S. Marwell’s practice includes litigation, administrative, and transactional work. He regularly represents clients before legislative, planning and zoning boards, obtaining environmental and land-use approvals for residential, commercial and adaptive reuse development projects through both administrative and litigation processes throughout the region. Mr. Marwell has had the honor of serving as a Vice President of the New York State Bar Association and as a member of its Executive Committee from 2007 - 2011, and in its House of Delegates since 2003. He has also served as the Chair of the Finance Committee since 2012. He is a past president of the Westchester County Bar Association and the Westchester County Bar Foundation. He lectures on litigation, professional ethics, land use and zoning, property rights and environmental law matters at bar association and other professional conferences. Colleagues, clients and adversaries praise his civility, exemplary legal practice and sound advice. Mr. Marwell is a partner at Shamberg Marwell Hollis Andreycak & Laidlaw, P.C.

Award for Excellence in Public Service
Presented by The Committee on Attorneys in Public Service
To recognize excellence by a member of the legal profession in the commitment to and performance of public service.

Recipient: Hon. Victoria A. Graffeo
Judge Graffeo began her tenure with the New York Court of Appeals in December 2000 and she now serves as Senior Associate Judge on the Court. Her judicial career began in 1996 when she became a New York Supreme Court judge in the Third Judicial District. In 1998, she was appointed to the Appellate Division, Third Department.
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Having worked in all three branches of state government, Judge Graffeo has spent most of her career in public service. Prior to joining the judiciary, she was Solicitor General of the State of New York and Counsel to the Attorney General where her responsibilities included oversight of the State’s appellate litigation. She also spent ten years in various counsel positions with the New York State Assembly Minority, eventually holding the position of Chief Counsel to the Assembly Minority Leader. She was earlier Assistant Counsel to the State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. Before entering the public sector, she was engaged in private practice. She is a graduate of Albany Law School of Union University.

**Haywood Burns Memorial Award**
**Presented by The Committee on Civil Rights**
Given to honor the late civil rights lawyer and academic, Dean Haywood Burns, who, from the age of 15 until his untimely death at age 55 while visiting South Africa, was active in seeking to expand the civil rights of all people. He was a builder of bridges rather than walls, actively involved in trying to extend connections to diverse groups within the community as a whole.

**Recipient: Robert Gangi, Esq.**
Robert Gangi has been an activist, community organizer and public policy advocate in New York City for over 40 years. He is a recognized expert on criminal justice and law enforcement issues with a particular focus on police and prison concerns. He served as Executive Director of the Correctional Association (CA) for over 29 years and founded the Police Reform Organizing Project (PROP) at the Urban Justice Center in April 2011.

**Trailblazer Award**
**Presented by The Committee on Diversity and Inclusion**
Created to honor individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to help enhance diversity in the legal profession.

**Recipient: Darryl W. Gibbs, Esq.**
As the youngest of 9, Darryl was raised in South Jamaica, Queens. He was the first in his family to go to college. He dropped out of college a year later and found himself back in his old neighborhood, running with a rough crowd. At a crossroads, Darryl left the streets and dedicated himself to helping black and Latino young men by working in group homes for seven years, where he developed his skills as a mentor. He completed his undergraduate degree while working in the group home and went on to law school. To this day, Darryl continues to volunteer in a variety of programs as a role model.
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Kay Crawford Murray Award
Presented by The Committee on Women in the Law

To honor women in the profession who recognize the value of diversity in the legal profession and have dedicated their time to advancing the professional development of women attorneys.

Recipient: Connie O. Walker, Esq.

Connie O. Walker, a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law who holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the State University College at Brockport, is admitted to practice in New York State courts, United States District Court, Western District of New York and the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to her current position as the Career Law Clerk for the Hon. Frank P. Geraci, Jr., United States District Judge, Western District of New York, Connie’s legal career includes prior employment as a Principal Law Clerk in Monroe County and Supreme Courts, Solo Family Law Practitioner, Senior Deputy County Attorney in the Monroe County Department of Law and Assistant Public Defender in the Monroe County Public Defender’s Office. Connie is the Immediate Past President of the Monroe County Bar Association and is a member of the New York State Bar Association’s House of Delegates and Committee on Leadership Development, the Rochester Black Bar Association and the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. As a participant in the Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium Exchange and Open World Programs, she has traveled to Novgorod, Russia with the distinguished Rochester Delegation of judges and lawyers to present a seminar on American jury trials and related legal issues.

Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award
Presented by The Committee on Women in the Law

To honor a male or female member of the Association who has made a noteworthy contribution to the concerns of women through pro bono services, writing, service to bar associations or community organizations or other such endeavors.

Recipient: Kathleen Donelli, Esq.

Kathleen Donelli is a partner of the law firm of McCarthy Fingar, L.L.P. in White Plains, N.Y. and concentrates her practice in matrimonial and collaborative law. Ms. Donelli worked with the Hon. Sondra Miller to draft and promote the “No Fault” divorce bill which was enacted into law in October, 2010. Ms. Donelli is a former President of the Westchester Women’s Bar Association (“WWBA”) (2003-2005) and of the White Plains Bar Association (1998-2000). She is a member of the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District and a member of the Matrimonial Advisory Committee.
Committee, which is co-chaired by the Hon. Sharon Townsend, J.S.C. and the Honorable Jeffrey Sunshine, J.S.C. In the area of matrimonial law, Ms. Donelli won a landmark Court of Appeals custody decision, Tropea, 87 N.Y.2d 727 (1996), which established a new rule in New York for custodial parents who seek to relocate. Ms. Donelli’s additional reported cases in the area of matrimonial law include: *Seruya v. Seruya*, 107 A.D.3d 972 (2d Dep’t. 2013); *Amari v. Molloy*, 293 A.D.2d 431 (2d Dep’t 2002) and *Frayne v. Frayne*, 234 A.D.2d 545 (2d Dep’t 1996).

**Bar Leaders Innovation Award**  
**Presented by The Conference of Bar Leaders**

Recognizing how Bar Associations adapt to the needs of their members and the community at large by introducing new programs, ideas and methodologies that benefit everyone involved.

**Large Bar - Brooklyn Bar Association**

The Brooklyn Bar Association in joint collaboration with several local service agencies presented five free programs at the BBA headquarters targeted to underserved Brooklyn residents needing information on various legal issues. The programs were held over a five-month period and focused on Elder Law issues, Landlord/Tenant Law in New York City, Criminal Law Proceedings, Matrimonial Basics and Mortgage Foreclosures.
Medium Bar - Asian American Bar Association
The Asian American Bar Association is being recognized for its program “IVA: The Myth of Tokyo Rose, Allegiance on trial.” Co-produced with the Asian American Arts Alliance (the “Alliance”) at the Asia Society, “Tokyo Rose” was a fully staged theatrical production inspired by the life and trial of Iva Toguri, a Japanese American citizen accused of treason for allegedly broadcasting anti-American propaganda during World War II as the infamous “Tokyo Rose.” The world premiere of this production on May 16, 2013 played to a full house at the Asia Society during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, followed by a stimulating talkback led by the Hon. Denny Chin and included panelists Kathy Hirata Chin, a partner at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, and Gurjot Kaur, a Staff Attorney at the Sikh Coalition.

Small Bar - Network of Bar Leaders
The Network of Bar Leaders is recognized for its collaboration with the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA), the New York State Bar Association and with the technical assistance of the national Federal Bar Association in response to Superstorm Sandy and its impact on the Northeast in fall 2012. The program included discussion on FEMA, flood insurance, and insurance claims and was sponsored by the New
Orleans Chapter and its Federal Litigation Section in conjunction with the FBA’s S.D.N.Y Chapter and other New York bar associations. The result was a standing-room-only program that helped distribute information and procedures to members of the legal community assisting storm victims.

**Charles F. Crimi Memorial Award**  
**Presented by The Criminal Justice Section**

Recognizes a professional career of a defense attorney that embodies the highest ideals of the Criminal Justice Section.

**Recipient: Paul Shechtman, Esq.**

Paul Shechtman began his career as a law clerk to the Honorable Louis H. Pollak and the Honorable Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He joined the United States Attorney’s Office in 1981 and served as Assistant U.S. Attorney until 1985, when he became Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 1987, Mr. Shechtman became Counsel to the District Attorney, New York County and then Chief of the Criminal Division, Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York in 1993. Mr. Shechtman acted as the Director of Criminal Justice for the State of New York from 1995 to 1997 before entering private practice. He is now a partner at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. Mr. Shechtman also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University.
Law School, where he teaches Evidence and Criminal Procedure. In October 2013, he was the recipient of the Gould Award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy. He is a member of the Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules and a member of the New York State Permanent Sentencing Commission, Former Chair of the New York State Commission on Lobbying, Former Chair of the New York State Ethics Commission, and Former Chair of the New York State Judicial Screening Committee.

**Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Correctional Services:**

Presented by The Criminal Justice Section

Recognizes outstanding contribution in the field of correctional services.

**Recipient: Jason D. Effman, Esq.**

Jason D. Effman was appointed to the position of Associate Commissioner with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision effective April 25, 2013. He is responsible for developing and implementing policy to combat sexual abuse in New York’s prisons, and for overseeing DOCCS’ compliance with the National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards. Mr. Effman is a member of DOCCS’ Executive Team and he recently established a Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Office within the Department. Mr. Effman began his career with the Department in

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2014 Recipient of the Kay Crawford Murray Award
1999 as an Assistant Counsel. He specialized in litigation matters involving the Department’s sex offender counseling programs and began working to enhance the Department’s policies for the prevention of sexual abuse of inmates while with the Office of Counsel.

**Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Justice Legislation**

Presented by The Criminal Justice Section

Recognizes outstanding work in proposing or implementing needed reforms, which specifically includes political action and fundamental research into the operation and effectiveness of the entire criminal justice system.

**Recipient: Hon. Lee Zeldin**

Senator Lee Zeldin was elected to the State Senate in 2010. Lee earned his bachelor’s degree, cum laude, in Political Science, from the State University of New York at Albany, and his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School. Lee spent four years on Active Duty with the US Army and served in different capacities including as a Military Intelligence Officer, Federal Prosecutor and Military Magistrate. In the summer of 2006, while assigned to the Army’s elite 82nd Airborne Division, Lee deployed to Iraq with an infantry battalion of fellow paratroopers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007, Lee returned to Suffolk County with his family. He transitioned from

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**The Elder Law Section**

* sends its congratulations to:*

Joan L. Robert for the 2013 Elder Law Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of her lifetime of dedicated service to the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section and the rights of the elderly and disabled.

Ronald Weiner, of RDM Financial Group, Inc., in recognition of his many years of friendship and support of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association

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Active Duty to the Army Reserves, where he currently serves with the rank of Major. He established a successful law practice in 2008, and became involved in local community affairs and veterans organizations.

**Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Law Education**
*Presented by The Criminal Justice Section*

Recognizes outstanding work in criminal law education, the promotion of interest in the practice of criminal law, and the provision to students the opportunity to gain practical insight into the operation of the criminal justice system.

**Recipient: Anthony J. Colleluori, Esq.**

Anthony Colleluori is a trial lawyer and career long member of the NYSBA, the Nassau County Criminal Court Bar Association and a life member of both the NACDL and NYSACDL. His practice concentrates on Criminal Defense, Civil Rights and Constitutional Torts Cases. Tony is a NITA Master Advocate, an ATLA Top 100 Trial Lawyer and been named in both Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers In America. He has received an Outstanding Service Award from NACDL and is past President of the NCCBA. Tony has volunteered as a board Member of the Scleroderma Foundation. He is married to his beautiful wife MaryRose for 28 years and is the father of two sons and a daughter in law.

**Outstanding Police Contribution in the Criminal Justice System**
*Presented by The Criminal Justice Section*

Recognizes outstanding efforts to improve the police function within the criminal justice system.

**Recipient: Philip Banks, III NYPD**

Chief of Department Philip Banks III, joined the New York City Police Department in 1986, and began his career on patrol in the Brooklyn. He rose through the ranks and was promoted Deputy Chief in 2006, Assistant Chief in 2009 and Chief of Community Affairs in 2010. He was promoted to Chief of Department, the highest rank in the NYPD, in 2013. Chief Banks holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Lincoln University. Chief Banks is a 2001 graduate of the Police Management Institute at Columbia University, and more recently completed advanced management training for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Executive Leaders Program in Counterterrorism at the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security, in Monterey, California.
Outstanding Prosecutor
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section

Recognizes a prosecutor who has made a special contribution not only to the prosecution community, but to the bar at large, and whose professional conduct evidences a true understanding of a public prosecutor’s duty to advance the fair and ethical administration of criminal justice.

Recipient: Frank A. Sedita, III, Esq.

A magna cum laude graduate of Canisius College as well as a graduate and former member of the faculty at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, Frank A. Sedita, III became an Erie County Assistant District Attorney in 1988. Mr. Sedita was named Chief of the Special Investigations and Prosecutions Bureau in 1998, and Chief of the Homicide Bureau in 2000. In 2007, Mr. Sedita was selected as the state’s top trial prosecutor by his colleagues. Mr. Sedita was sworn in as Erie County’s 39th District Attorney in 2009 and is the current President Elect of the District Attorney’s Association of the State of New York. Mr. Sedita also has taught courses in trial advocacy and has lectured on the topic of prosecutorial ethics for many organizations, including the National College of District Attorneys, the United States Naval Justice School, and the New York Prosecutors Training Institute.

The Delaware County Bar Association extends its congratulations to one of its own, Leonard E. Sienko, Jr. on his receipt of the General Practice Section Award.
The Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
Recognizes an outstanding public defense practitioner.

Recipient: Jessica W. Goldthwaite, Esq.
Jessica Goldthwaite, as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society, has been a dedicated defender of indigent individuals in New York City for eight years. She has a B.A. and an M.A. from Columbia University and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. She has dedicated much of the last 18 months of her career to learning the complexities of DNA testing and its forensic application in criminal cases and is currently applying the expertise that she has developed as the lead lawyer in the Frye hearing being conducted in Kings County in People v. Collins and People v. Peaks, arguably the single most important systemic evidentiary challenge in the criminal justice system in many years.

The Vincent E. Doyle, Jr. Award for Outstanding Judicial Contribution in the Criminal Justice System
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
Recognizes outstanding judicial efforts to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.

Recipient: Hon. Barry Kamins
Judge Kamins, Justice of the Supreme Court, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York and Chief of Policy and Planning for the Unified Court System. He is the former President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Judge Kamins is the author of New York Search and Seizure and co-chairs the New York State Permanent Sentencing Commission.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented by The Elder Law Section

Recipient: Joan Robert, Esq.
Joan Robert will be given a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her lifetime of dedicated service to the NYS Bar Association Elder Law Section and the rights of the elderly and disabled.

Friend of the Elder Law Section Award

Recipient: Ron Weiner, Esq.
Ron Weiner of RDM Financial will receive a Friend of the Section Award in recognition of his many years of friendship and support of the Elder Law Section of the NYS Bar Association.
The Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Award  
Presented by The Entertainment, Arts, Sports, and Law Section (EASL)  
In partnership with BMI, the world’s largest music performing rights organization established the Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Award. Created in memory of Cowan, an esteemed entertainment lawyer and a former Chair of EASL. Committed to a practice concentrating in one or more areas of entertainment, art or sports law.  

Recipients: Amanda Agnieszka Rottermund, St. John’s University School of Law and David Fogel, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  

General Practice Section Award  
Presented by The General Practice  
Recognizes a person who has contributed their time and expertise to improve the daily practice for law for general practitioners in New York State, and who has demonstrated a strong dedication to the profession.  

Recipient: Leonard E. Sienko, Jr., Esq.  
Leonard Sienko has been a solo practitioner in Hancock, NY for more than 35 years. He is being honored for his dedicated and innovative work on the General Practice Section’s blog, the content for which is made available to more than 2,000 General Practice Section members via the Section’s weekly wEbrief e-newsletter. An active blogger, Leonard has contributed more than 1,700 posts.
Intellectual Property Law Section Law Student Writing Competition
Presented by The Intellectual Property Law Section

Recipient: Alexander Stark and Mara Wilber

Distinction in International Law and Affairs
Presented by The International Section

Honors outstanding efforts in the area of international law and affairs. The award recognizes those who have made a major contribution to international peace, understanding and democracy.

Recipient: Fiona Sampson, B.A., M.A., LL.B., Ph.D.
Fiona Sampson of Toronto is the executive director of the Equality Effect. Sampson has used international human rights law to help women and children across the world, notably in sub-Saharan Africa. This past May, she and her organization scored a major victory for women in Kenya when a judge ruled that the government failed to protect them from sexual violence. Sampson originally conceived the Equality Effect in 2005, in collaboration with friends and colleagues from Africa at the Osgoode Hall Law School graduate program. She previously was a staff lawyer and director of litigation at the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF). She has published numerous articles on women’s equality rights. She earned her undergraduate and law degrees from Queen’s University, her master’s degree from Trent University and earned her Ph.D. in women’s equality law from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University in Toronto.

Pergam Writing Competition
Presented by The International Section

To foster legal scholarship among law students in the field of international law. The competition is intended to encourage students of law to write on areas of public or private international law. The Section believes that by providing a forum for students to disseminate their ideas and articles, the professional and academic communities are enriched. Furthermore, the competition presents an opportunity for students to submit law review quality articles to the Section for possible publication in one of its publications.

Recipient: Rouzhna Nayeri
Distinguished Jurist Award
Presented by The Judicial Section

To honor a jurist who embodies the highest ideals of the Judicial Section and recognize judicial excellence and extraordinary commitment to the rule of law.

Recipient: Hon. Judith S. Kaye
Hon. Judith S. Kaye served as chief judge of the State of New York and chief judge of the Court of Appeals for 15 years. She retired as chief judge on December 31, 2008. She began her service as chief judge, after being appointed by then-Governor Mario M. Cuomo on February 22, 1993, confirmed by the State Senate on March 17, and sworn in on March 23, 1993. During her tenure, Judge Kaye instituted many other reforms that greatly improved the administration of justice, such as jury reform, the creation of the Commercial Division, and the problem-solving courts. Earlier, she became the first woman to serve on New York State’s highest court when Governor Cuomo appointed her associate judge of the Court of Appeals on September 12, 1983. Kaye is currently of counsel to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Over the years, Judge Kaye has served as president of the Conference of Chief Justices and chair of the Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts (2002-03). She is the author of numerous publications—with a particular focus on legal process, state constitutional law, women in the law,
professional ethics and problem-solving courts. She has received many honors for her work from the State Bar, including its highest honor, the Gold Medal, as well as the Ruth G. Schapiro Award, the Stanley H. Fuld Award, the Vincent E. Doyle, Jr. Award for Outstanding Jurist.

**Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth Stein Memorial Law Student Writing Competition**
Presented by The Labor and Employment Law Section
Recognizes excellence among law school students writing in the area of labor and employment law; and to cultivate the relationship between the Section and future labor and employment practitioners.

First: Grant Goeckner-Zoeller, Columbia Law School  
Second: Joshua Tarrant-Windt, Columbia Law School  
Third: Tova Bernbaum, St. John’s University School of Law

**Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Awards**
Presented by The Labor and Employment Law Section
The Award is intended to encourage scholarship and exemplary service in the field of Labor and Employment Law. The Award is made by the law school to the student(s) in recognition of an extraordinary accomplishment in the field.

First: Sara Furguson, SUNY Buffalo  
Second: Brian Polivy, Cardozo Law School  
Third: May Mansour, St. John’s Law School

**Labor and Employment Section Lifetime Achievement Award**
Presented by The Labor and Employment Law Section
Recipient: Jerome Lefkowitz, Esq.

**Distinguished Service Award**
Presented by The Law Youth and Citizenship Committee
Recognizes a person from the legal profession who has made an outstanding contribution to law-related education and whose voluntary service fosters understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems; informs and educates students as to the roles in society of the law, the courts, the law enforcement agencies and the legal profession; stimulates a sense of individual responsibility by helping students recognize their duties, as well as their rights; encourages effective law-related education programs in their communities and their schools; and increases communication and understanding among students, educators and those involved professionally.
in the legal system. First awarded in 1990, this designation has been bestowed each year upon deserving practitioners in the field of law. Mr. Cohen will be the 23rd recipient.

**Recipient: Jeremy A. Cohen, Esq.**

Jeremy A. Cohen is an associate in the litigation department at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. His practice encompasses all aspects of business litigation, with a particular focus on real estate, Lanham Act, and securities/broker-dealer matters. Since his first year at Columbia Law School in 1997, Jeremy has been a volunteer with Legal Outreach, Inc., a non-profit organization that prepares high school students from underserved communities in New York City to compete at high academic levels by using intense legal and educational programs as tools for facilitating the pursuit of higher education and professional careers. In 2001, Jeremy was appointed to Legal Outreach’s Advisory Board, where he has been instrumental in the organization’s efforts to expand and serve more students. Jeremy has served as a mentor, mock trial coach, and Constitutional debate judge for Legal Outreach students, and spearheaded the implementation of a week long summer internship for program participants at Kramer Levin. He also endows an annual scholarship for Legal Outreach graduates.

**The New York State Bar Real Property Section Professionalism Award**

Presented by The Real Property Law Section

The award identifies a person possessing an outstanding level of competence, legal ability and achievement; a continuing civility and appreciation for others in his/her practice; a person who has engaged in mentoring of younger attorneys and who has been involved in Bar activities both on a state and local level.

**Recipient: Michael J. Berey, Esq.**

Chief Underwriting Counsel (New York) and Senior Vice-President, First American Title Insurance Company; Member, Real Property Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys; Member, American College of Real Estate Lawyers; Member, Executive Committees of the Real Property Law Section, New York State Bar Association and the New York State Land Title Association; Chairperson, Task Force on Electronic Recording and Webmaster, Real Property Law Section, New York State Bar Association; Chairperson, Law Committee (2010-2013) and President (August 2013-September 2014) New York State Land Title Association. Frequent lecturer on mortgage recording tax, transfer taxes, transferrable development rights, and New York’s Lien Law. Published numerous articles and “Current Developments” on New York law, posted at www.firstamny.com.
The New York Bar Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award
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Established to honor former Officers or Directors of The Foundation whose service and leadership (as Officer or Director of The Foundation) significantly advanced the purposes of The Foundation. In addition, the honoree’s service as an Officer or Director and reputation as a lawyer and bar leader must have brought significant recognition and acclaim to The Foundation.

**Recipient: Justin L. Vigdor, Esq.**
Justin Vigdor has been active in Bar activities for over 60 years. He has served as President of the Monroe County Bar Association, President of its Foundation, President of the New York State Bar Association, and President of its Foundation. He is a Founder of the Senior Lawyers Section. He served for five years as the first Chair of the New York IOLA Fund and for over twenty years as one of New York’s Uniform Law Commissioners. Civic leadership has been a hallmark of Vigdor’s career. Accordingly, he has served as President and Board member of numerous non-profit organizations in the Greater Rochester New York area. Vigdor was instrumental in the development of the Telesca Center for Justice, bringing together several legal service agencies under one roof. The center makes access to justice easier for those in need.

Committee Chair of the Year of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
Presented by The Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)

**Recipient: Robert J. Permutt, Esq.**

John E. Leach Memorial Award
Presented by The Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
Recognizes outstanding service and distinguished contributions to the legal profession as a member of the TICL Section.

**Recipient: Charles J. Siegel, Esq.**

Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer Award
Presented by The Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
Recognizes outstanding contributions to the practice of law in the field of insurance.

**Recipient: Steven E. Peiper, Esq.**
**Outstanding District Representatives**  
Presented by Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)  
**Recipients:** Ronald Balter, Esq. and Michael Paul O’Brien, Esq.

**Trusts and Estates Law Section Chair’s Award  
(Formerly the Russell A. Taylor Award)**  
Presented by The Trusts and Estates Law Section  
Recognizes exceptional contributions to the Section and the Bar.  
**Recipient:** Marilyn (Micky) Ordover

**Outstanding Young Lawyer Award**  
Presented by The Young Lawyers Section  
The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes an attorney who has actively practiced less than ten years and has a distinguished record of commitment to the finest traditions of the bar through public service and professional activities.  
**Recipient:** Muhammad U. Faridi, Esq.

Muhammad Faridi, an associate at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, is the 2014 recipient of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. In the past five years, he has spent more than 1,300 hours helping Patterson Belknap clients with pro bono matters. Faridi grew up in Bharth, a small village in northeastern Pakistan, and immigrated to Brighton Beach in Brooklyn when he was in seventh grade. He worked 30 hours a week while learning English and attending high school in Brooklyn. While attending college and working as a cab driver in 2001, Faridi had a fortuitous encounter with former Irish President Mary Robinson, a passenger in his cab. Faridi and Robinson, then the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, began discussing Faridi’s passion for human rights, and Robinson encouraged him to go to law school.
Annual Awards Presentation Schedule
Please go to the Registration Desk, located on the 2nd floor, for ticket information regarding the following events.

**Monday, January 27**

**Bar Leaders Innovation Award**  
*Presented by The Conference of Bar Leaders*  
- **Recipients:** Brooklyn Bar Association, Asian Bar Association, Network of Bar Leaders  
- **Time:** Morning  
- **Event:** Annual Breakfast for Bar Leaders

**Trailblazer Award**  
*Presented by The Committee on Diversity and Inclusion*  
- **Recipient:** Darryl W. Gibbs, Esq.  
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
- **Event:** Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception

**Tuesday, January 28**

**General Practice Section Award**  
*Presented by The General Practice Section*  
- **Recipient:** Leonard E. Sienko, Jr., Esq.  
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
- **Event:** General Practice Section Annual meeting

**The Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Award**  
*Presented by The Entertainment, Arts, Sports, and Law Section (EASL)*  
- **Recipients:** Amanda Agnieszka Rottermund, St. John’s University School of Law  
  David Fogel, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
- **Event:** Section Annual Meeting

**Kay Crawford Murray Award**  
*Presented by The Committee on Women in the Law*  
- **Recipient:** Connie O. Walker, Esq.  
- **Time:** 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
- **Event:** CWIL MCLE Luncheon
Intellectual Property Law Section Law Student Writing Competition
Presented by The Intellectual Property Law Section
Recipient: Alexander Stark and Mara Wilber
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Event: Intellectual Property Law Section luncheon

Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented by The Elder Law Section
Recipient: Joan Robert, Esq.
Time: Beginning of MCLE program
Event: MCLE Program

Friend of The Elder Law Section Award
Presented by The Elder Law Section
Recipient: Ron Weiner, Esq.
Time: Beginning of the MCLE program
Event: MCLE Program

Award for Excellence in Public Service
Presented by The Committee on Attorneys in Public Service
Recipient: Hon. Victoria A. Graffeo
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Event: 2014 Award for Excellence in Public Service Reception

Wednesday, January 29

Distinguished Service Award
Presented by The Law Youth and Citizenship Committee
Recipient: Jeremy A. Cohen, Esq.
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Event: CLE session

Stanley H. Fuld Award
Presented by The Commercial and Federal Litigation Section
Recipient: Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception/Luncheon

The David Caplan Award for Meritorious Service
Presented by The Business Law Section
Recipient: David L. Glass
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Event: Business Law Section Meeting
Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
*Presented by The Young Lawyers Section*
- **Recipient:** Muhammad Faridi
- **Time:** 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- **Event:** Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee Meeting

Pergam Writing Competition
*Presented by The International Section*
- **Recipient:** Rouzhna Nayeri
- **Time:** 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Event:** Luncheon/Reception

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- **Recipients:** Ronald Balter, Esq. and Michael Paul O’Brien, Esq.
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Event:** Reception and Dinner

**Thursday, January 30**

Charles F. Crimi Memorial Award
*Presented by The Criminal Justice Section*
- **Recipient:** Paul Shechtman, Esq.
- **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon
  New York Hilton Midtown
Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Correctional Services
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
  **Recipient:** Jason D. Effman, Esq.
  **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Justice Legislation
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
  **Recipient:** Hon. Lee Zeldin
  **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Law Education
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
  **Recipient:** Anthony J. Colleluori, Esq.
  **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

Outstanding Police Contribution in the Criminal Justice System
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
  **Recipient:** Philip Banks, III NYPD
  **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

Outstanding Prosecutor
Presented by The Criminal Justice Section
  **Recipient:** Frank A. Sedita, III, Esq.
  **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  **Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown
The Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner

*Presented by The Criminal Justice Section*

**Recipient:** Jessica W. Goldthwaite, Esq.
**Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
**Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

The Vincent E. Doyle, Jr. for Outstanding Judicial Contribution in the Criminal Justice System

*Presented by The Criminal Justice Section*

**Recipient:** The Hon. Barry Kamins
**Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
**Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon, New York Hilton Midtown

The New York State Bar Real Property Section Professionalism Award

*Presented by The Real Property Law Section*

**Recipient:** Michael J. Berey, Esq.
**Time:** 12:45 p.m.
**Event:** Real Property Law Section Luncheon

William T. Lifland Award

*Presented by The Antitrust Law Section*

**Recipient:** Jay L. Holmes
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.
**Event:** Antitrust and Young Lawyers Cocktail Reception

New York State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section Public Service Award

*Presented by The Antitrust Section*

**Recipient:** Professor Eleanor M. Fox
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.
**Event:** Antitrust and Young Lawyers Cocktail Reception

Haywood Burns Memorial Award Committee on Civil Rights

*Presented by The Committee on Civil Rights*

**Recipient:** Robert Gangi, Esq.
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.
**Event:** Section Annual Meeting, New York Hilton Midtown
New York State Bar Association Award for Attorney Professionalism  
*Presented by The Committee on Attorney Professionalism*  
**Recipient:** John S. Marwell, Esq.  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** House of Delegates Dinner

**Friday, January 31**

**Labor and Employment Section Lifetime Achievement Award**  
*Presented by The Labor and Employment Law Section*  
**Recipient:** Jerome Lefkowitz, Esq.  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Event:** Section Annual Meeting

**Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award**  
*Presented by The Committee on Women in the Law*  
**Recipient:** Kathleen Donelli, Esq.  
**Time:** Morning  
**Event:** House of Delegates Meeting

**Distinguished Jurist Award**  
*Presented by The Judicial Section*  
**Recipient:** Hon. Judith S. Kaye  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Judicial Section Annual Meeting Luncheon

**The New York Bar Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award**  
*Presented by The New York Bar Foundation*  
**Recipient:** Justin L. Vigdor  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** The Annual Assembly and Dinner of The Fellows

**Saturday, February 1**

**The Gold Medal Award**  
*Presented by The New York State Bar Association*  
**Recipient:** Louis A. Craco, Esq.  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** President’s Dinner
The Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York

and its member chapter
Westchester Women’s Bar Association

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