



NEWS ADVISORY

**New York State
Unified Court System**

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Attorneys, Others to be Honored for Volunteer Efforts on Behalf of New Yorkers in Need

NEW YORK—In commemoration of National Pro Bono Celebration Week, the New York State Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives, New York State Bar Association, and New York County Lawyers Association will host an awards ceremony on **October 30, 2025** honoring attorneys and other volunteers for their pro bono service. Speakers include Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Edwina G. Richardson, New York State Bar Association President Kathleen M. Sweet, and New York County Lawyers Association President Richard P. Swanson.

Special recognition will be given posthumously to Stuart C. Adler, an attorney who served as a much valued and dedicated pro bono Guardian Ad Litem for over 10 years in the New York City Housing Court Guardian Ad Litem Program, assisting hundreds of mentally and/or physically impaired litigants at risk of eviction. He cared deeply about the individuals he served through this program and is being honored for his outstanding contributions and significant impact on behalf of New Yorkers in need.

In addition to Stuart Adler, this year's New York State Unified Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives' honorees are Jaime Lathrop; Alison Paige; Catherine Pogact; Stephanie Sherry; Hanna Silvast; Raquel Villagra; Marie-Claude Wrenn-Myers; and Barbara Zahler-Gringer.

The 2005 New York State Bar Association/UCS honorees include Hon. Timmie Elsner (Ret.); Barbara Heyne; Ronald Mayer; Rosanne Trabocchi; Andrea Weiss; and L. David Zube.

The New York County Lawyers Association awardees are Kelsey N. Bobrow; Nicholas Cawley; Robertson Dorsett; Shan Kadkoy; Victor Metsch; Charles Tso; and Matthew Weiss.

An additional 296 attorneys, law students, and other volunteers will receive certificates for their distinguished pro bono service.

WHEN: Thursday, October 30 at 6:00pm

**WHERE: New York City Civil Court
111 Centre Street, Lower Manhattan**