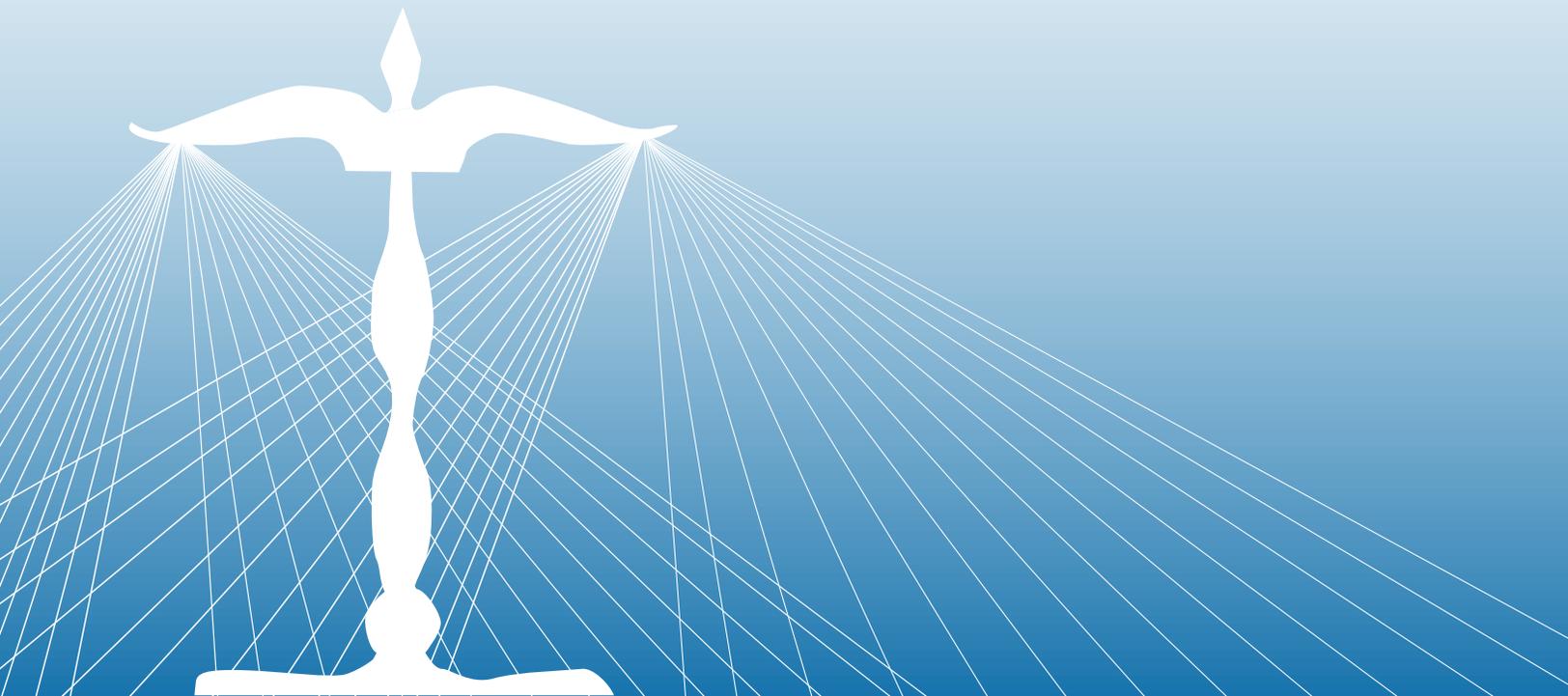


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We congratulate our Partner
William F. Cavanaugh, Jr.
recipient of the first
Judge Harold Tyler Award

Mariadele Priest
recipient of the
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and

Diana Reyna
recipient of the
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6:00 PM
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7:00 PM

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WELCOME REMARKS

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GUEST SPEAKER

SAMUEL W. SEYMOUR
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7:30 PM
AWARD PRESENTATIONS

HONOREES

JUDGE HAROLD R. TYLER AWARD
WILLIAM F. CAVANAUGH, JR.
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP

DENIS BERGER AWARD

MARIADELE PRIEST
Capital One

SARGENT SHRIVER AWARD

COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA REYNA
New York City Council

8:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

JAMES H.R. WINDELS
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AND GENERAL
COUNSEL

Dear Friends of Brooklyn A,

We are thrilled that you have come tonight to help us to recognize the honorees at of this year's Benefit and to celebrate 44 years of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A. Your presence demonstrates your commitment to the work that we do at Brooklyn A, and we are ever so grateful for your support throughout the years. In the fall of each year, we use the Benefit as a moment to pause and recognize those who champion the right to high-quality and accessible legal services for people in need and those who support the partnerships and networks among the wonderful community-based organizations in our neighborhoods with whom we work. This work continues to develop opportunities across a wide range of fields, and contributes to the creation of a cleaner, safer, and more habitable environment for our communities and our neighbors. We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to all of you whose support makes this work possible.

It is our tradition to honor outstanding individuals from the legal and corporate worlds and from our communities who have inspired us with their actions and who have contributed toward the empowerment of those communities and equal access to justice. We honor those persons who keep the spirit of justice and equality alive, and whose values align with those at the core of our Mission.

This year we are introducing our first annual Judge Harold R. Tyler Award, in memory of a dear friend and advocate on behalf of Brooklyn A and for equal access to justice for all. Judge Tyler led a distinguished career during which he dedicated many years to the twin goals of civil rights and social justice. After having headed the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division in 1960, he served as a Co-Chairman of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Later, Judge Tyler was appointed by President Kennedy to a federal Judgeship in the Southern District of New York. In 1977, Judge Tyler then gave up that Judgeship to serve as Deputy US Attorney General. Subsequently he returned to Patterson Belknap & Webb which became Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler when he joined the firm.

Tonight we present William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. with the first annual Judge Harold R. Tyler Award. Bill is Co-Chair at Patterson Belknap where he has continued Judge Tyler's legacy with a commitment to public service, himself temporarily leaving the firm to serve as Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the United States for Civil Enforcement in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice at a critical moment in its work. He has also demonstrated a deep commitment to pro bono work, personally and for the firm, most recently heading a team of lawyers working with the Southern Poverty Law Center. We honor him not only for his excellent and widely-recognized skills as a lawyer, but also for his and the firm's contributions toward making justice available to all.

Mariadele Priest, Vice President, Community Development Banking at Capital One, is this year's Corporate Honoree and recipient of the Denis Berger Award in recognition of her outstanding work as a coalition builder and community advocate. In her current position, she works in partnership with several community development corporations assisting them in utilizing the financial tools available through the bank in order to provide for construction financing for local affordable housing projects. Her work, however, extends far beyond affordable housing and includes other holistic approaches for community betterment, reflective of her decades of experience with nonprofit community organizations. Recent examples include educational centers for children and adults and the cultivation of financial literacy for adults. We are truly lucky to count her among the members of Brooklyn A's Advisory Committee, and have chosen to honor Mariadele for her constant work on behalf of a philosophy that values the work of community based organizations and supports partnerships between neighborhood organizations.

Council Member Diana Reyna is this year's community honoree and recipient of our Sargent Shriver Award. Since 2002, Council Member Reyna has served in the New York City Council representing the 34th District, including Williamsburg, Bushwick, and Ridgewood. Throughout this time, she has been a dear friend of Brooklyn A and a passionate advocate for her community, particularly in the realm of affordable housing. Her commitment to these communities is apparent both in her professional life, bringing the needs of these neighborhoods to a legislative level, and in her personal life, as she is often included among those with a megaphone at neighborhood rallies and demonstrations. Council Member Reyna has committed herself to working for the needs of the indigent, minority, and working class populations in our communities, and we are so happy to honor her tonight and recognize all that she has accomplished.

This year, more than ever, Brooklyn A is proud to be the provider of legal services defined by our presence within the communities that we serve. We look forward and are committed to continuing that role, embodied for over forty-four years, by serving our clients most effectively by situating ourselves in and serving as part of the fabric of our neighborhoods. We have been steadfast in this commitment, most recently by resisting pressures for relocation and centralization, and look forward to moving forward adhering to our original vision as a community-based legal services entity. We are confident that this approach allows us to more effectively serve our clients, both the individuals and families as well as the community-based organizations that serve those residents, together defending residents' rights and sustaining and developing our neighborhoods.

As we move forward, supported by our community, corporate, and law firm partnerships, we look toward a better future for all with social and economic justice. Thank you all for standing with us and continuing to support our Mission in building communities, ensuring opportunities, and achieving justice!



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2009

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2008

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2007

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Cypress Hills Child Care Center

2006

Robert C. Sheehan
Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates

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Citigroup Inc.

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Southside United HDFC (Los Sures)

2005

John Callagy
Kelly Drye & Warren LLP

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Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

2004

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2003

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2002

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2001

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2000

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Southside United HDFC (Los Sures)

1999

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Oceanhill-Brownsville Tenants Association

1998

Barry H. Garfinkel
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Bell Atlantic

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1997

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1996

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Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

1995

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Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP

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Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

1993

Sargent Shriver
Special Olympics International

Sally Hernandez-Piñero
New York City Housing Authority

Vito J. Lopez
New York State Assemblyman

Philip A. Wheeler
United Auto Workers, Region 9A

1987*

Robert MacCrate
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

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New York State Medicaid Fraud Prosecutor

David Trager
Brooklyn Law School

Sally Hernandez-Pinero
Deputy Borough President of Manhattan

* An additional event in 1987 honored over 40 community leaders.

HONOREE

WILLIAM F. CAVANAUGH, JR.

JUDGE HAROLD R. TYLER AWARD



Bill Cavanaugh, Co-Chair of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP and the recipient of tonight's inaugural Judge Harold Tyler Award, knows firsthand what Brooklyn A meant to Judge Tyler. Working together in the Litigation Department at Patterson Belknap for more than 20 years, Bill saw the Judge's enthusiasm for the organization and his ongoing commitment to it.

"Judge Tyler was committed to Brooklyn A because he understood from his time as a federal judge and with the Justice Department the vital function that civil legal service organizations provide in communities throughout the United States," Bill notes.

Judge Tyler first became involved with Brooklyn A in the mid-1980s. From that time on, he remained a great champion of Brooklyn A and its important work in local communities.

Public service was always a priority to Judge Tyler, as evidenced through the various posts he held throughout his career. In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower tapped Judge Tyler to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division as an Assistant Attorney General. He led the Division through the remainder of the Eisenhower administration. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy nominated him to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on which he served until 1975, when he became a Deputy Attorney General in the Ford administration.

Patterson Belknap was a natural fit for Judge Tyler when he retired from the federal bench. The firm has a long and storied history of public service, following the example of name partner Robert P. Patterson, who served as a judge on the United States Court

Pro bono work has always been a priority for Bill. Currently, he is heading up a group of firm lawyers working with the Southern Poverty Law Center, Southern Disability Law Center, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

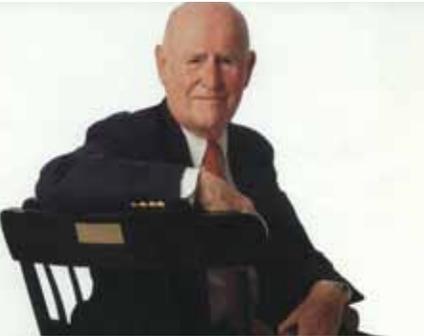
of Appeals and as Assistant Secretary of War during World War II. Throughout the firm's history, many firm partners have devoted portions of their career to public service, holding a host of judicial posts and government positions including Attorney General of the United States, Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and United States Secretary of the Army.

Bill has carried on this tradition, recently serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney

General of the United States for Civil Enforcement in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice under President Obama.

In addition to serving in public office, Patterson Belknap lawyers are highly committed to pro bono work. In 2011, as in each of the past eight years, 100% of firm attorneys participated in pro bono projects. The firm is regularly ranked among the nation's leaders on The American Lawyer's annual Pro Bono Survey. As Bill puts it, "Every Patterson Belknap lawyer from our first year lawyers to our senior partners provide pro bono services to those in need because this work is an integral part of who we are as a law firm."

The firm's pro bono program has been honored many times in recognition of its dedication to serving those in need. Recently, MFY Legal Services, Inc. honored the firm with its 2012 Partner in Justice



Judge Harold R. Tyler Award

Judge Tyler was a prominent lawyer and a former Deputy Attorney General and federal judge, as well as a named partner at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler. For Judge Tyler, the practice of law was always about public service. He constantly devoted himself not just to private clients but also to any number of projects that benefited the world at large. He understood the vital function that civil legal service organizations provide in communities throughout the United States.

This year we honor William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler in recognition of his and the firm's dedication to continuing Judge Tyler's strong commitment to equal access to pro bono service, diversity, and justice for all.

award. In 2011, The Legal Aid Society recognized a number of firm attorneys with its Pro Bono Publico Awards for their outstanding service to The Legal Aid Society and its clients, primarily in connection with a law reform litigation on behalf of children in foster care.

Pro bono work has always been a priority for Bill. Currently, he is heading up a group of firm lawyers working with the Southern Poverty Law Center, Southern Disability Law Center, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on a lawsuit against the Louisiana State Board of Education. The suit seeks to address problems in the state system that have led to violations of the rights of the students of New Orleans - particularly those with disabilities - to have access to and receive the free and appropriate education to which they are entitled.

Bill recently began to supervise a group of firm lawyers working with the New York County Lawyers' Association on a pilot pro bono project that provides counsel to women who seek to amend, seal, or expunge their reports from the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The threshold for inclusion on the SCR is quite low and many listings result from an unfounded report by an abusive partner. For many low-income women in particular, a listing on the SCR can have a devastating effect on their ability to find employment or care for loved ones.

Bill is a skilled trial attorney with extensive experience in both state and federal courts as well as in arbitration, and in a wide spectrum of subject matter areas ranging from antitrust to patent disputes. His clients include major pharmaceutical, medical device and financial services companies.

Bill is a graduate of St. John's University and St. John's University School of Law. He is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Antitrust Law and Commercial Litigation.

Please join us in celebrating tonight's first ever Judge Harold Tyler Award and the work of its recipient, Bill Cavanaugh.



HONOREE

MARIADELE PRIEST

DENIS BERGER AWARD



The drive to confront society’s largest injustices has motivated Mariadele Priest, this year’s corporate honoree and recipient of the Denis Berger Memorial Award, for the vast majority of her professional life. As Vice President, Community Development Banking at Capital One, she feels “fortunate that [her current] position... allows [her] to work with some of the most effective CDCs (Community Development Corporations) in New York.” Her work, in turn, allows her to apply the vast available tools of the Bank in order to spur community development at the neighborhood level.

As a member of Brooklyn A’s Advisory Committee for over 7 years, we are honored to count Mariadele as one of our partners and allies. We are thrilled to gather you all in celebration of her accomplishments as a community advocate, coalition builder, esteemed colleague, and conscientious citizen.

Her approach to addressing societal issues is a mixture of involvement in small-scale, community-based grassroots campaigns and interest in broad, big-picture ideas concerning the role of government in society. It was her interest in the scale of government involvement in addressing social issues that led her to earn a Master’s in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

Mariadele grew up in San Antonio, Texas, where she was inspired, in her own words, by, “Henry Cisneros, who fought to create opportunities for low-income residents by insisting that public services be delivered across the city, not just in wealthy neighborhoods.” After pursuing higher education, she married a New Yorker and moved to Fort Greene, Brooklyn, a neighborhood of which she has now been a resident for over 25 years.

She considers herself very lucky to have been able to raise her children in one of the most integrated neighborhoods in the City, where she and her family have established various roles within the community: “the tennis and soccer players, the dog people, and at one point the play ground gang.” As her children were growing up, she became heavily involved with educational advocacy, including membership in the PTA, involvement with the principal selection process, and ultimately advocacy for a content-rich curriculum within the children’s school. As a result of these efforts, the local school

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which her oldest son attended, PS 20, is now considered a Core Knowledge school. And, with the passage of time, her neighbors and local merchants comment on how much her children have changed since stroller days.

She came to Capital One after about 25 years of working in both the government and non-profit sectors. She served on the board of directors for the Pratt Area Community Council (PACC) for over twelve years. It was this experience, and working with Deb Howard, Executive Director of PACC, that she credits as “teaching [her] most of what [she] know[s] about affordable housing.” Throughout her time with the organization, she and PACC worked to build supportive housing for people with AIDS, create homeownership opportunities for long-time neighborhood residents, build and maintain decent affordable rental housing for families, and organize communities to advocate for pub-

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Denis Berger Award

Denis Berger served as Brooklyn A's Director of Development and later as Development Consultant for 15 years. He was instrumental in creating Brooklyn A's Advisory Committee and initiated and launched the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit in 1987. Denis was incredibly devoted to the struggles for justice throughout the world and in our own local neighborhoods.

This year we honor Mariadele Priest with the Denis Berger Award in recognition of her deep and longstanding commitment, both personally and professionally, to community development and for her many years of service as a Brooklyn community advocate and coalition builder.

lic policies to prevent lead poisoning in rental units.

Before joining Capital One, Mariadele also worked as Executive Director for Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN), an organization whose mission is to help low and moderate income Brooklyn residents to secure quality housing and build financial assets. During her time at NHN, she became active in the NY Mortgage Coalition, which aims to help low income families access reputable mortgage financing. She was interested in developing and advocating for "an anti-redlining strategy that facilitated access to affordable, sustainable mortgage financing."

Her work in these various non-profits has demonstrated Mariadele's commitment to the goal of safe, affordable housing for all. She has utilized the skills gained in the non-profit sector in transition to her current work as VP, CRA Housing Development at Capital One, which enables her to partner with several community organizations throughout Brooklyn and nationally. She is especially proud of her work with Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation (Cypress Hills LDC), which she considers to be, "among the most robust sustained signature projects [they] have undertaken." Her work with Cypress Hills LDC included providing construction financing for affordable housing, Glenmore Grove and Cypress Plaza Mews, support for their housing counseling services and origination of affordable mortgages for neighborhood residents, training for home-based child care providers in the Cypress Hills family day care network, and financial education to students in local schools as well as branch-based financial education seminars for adults in the community.

Cypress Hills LDC is an organization which has worked for almost three decades to revitalize neighborhoods through housing preservation, economic development, and educational and after-school programs for children and adults. It is also an organization with which Brooklyn A has worked closely since its inception, serves as its in-house counsel and represents in all of its community development projects. The recent financing and construction of the Glenmore Grove condominiums is a shining example of the work of Cypress Hills LDC, as represented by Brooklyn A, and funded by Capital One with the help of Mariadele's tireless efforts. The housing project was a benchmark for affordable housing, both giving opportunities to first-time homebuyers earning between 80-100% of the area median income, and serving as an example of affordable green housing, incorporating energy efficiency for more environmental sustainability and healthier residents.

Recently, Mariadele joined the board of directors of the Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC), an organization committed to advancing social and economic growth throughout South Brooklyn. She finds her volunteer work with FAC to be both "challenging and rewarding," adding that, "it is fascinating and inspiring to see how Michelle de la Uz [the Executive Director] and her staff run a CDC [and] operate a host of programs all guided by a commitment to social justice."

As Brooklyn A continues to serve the same populations that benefit from Mariadele's work, we are honored to have her here with us tonight to recognize the importance of these achievements and the spirit of social justice which she has carried throughout her adult life. When someone gives of her time, skills, and resources in the manner in which she has, the entire community benefits. Mariadele has proved to be a vital asset to Brooklyn as both a community advocate and a coalition builder. We look forward to continued partnerships with many of the CDCs which Mariadele supports, with the common goal of providing economic and social justice for the underserved.



HONOREE

COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA REYNA

SARGENT SHRIVER AWARD



Council Member Diana Reyna, a long-time advocate for affordable housing in North Brooklyn, has served in the New York City Council for ten years. Representing the 34th District, which includes Williamsburg and Bushwick, Brooklyn and Ridgewood, Queens, she has seen the challenges faced by residents in the area who are at risk of displacement due to rapidly changing demographics. In turn, Council Member Reyna has become an outspoken proponent of local affordable housing projects for those minority, working-class, and indigent populations that can so often otherwise be overlooked.

Council Member Reyna has been a dear and long-time friend of Brooklyn A for over eighteen years. She first met Martin Needelman, Brooklyn A's Project Director, at age twenty. At the time he struck her as a "passionate and intelligent man with a sense of humor that can confuse those not familiar with his antics"...a description that still fits him to this day. "Marty is a living document; he taught me history, housing law, community activism... Marty is the Latino judío, beloved by many and respected by all. He is the tool that has empowered our community to rebuild, to preserve and to fight back."

She has consistently made the needs of her constituents her number one priority, even beginning her time in public service with holding periodic "mini-town hall meetings" in order to provide a forum for residents to speak directly to their legislators. These meetings became a staple for her grassroots approach to serving the

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needs of constituents. She has often been an active participant in coalition meetings, rallies, protests, and meetings with community stakeholders; her presence at these types of gatherings is a testament to her philosophy that community empowerment must begin at the ground level.

"I have been blessed to be able to represent such creative and strong communities as Williamsburg, Bushwick and Ridgewood," the Council Member comments. "During my tenure in the City Council, I have been able to work, alongside the many community groups, on several important issues for the 34th District. These issues include building and preserving affordable housing, anti-harassment in schools, small business and job development, senior and daycare center protection, truck reduction and waste equity, challenging the City to create quality education, increasing the amount of green space available to the public, and investing millions



Sargent Shriver Award

Sargent Shriver was a founder of the National Legal Services program and a dear friend of Brooklyn A. His passion and profound commitment to the founding mission, not only to bring justice to low-income neighborhoods, but also to join with them as their advocate in rebuilding and sustaining themselves, continues to inspire. Sarge's vision for the legal services program focused on providing much needed legal representation to low-income and marginalized individuals and families, and also supporting community based organizations that provide services to their neighborhoods.

This year we honor Council Member Diana Reyna with the Sargent Shriver Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to the communities of North Brooklyn through government service and advocacy, particularly in the realm of preserving affordable housing. Most notably in recognition of her personal and professional commitment to serving the indigent, minority, and working class populations who are so often otherwise overlooked.

to improve the quality of life for a better live, work and play community.”

Council Member Reyna understands that a community that permits injustice for any group of peoples is indeed a tragedy for the entire population. Speaking at a July 2012 rally to call attention to the unethical and often illegal maneuvers of landlords attempting to evict tenants, she spoke to the crowd and to passers-by to unite them on the grounds of community and justice. “[If you are someone] that believes in justice, [if you are someone] that believes in progress, [if you are someone] that believes that hardworking low-income tenants deserve a decent and affordable place to live, we invite you to join this coalition.”

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Her support for Brooklyn A and commitment to her community has been of critical importance in the issues surrounding the Broadway Triangle, an area of urban renewal bordering Williamsburg and Bedford-Stuyvesant. Forty community organizations in the area created the Broadway Triangle Community Coalition (BTCC) to protest a re-zoning of the area which would have intentionally

excluded these groups from both the planning process and the resulting affordable housing community preference. The proposed re-zoning would also have other major racial and religious discriminatory impacts.

With the help of Brooklyn A, the BTCC challenged this re-zoning of the Broadway Triangle



through litigation that remains pending in New York Supreme Court. Brooklyn A and the BTCC are working to ensure that the City complies with appropriate mandates that allow for comprehensive and meaningful community input in the process as well as prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race and religion. Council Member Reyna has been a long-time supporter of the BTCC and its efforts to mobilize and involve a wide cross-section of community members in developing a better vision for the re-zoning. Concerning the issue, she commented: “The greatest failure of the Broadway Triangle was the exclusivity provided to developers. We can no longer ignore the needs of the community. Twelve sites of public-owned land have been delayed – sites that would have provided 1,600 to 1,700 units of affordable housing. The delays are unjust and developers need to be held accountable.”

Council Member Reyna has striven to, “protect and expand access to basic human rights: affordable housing, education, youth and senior services, jobs and safe communities.” Her projects have included the weatherization of Lindsay Park, gathering funds for security systems in Bushwick Hylan, Hope Gardens, and Cooper Park, and securing “\$10 million for housing preservation, legal services and anti-harassment programs for both tenants and co-op owners.” Through these kinds of projects, Council Member Reyna has aligned herself closely with the mission of Brooklyn A, and has proved to be a powerful ally in efforts to provide equal access to justice for all.

“In the accomplishments and campaigns listed above, [Brooklyn A] has been instrumental in providing the legal expertise and support needed. Indeed, Brooklyn Legal Services Corp A has been an essential community partner in virtually everything I have done as Council Member...[If] it had not been for Brooklyn A protecting and building affordable housing in North Brooklyn during the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s [and today,] we would have been wiped out as a community long ago. We



DIANA REYNA *continued*

continue to be present in the 34th District because of Brooklyn A's efforts over the last four decades," she comments.

Her career in public service combined with her history of growing up in the neighborhood of South Williamsburg with Dominican immigrant parents, Maria Enedina Polonia and Bienvenido Antonio Reina, has put her in a unique position of advocacy on behalf of these residents. Council Member Reyna is a trailblazer in many ways. Not only was she the first member of her family to attend college, but also she was the first woman of Dominican descent to be elected to public office in New York State. "I had always known that I wanted to give back to my own community," the Council Member says. "I soon decided to serve my community through local government." In May of 1995, she was hired as an intern at the office of her state assembly representative. "It was through this experience that I realized I could truly make a difference as a public official. I continued my employment and career in politics as I was promoted to Chief of Staff and remained until I was elected at age 27 in November 2001."

Council Member Reyna attended Our Saviour School at Transfiguration Parish for middle school. Upon graduation, she attended the all-girls St. Joseph High School. After her high school graduation, the Council Member, "[spent] a year convincing [her] parents of the American option of going away to school," and enrolled at Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. She graduated with a liberal arts degree in the sciences with a minor in human service.

Council Member Reyna currently lives in Bushwick, Brooklyn, with her husband, Petronio Hernandez, Jr., a Sergeant in the New York City Police Department, and her two sons, ages five and seven.



SAMUEL W. SEYMOUR



Sam Seymour is a partner of Sullivan & Cromwell and head of the firm's Criminal Defense and Investigations Group. He concentrates in white-collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations.

Mr. Seymour has represented clients in many high-profile investigations involving allegations of accounting fraud, securities fraud, foreign bribery, price fixing, economic sanctions violations, money laundering and obstruction of justice. He represents individuals and institutions in a broad range of financial and industrial business sectors worldwide.

Mr. Seymour's practice also encompasses commercial litigation and arbitration matters, including derivative cases, shareholder actions and complex contract disputes.

Widely recognized for his professional achievements, Mr. Seymour has held leadership positions in numerous organizations serving the legal and educational communities. Mr. Seymour formerly served as President of the New York City Bar Association from 2010-2012.

As President of the NYC Bar, Seymour advocated on behalf of the issues at the heart of the Brooklyn A mission: providing justice to all citizens, regardless of race or income, and ensuring that high-quality legal services are available to all. When taking office in May 2010, Seymour said in his annual address that his agenda included programs to strengthen the core values of the City Bar, including the fact that, "Above all, as an organization we stand for ensuring equal access to justice..."¹

Many of his efforts as President, as a result, were directed to funding for legal services programs. In an interview with the Metropolitan Corporate Council, he commented: "Searching for legal services funding may not be politically expedient, but it is the right thing to do."² In a testimony on behalf of the NYC Bar Association for the Chief Judge Lippman's Hearing on Civil Legal Services, Seymour described the need for increased funding for legal services, especially for immigrant populations. "Approximately 3,000,000 New York City residents are foreign born. Most of these immigrants are involved in the City's economy, but often in jobs that do not meet even basic income needs... These individuals have the same legal needs as the rest of the population in areas such as housing, family law, consumer problems, education and government assistance. And like other low-income New Yorkers, there are simply not enough lawyers to provide those services."³

Brooklyn A is proud to welcome this distinguished lawyer and advocate on behalf of legal services to the 2012 Awards Benefit as a very special guest speaker.

¹ http://www.nycbar.org/pdf/Seymour_Address_051810.pdf

² <http://www.metrocorpcounsel.com/articles/12630/samuel-seymour-new-president-new-york-city-bar-association>

³ <http://www.nycbar.org/pdf/report/uploads/20072003-OralTestimonyattheChiefJudgesHearingonCivilLegalServices.pdf>

JEANINE RAMIREZ



One of the distinguishing factors of Jeanine Ramirez's success, like that of Brooklyn A, is that her identity is inextricable from her community. At NY1, Ramirez serves as the reporter primarily responsible for covering Brooklyn's 2.5 million people as well as its schools, politics, religions, and neighborhoods. Because of her presence within these neighborhoods and her exhaustive coverage of the community, including her role as lead reporter on many Latino issues, Brooklyn A is proud to have Ramirez serve as MC for this year's event.

Ramirez may also be seen on the anchor desk or out in the field reporting breaking news concerning Brooklyn communities. On many occasions, this reporting includes coverage of community-based organizations that are fighting against the displacement of lower-income households. Her coverage has made the work of Brooklyn A and its partners more visible to the public and is a testament both to Ramirez's journalistic integrity and her commitment to serving the community in which she was raised.

As a native of Brooklyn, Ramirez has fond memories of maturing within the community. "Growing up in Sunset Park was great. My mom and dad were born in Puerto Rico, but they met in Sunset Park, they got married in Sunset Park, and my mom became a teacher and then a principal in Sunset Park. We have very, very deep roots in the community and everywhere we went everybody knew my mom, everybody knew my dad, and it was really that homey feeling everywhere. It's a special place. I have my Latin roots there – we were able to get good, cheap food and my parents live in a beautiful brownstone. It was a nice neighborhood that was culturally rich."

She majored in communications both at Brooklyn Technical High School and Fordham University.

Ramirez has been commended for her community involvement many times over. In 2002, Ramirez had the honor of marching as one of the Grand Marshalls in the National Puerto Rican Day Parade up Fifth Avenue. She's received numerous recognitions for her work including awards from the New York Press Club, El Diario/La Prensa, State Senator Martin Golden, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, The Latino Caucus of the Council of Supervisors and Legislators (CSA), Brooklyn College, Latino Coalition for Fair Media, Prospect Park Alliance Boricua Festival, the Sunset Park Lions Club, Professional People of Color, former City Comptroller William Thompson and former Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden. She is also a proud member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

In addition to covering stories in Brooklyn and around the city, Ramirez has traveled to Havana, Cuba, for a special series on New York area businessmen finding a new market in the communist Caribbean island; to Vieques, Puerto Rico, to cover the 2001 protests and arrests of New York legislators at the U.S. Navy's bombing range; and to Santo Domingo and other cities in the Dominican Republic to report on the devastation caused by Hurricane George in 1998.

Since joining NY1 News in October 1996, her work has helped to address those issues around which Brooklyn A has forged its mission: to build, improve, and sustain low-income neighborhoods throughout the Brooklyn community. As an exceptional journalist and a noteworthy voice in the community, we are honored to have her here with us tonight.

2012 HONOREE BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 23RD

Every year, as we gear up toward our annual Benefit, Brooklyn A hosts a Honoree Breakfast to provide an opportunity for our board, advisory committee, friends and supporters to meet our honorees. This year, the breakfast was held at our Williamsburg office, the Shriver Tyler MacCrate Center for Justice, in reflection of our deep commitment to a community-based practice. The breakfast took place on Tuesday, October 23rd and proved to be a terrific gathering of honorees and community members. We thank all those who were able to attend, and look forward to future years of this most favored of traditions!



ABOUT BROOKLYN A

Founded in 1968, Brooklyn Legal Service Corporation A (Brooklyn A) has provided high-quality, neighborhood based civil legal services to low-income individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout North and East Brooklyn for over forty years.

The nearly 6,000 people who walk through our doors annually are faced with losing their homes, a poor quality of life, negligent landlords, and discrimination. They may be survivors of domestic abuse or persons living with HIV/AIDS, often they are people living in extreme poverty, and sometimes they are members of the community who have fallen victim to predatory lending and/or are deeply in debt and face foreclosure like so many people living in the this country today. We seek to protect the basic rights of our clients, while providing them with the opportunities and resources to empower themselves and their greater community at large.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer representation and advocacy:

- *to tenants and tenant associations to prevent their displacement and to ensure decent living conditions;*
- *to obtain or restore critical benefits such as “welfare,” SSI and Unemployment Insurance to those improperly denied them;*
- *to counter predatory lending practices; and*
- *to support community and economic development efforts undertaken by nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations.*

Our work prevents homelessness, helps people in need receive entitlements, and assures that families remain together. We assist the neighborhoods that we serve to marshal and control the assets of their communities and to create institutions and infrastructure that help them to grow and thrive.

Brooklyn A
building communities,
ensuring opportunities,
and achieving justice

For over four decades, Brooklyn A has made community and economic development a major program priority. Brooklyn A is one of the only non-profit, neighborhood-based, public interest legal services programs in the country have developed and sustain a substantial transactional practice representing community-based organizations and community development corporations in low-income communities.

This work contributes to the creation of new and rehabilitated housing, the empowerment of tenants, the delivery of quality medical care and child care services, the development of community centers, and the creation of minority- and community-owned businesses and jobs.

Our experience over the years has taught us that solely providing people with legal services for the obstacles they face is akin to treating only the symptoms of a greater illness. Thus, we strive everyday to meet as many of the needs of our clients as we can through an integrated web of organizations in our area of Brooklyn. Organizations like Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center work with us to provide health care for our clients through a unique approach to integrated patient care. This approach includes treating patients through a committee system of specialists and general practitioners, as well as

social workers and support groups. We work with Los Sures and Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, who, amongst a roster of other amazing services, helps to manage tenant owned and run co-ops throughout Brooklyn. This collaboration and work empowers individuals and communities to manage their own resources. We also collaborate with The North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence, a grass-roots domestic violence organization, which provides services and a locally based support network for survivors of domestic abuse. In every area of law we practice, our partnerships with these and many other community based organizations and service providers is a critical aspect to our success.

It is thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff, attorneys, paralegals, interns, volunteers and outstanding members of the community that we are able to provide the services that we do. However, none of it would be possible without the generous support we receive from institutions and individuals who recognize the power and importance of community legal services. Our organization has been a beacon of hope for so many people over the past 44 years, not the least of which are those of us who live and work in these amazing and resilient communities: Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bushwick, Oceanhill-Brownsville, East New York, Bedford - Stuyvesant, Cypress Hills, Starrett City, City Line, East Flatbush, Flatlands, and Canarsie. We thank you for your ongoing support in making the successes of our mission a reality.



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November 29, 2012

Greetings,

On behalf of New York's 11th Congressional District it is my honor to extend warm greetings and congratulations to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) on the occasion of its Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For 44 years, Brooklyn A has offered free and accessible civil legal services to Northern and East Brooklyn, protecting the social and economic rights of more than 6,000 low income members.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Martin S. Needelman, the Project Director & Chief Counsel; the Board of Directors; and staff for their unwavering commitment to the residents of Brooklyn. Under your leadership, Brooklyn A has stood at the forefront, working diligently to "build communities, ensure opportunities, and achieve justice" for others.

I would also like to commend this year's honorees: New York City Councilmember Diana Reyna, Mariadele Priest, and William Cavanaugh. Brooklynites are fortunate enough to have such dedicated and accomplished advocates on their side.

The strength and spirit of community service that guides this organization are truly commendable. My best wishes for a memorable evening, and for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvette D. Clarke" with "M.C." written in smaller letters below the name.

*Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress*



New York State Senator
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November 29, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to greet you on the occasion of the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit hosted by Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A). I would like to congratulate Martin S. Needelman, Project Director and Chief Counsel, General Counsel Paul J. Acinapura, the Board of Directors, staff and community partners for their vital work and generosity in supporting this important organization. Since its founding in 1968, Brooklyn A has been at the forefront of legal services for thousands of low income citizens who face discrimination and displacement.

I am proud to support the great work of this wonderful institution whose mission involves providing quality legal services and access to the criminal justice system and civil representation to the neediest members of our society.

I would also like to pay tribute to tonight's distinguished honorees; William Cavanaugh, Mariadele Priest and my colleague in government, City Councilmember Diana Reyna for their outstanding contributions to our great City and State.

Congratulations again and best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

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November 29, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit, hosted by the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A.

New York is committed to investing in our City's neighborhoods, and our Administration has worked hard to spur economic development and ensure a bright future for all our residents. As we continue in our mission to build stronger communities, we are grateful for the efforts of organizations like Brooklyn A. By providing free civil legal services to individuals and families in need, Brooklyn A protects the rights of New Yorkers, promotes social justice, and pioneers innovative problem-solving strategies. We applaud this organization for its many contributions to those throughout Brooklyn, and we look forward to even more clients benefitting from its generosity and expertise in the years ahead.

On behalf of our great City, congratulations to tonight's honorees – William Cavanaugh, Mariadele Priest, and Council Member Diana Reyna. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

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Dearest Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome and congratulate you all to the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit hosted by Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A).

Brooklyn A, established in 1968 is a pillar in the field of legal services. Your vision and efforts have been instrumental in providing over 6,000 low-income community members who face discrimination, displacement, free and accessible civil and legal services to the community in neighborhoods of Northern and East Brooklyn.

Brooklyn A partnerships and collaboration with vital community organizations benefits not only Brooklyn A but also a vast network of community-based institutions that work in a wide array of fields, including healthcare, childcare, educational opportunities, and support services. The reach of your contributions, therefore, extend further than you may suspect.

Additionally, I commend this year's honorees: William Cavanaugh, with the first annual Judge Harold Tyler Award, Mariadele Priest, with the Denis Berger Award, and Councilmember Diana Reyna, with the Sargent Shriver Award.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing advocacy for social and economic justice. Many thanks for your work and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Letitia James".

Letitia James
Member of the NYC Council



THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Bill de Blasio - PUBLIC ADVOCATE

November 29, 2012

Dear Friends,

It brings me great pleasure to join Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) in celebrating their Annual Partnership Awards Benefit on Thursday, November 29, 2012. This organization, which began in 1968, has continued to remain at the forefront of legal services for some 6,000 low income members who face discrimination, displacement, and lack of resources in their own communities. Brooklyn A is unique in the field of legal services because of its constant partnership and collaboration with vital community organizations in a wide array of fields, including healthcare, childcare, educational opportunities, and support services.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would especially like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees:

- William Cavanaugh, *Judge Harold R. Tyler Award*
- Mariadele Priest, *Denis Berger Award*
- Councilmember Diana Reyna, *Sargent Shriver Award*

I am inspired by the work at the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation (Brooklyn A) and by the knowledge that, through the commitment of this organization and the dedication of tonight's honorees, Brooklyn A will continue their efforts in the ongoing promotion of social and economic justice.

Please accept my best wishes on this very special occasion.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio

Public Advocate for the City of New York





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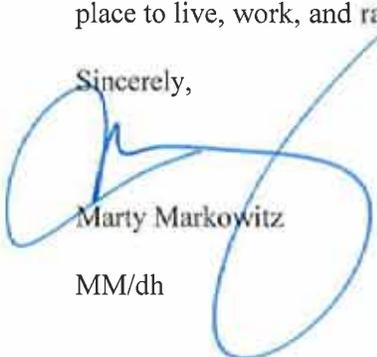
Dear Friends,

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of paying tribute to those extraordinary individuals and organizations that are dedicated to upholding the law and protecting the rights of our citizens, and who work tirelessly to maintain and strengthen its vitality and effectiveness. Therefore, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Project Director Marty Needleman, Chair James H.R. Windels, the Board of Directors, staff and supporters of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A as you gather for your Annual Partnership Awards Benefit celebration.

Since it was founded 44 years ago, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A has offered high quality neighborhood-centric civil legal services to low income and underprivileged individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout North and East Brooklyn, preventing homelessness helping families remain together, and creating infrastructure that communities need to thrive. I join with them in spirit as they pay tribute to honorees William Cavanaugh, Mariadele Priest and Councilmember Diana Reyna.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute and commend the Board of Directors and the staff and supporters of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A as you gather to celebrate your Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. I congratulate this year's honorees as they are duly and most justifiably paid tribute for their professional and personal contributions to the noble mission and work of the legal profession. Finally, I thank everyone present for making Brooklyn a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,



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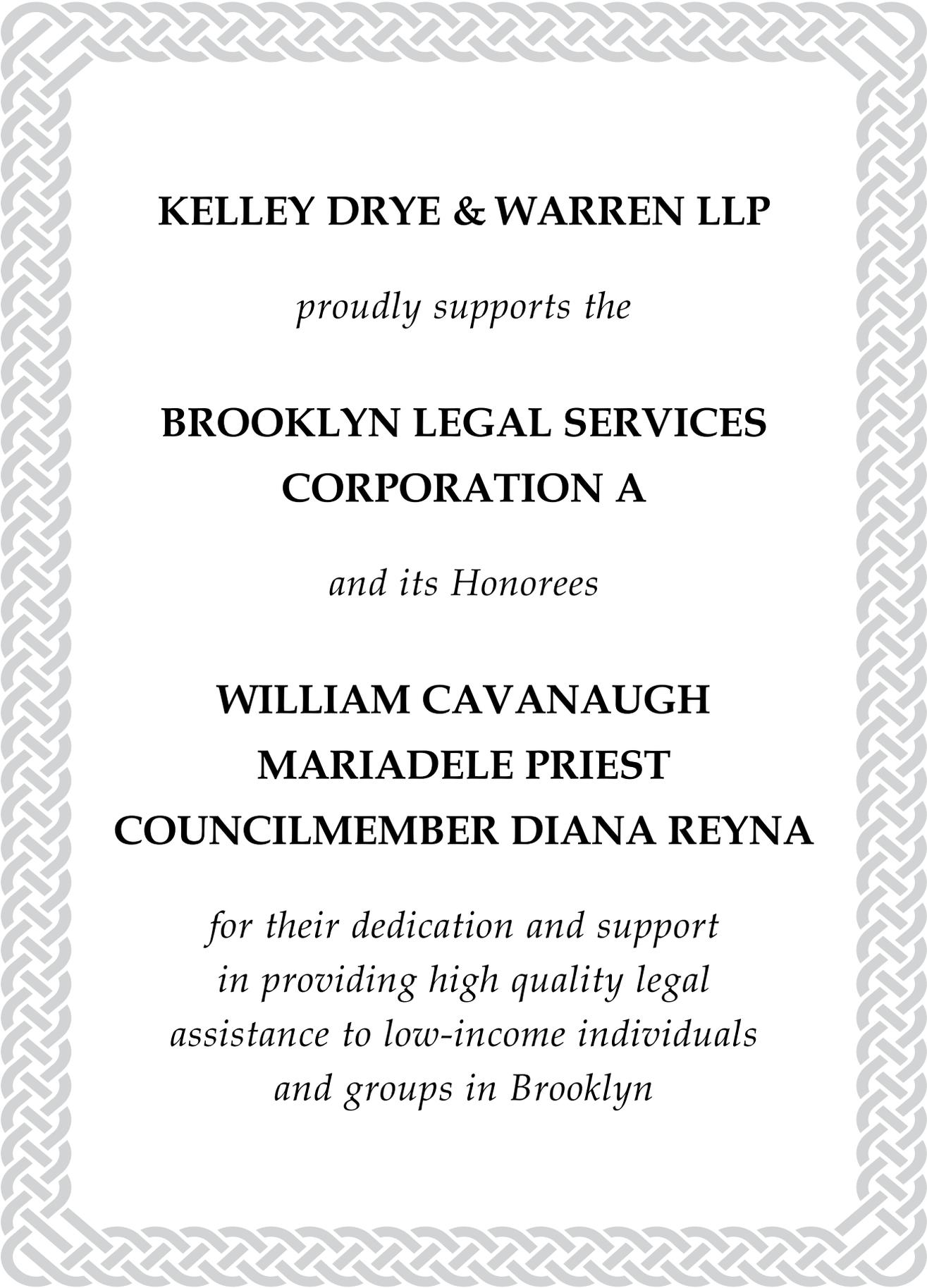
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-Saul, Kerith, Amelia, and Toby-

**The North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family
Violence would like to congratulate all the awardees
and Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A on their
outstanding achievements.**

North Brooklyn Coalition
Against Family Violence



Congratulations to our husband/father/grandfather, Bill Cavanaugh, on becoming the first recipient of the Harold Tyler Award!

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