Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS BENEFIT

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016

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We congratulate tonight’s honorees, Robert MacCrate, William Thompson, Jr. Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, at Brooklyn A’s Annual Awards Benefit.
Greetings

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Brooklyn A’s Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. For over 26 years, we’ve used this occasion to recognize key supporters from the legal and corporate worlds, as well celebrate the community partnerships that help us further our Mission. Without your assistance, we would be unable to protect our community’s most vulnerable members, preserve and expand affordable housing, and promote locally-directed sustainable community and economic development.

Tonight, we recognize four incredible leaders, friends, and advocates, people who have been essential in the effort to make our justice system work for everyone, empower local communities, and prepare our next generation of advocates.

It is a very special privilege for us to posthumously honor the late Robert MacCrate of Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP with the Judge Harold Tyler Award for his extraordinary dedication to public service and enduring legacy in the legal profession. Additionally, we ask you to join with us to recognize Bill Thompson of Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., L.L, with the Denis Berger Award for his outstanding achievements in public service; and Janie C. Whitney, and A.B. Whitfield, founders of Trey Whitfield School with the Sargent Shriver Award for their unwavering commitment to educating the underserved children of New York City.

In addition, we are truly honored to have former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, an incredible missionary for making justice real for low-income residents in our state and nation, as our Guest Speaker.

Brooklyn A’s work is constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of the communities that we serve. We partner with an incredible network of not-for-profit community organizations to develop and sustain a community infrastructure that includes truly affordable housing, friendly and nurturing senior centers, community health centers, and child care services. Our network also includes tenant associations and community organizers fighting battles to prevent the harassment, mistreatment, and displacement of the residents of those neighborhoods. The fight is ongoing, and Brooklyn A values its community partnerships because we know that a unified, community-based effort is the best way to effect systemic and lasting change.

An integral part of the struggle, therefore, is to know there will be talented and passionate advocates who will continue our work. Each year, Brooklyn A welcomes exceptional interns, externs, and Fellows, each of whom brings fresh energy and a desire to learn how they can leverage their skills to bring justice and equality to the world. We have also instituted a vibrant pro bono program, bringing additional private bar resources to our work.

As we celebrate the achievement of tonight’s Honorees, let us do so by thinking about the impact each person has had on the next generation of public servants, attorneys, and activists. Please join us in thanking each of them for their commitment to creating stronger, more vibrant communities. We extend our deepest gratitude to you for standing with us and continuing to support our Mission of building communities, ensuring opportunities, and achieving justice!

Martin S. Needelman
Paul J. Acinapura

2016 Honorees

JUDGE HAROLD R. TYLER JR. AWARD
Robert MacCrate
(1921-2016)
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

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.

DENIS BERGER AWARD
William Thompson, Jr.
Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., L.L.C.

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.

SARGENT SHRIVER AWARD
Janie C. Whitney
Founder, Trey Whitfield School

A.B. Whitfield
Founder, Trey Whitfield School

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.
Robert MacCrate (1921-2016) by MICHAEL A. COOPER

Very few individuals can truly be said to have altered the portals to their profession. Bob MacCrate did. As President of the American Bar Association from 1987 to 1988, he created a Task Force on Women in the Profession and appointed as its first Chair a Little Rock lawyer named Hillary Rodham Clinton. After stepping down as President, he headed an ABA Task Force that examined the state of legal education and its preparation for entry into the legal profession. The 1992 Task Force report, commonly called the “MacCrate Report,” encouraged practical skills training rather than rote memorization of principles distilled from dusty volumes of reported cases. The MacCrate Report caused a revolution in legal education and led to a recodification of the ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools.

Bob MacCrate was born to be a lawyer. His father, who had immigrated from Scotland, was elected to the New York Supreme Court and thereafter elevated to the Court’s Appellate Division. Bob was born in Brooklyn on July 18, 1921, and raised in the Greenpoint neighborhood. After graduating from Haverford College in 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for three years. After his discharge, Bob enrolled at Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 1948. He entered the legal profession that fall at the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. With interruptions for public service, he remained with the firm until his retirement in 1991.

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In 1959, newly elected Governor Nelson Rockefeller asked Bob to become Counsel to the Governor, a post he held for three years. He assumed principal responsibility for drafting legislation to carry out Governor Rockefeller’s initiatives in several areas, including public higher education, mass transit and the first reorganization of the State’s court system in more than a century. Bob was effectively the Governor’s chief legislative aide.

In 1962 Bob returned to Sullivan & Cromwell, but public service beckoned once more in 1969, when Bob was retained by the Secretary of the Army as Special Counsel to lead the investigation into the massacre by American troops of scores of civilians in the Vietnam hamlet of My Lai. Nearly 400 witnesses were interviewed and 20,000 pages of testimony amassed. The investigative panel in 1970 issued a lengthy report accusing 14 officers of various offenses. Only one, Lieutenant William Calley, was convicted. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but served less than four years before being pardoned by President Nixon.

If, as Francis Bacon famously stated, every man is “a debtor to his profession,” Bob MacCrate paid his debt as fully as any man or woman I have known. In addition to serving as President of the ABA, Bob was President of the New York State Bar Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York City Bar Association. He was also a member of the Council and the Executive Committee of the American Law Institute, Chairman of the Fund for Modern Courts (and the affiliated Committee for Modern Courts), which works to improve the administration of justice in New York State, and of the American Judicature Society, which pursues a similar objective nationally. Bob introduced me to the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, of which we were both Directors. With all his obligations as a leader of the Bar, Bob remained active in the affairs of Haverford College. He was a member of its Board and Co-Chairman of the Joint Board Council of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges.
MacCrate continued

PICTURED BELOW: Left: Bob MacCrate served as general counsel to Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller. Right: As President of the American Bar Association, Bob MacCrate championed the advancement of women in law, enlisting the help of a relatively unknown attorney named Hillary Rodham Clinton in the late 1980s to advance that cause.

The Legend of Robert MacCrate

by STEPHEN YOUNGER

After decades as a partner in a major law firm, Bob could afford to travel in luxury, but true to his Scottish heritage, he took the train from Flushing, Long Island, to New York City each morning and the subway from Penn Station to his office in lower Manhattan. He continued to come to the office until his legs lost the strength to climb the subway stairs. I cannot recall how many years ago Bob truly “retired,” but I am confident he was well into his eighties.

Bob had spent his last year in the Navy teaching at the Supply Corps School at Harvard Business School. There he met Constance Trapp, who was a grader at the school. Bob and Connie were married in May 1946 and remained married for very nearly 70 years. They had three children (Chris, Barbara and Tom), 10 grand-children and seven great-grandchildren. Bob and Connie were the personification of grace, warmth and cordiality, both individually and as a couple. Their mutual devotion was almost palpable. When Connie MacCrate died in January 2016, their children postponed holding a memorial service for her because they knew that without Connie’s love and support, Bob could not long survive. And he didn’t. Bob MacCrate died less than three months later on April 6, 2016.

When we lost Bob MacCrate, the legal world lost a true legend. MacCrate was involved in so many initiatives that have shaped our profession that it is hard to catalog them in a way that would do justice to his life’s work. For three years, MacCrate served as counsel to then Governor Nelson Rockefeller. In this role, he had his hand in numerous legal issues of the day.

Thereafter, MacCrate served first as President of the New York State Bar Association and then as President of the American Bar Association. While serving as ABA President, MacCrate formed the Commission on Women in the Profession which reported on the status of women in the practice of law and proposed ways to remove obstacles to their advancing in the profession.

Following his bar service, MacCrate led various task forces that left lasting marks on our profession. For example, in 1992, he led an ABA task force on law schools and the legal profession which promulgated a blueprint for legal education so that new lawyers are well-prepared to enter practice.

Thereafter in 1999, in the midst of an intense debate over multi-disciplinary practice, MacCrate led a special committee for the New York State Bar that examined law firm structures and operations. That committee issued a seminal report that sought to preserve the profession’s core values and opposed multi-disciplinary practice by lawyers.

Each of these initiatives — whether they fostered diversity in the profession, preserved the profession’s core values, or helped prepare young lawyers to enter the profession — retained great currency for today’s lawyers. In sum, MacCrate was a visionary who influenced numerous important aspects of our profession.

William Thompson joined Siebert Brandford Shank in April 2010 and became a partner in November, 2015. Mr. Thompson previously served eight years as the Comptroller of the City of New York—from January 2002 to December 2009.

Mr. Thompson’s extensive experience in successfully managing the finances of one of the nation’s largest cities has afforded him unique insight into the needs of local municipal issuers. As Comptroller, Mr. Thompson also served as custodian and investment advisor to the five New York City Pension Funds, where he managed a combined portfolio amounting to more than $100 billion at the close of his tenure. In this role, Mr. Thompson invested hundreds of millions of dollars in affordable housing and commercial real estate in New York City. During his tenure, Mr. Thompson also worked with leaders of the financial services industry to reform the operations of the New York Stock Exchange, and spearheaded the City’s innovative Banking Development District program.

Mr. Thompson also served as a Senior Vice President in Public Finance in the mid-1990s.

Mr. Thompson has served as an active member on a number of profit, not-for-profit and government Boards. In January of 2015, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo named him to serve as Chairman of the New York State Housing Finance Agency/State of New York Mortgage Agency where he is currently serving. Mr. Thompson was named by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York (CUNY) in June of this year.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Tufts University. Prior to his work as Comptroller, he had served as Brooklyn Deputy Borough President and as a Member and five-term President of the New York City Board of Education.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Thompson resides in Harlem with his wife and three children.
Inspiring Lives

One of Brooklyn’s best kept secrets is located in the heart of East New York. Trey Whitfield School (TWS), a private independent school, is home to approximately four hundred students that range from nursery to the eighth grade. Trey Whitfield School was established in the early 1980s by its Founder Janie Whitney. Her passion for the field of education, coupled with a strong desire to provide a quality education for inner-city youth, is what fostered her dream of starting a school. Janie Whitney and A.B. Whitfield joined forces and united their individual talents to grow and develop TWS into what it is today: a learning institution that has educated and molded many of today’s leading young people who are presently making their mark on the world in various capacities. Over time, the school has grown in many areas because of the diligence of its founders and the school’s attorney Paul Acinapura, who continues to be one of the school’s greatest supporters. The school, once housed in temporary buildings, was relocated in September of 2002 to a new facility that has five floors, a computer lab, library, and a playground on the roof. The move to its new location has proven to be a turning point in the ongoing success of TWS. It was during this time that Janie and A.B. sought moral and financial support from many local politicians, community leaders, and professional athletes like Jim Brown, O.J. Anderson, Dick Lynch, Earl Monroe, Sam Jones, Roosevelt Brown, Mel Davis, Rasheed Wallace, and Jethro Pugh (to name just a few) and other organizations. As a result of the school’s proven success, many were more than willing to support Janie and A.B.’s vision for the school and assist in many ways.

With the help of these and other supporters, traditions such as the cultural exchange program with our sister school, Transfiguration School in Lower Manhattan, have been extended to include our newly established Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK). Furthermore, Ava Bradshaw, Director of TWS’s renowned Early Childhood Education Program, has successfully incorporated the UPK program into a unique private school experience for its students. In addition, the school’s relationship with over fifteen boarding schools across the country has afforded many TWS students the opportunity to attend these schools with the financial assistance of substantial scholarships.

Trey Whitfield School has been featured in major mainstream media, including The Bill O’Reilly Show, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Daily News. What’s more, Upscale Magazine has named TWS as one of the ten top learning institutions in the nation.

Janie and A.B. established the Trey Whitfield Foundation in memory of their son, Tremaine Argle Whitfield. The Foundation raises funds to support a mission of ensuring that everyone, regardless of ethnic background, has equal access to the educational opportunities they need to reach their potential in life that every child will have a helping hand, and every young person will get support from someone who cares about their future.” This mission statement says it all about Janie and A.B.: they are wholly dedicated to giving back to others and touching the lives of so many men and women. Each and every summer, at a black-tie gala, honorees receive accolades and scholarship money to assist in their endeavor of completing a quality education.

The extraordinary efforts of Janie and A.B., unsung heroes for sure, span far beyond the compounds of the TWS campus. Many school alumni and Foundation scholarship recipients have gone on to make a difference in the world in various capacities. The world is a much better place because of Janie and A.B.’s vision, dedication and passion for the field of education and their sincere concern for humankind.

— DEBORAH JOHNSON, Principal, Trey Whitfield School, Mother of two TWS school graduates: Janiya Johnson (1996) and Davon Johnson (2001)

PICTURED: The Trey Whitfield Foundation has awarded more than $2 million in scholarships to young people. Eighty-five percent of students at the Trey Whitfield School go on to college. The Trey Whitfield School, a private, independent school in East New York, serves 400 students ranging from nursery to the eighth grade.
FORMER GUEST SPEAKERS

2015 Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

2014 James R. Silkenat
Sullivan & Worcester LLP, President of the American Bar Association (2013-2014)

2013 Glenn Lau-Roe
Partner, Rie Blau-Roe, President of the New York State Bar Association (2014-2015)

2012 Samuel W. Seymour
Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell, President of the New York City Bar Association (2010-2012)

2011 James S. Sandman
President, National Legal Services Corporation

2010 Stephen P. Younger
Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, President of the New York State Bar Association (2010-2011)

2009 Judith S. Kaye
Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, the state’s highest court, is Of Counsel to the New York office of Latham & Watkins and a member of the firm’s Litigation & Trial Department. He provides strategic counsel to clients on New York Law and appellate matters nationwide, and is a leader of the firm’s pro bono practice.

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As the state’s Chief Judge, he championed equal access to justice issues in New York and around the country and took the leadership role in identifying permanent funding streams for civil legal services. Chief Judge Lippman made New York the first state in the country to require 50 hours of law-related pro bono work prior to bar admission and established the Pro Bono Scholars and Poverty Justice Solutions Programs to help alleviate the crisis in civil legal services. He strengthened the state’s indigent criminal defense system, addressed the systemic causes of wrongful convictions, created Human Trafficking Courts across New York State, and led efforts to reform New York’s juvenile justice, bail and pre-trial justice systems. Judge Lippman championed the commercial division as a world class venue for business litigation, reformed the state’s attorney disciplinary system, adopted the Uniform Bar Exam, and succeeded in the creation of a statewide salary commission for judges.

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In 2002, Ramirez had the honor of marching as one of the Grand Marshals in the National Puerto Rican Day Parade up Fifth Avenue. She’s received numerous recognitions for her work, including awards from the National Hispanic Media Coalition, New York Press Club, City & State, El Diario/La Prensa, State Senator Martin Golden, Brooklyn Tech Alumni Association, St. Nick’s Alliance, former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Council of Supervisors and Administrators (CSA) Latino Caucus, Brooklyn College, Latino Coalition for Fair Media, Prospect Park Alliance Boricua Festival, Sunset Park Lions Club, Professional People of Color, former City Comptroller William Thompson and former Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden.

A native Brooklynite, Ramirez majored in communications both at Brooklyn Technical High School and Fordham University.

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GUEST SPEAKER
Hon. Jonathan Lippman
Latham & Watkins LLP, Retired New York State Chief Judge

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Valerie Fontaine
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Luz Yolanda Coca
Bushwick Housing Independence Project, Catholic Migration Services

Marcia L. Gubler
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Sonya D. Johnson
Nationalgirl Paloma Hernandez, Urban Health Plan, Inc.

Bettina B. Plevan
Proskauer Rose LLP

Vincent F. Palagiano
DIME Community Banchsares, Inc., Dime Savings Bank

Tiffanye S.M. Threadcraft
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Frederick B. Warder III
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

2015
William Schwartz
Wickersham & Taft LLP

Luz Yolanda Coca
Bushwick Housing Independence Project, Catholic Migration Services

2014
Judah Gribetz
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Sonya D. Johnson
Nationalgirl Paloma Hernandez, Urban Health Plan, Inc.

2013
Michael Cooper
Sullivan & Cromwell

David Lopez
Community Activist & Poet

2012
William F. Cavanaugh, Jr.
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP

Mariadile Prietst Capital One Bank

Diana Reyna
Deputy, Brooklyn Borough President, Former New York City Council Member for the 34th District

2011
Sargent Shriver (1915-2011)
Special Olympics International

2010
Thomas Moore and Judith Livingston
Kramer, Dillow, Livingston and Moore

2009
John D. Feerick
Fordham University School of Law

Eileen Auld
Citi

2008
Father John Powis
Bushwick Housing Independence Project

2007
Paul J. Curran
(1933-2008), Kaye Scholer LLP

Brendan J. Dugan
St. Francis College

2006
Robert C. Sheehan
Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates

Terri Thomson
Thomson Strategies LLC

2005
John M. Callagy
Kelly Drye & Warren LLP

2004
Evan A. Davis
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Maureen Bateman
Evercore Trust Company

Michael Rochford
St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp.
2000
Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr., Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law
John M. Imperiale, JPMorgan Chase & Co.
David D. Pagan, Los Sures (Southside Community Development Corporation)

1999
Patricia M. Hynes, Allen & Overy LLP
Frances A. Resheske, Con Edison
Adbur Rahman Farrakhan, Oceanhill-Brownsville Tenants Association

1998
Barry H. Garfinkel, Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates
Magda N. Zirazary, Verizon

John F. Mulhern, Nuestros Ninos Child Development School

1997
Conrad Harper, Retired, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Michelle Neugebauer, Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation

1996
Henry L. King, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
Angela M. Battaglia, Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

1995
Judge Harold T. Tyler, Jr., (1922-2005), Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
Joseph K. Francois, (1931-2003), Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

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

1993
Sargent Shriver, (1915-2011), Special Olympics International

1992
Nancy Beim, New York State Assembly Speaker

1991
Tomi Leppert, Retired, US Immigration and Naturalization Service

1990
John Quick, Retired, Bell Atlantic

1989
Evelyn Brooks Hines, Retired, President, National Council of Negro Women

1988
R. Yogev, Attorney at law

1987
Robert MacCrone, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Charles J. Hynes, New York State Medicaid Fraud Prosecutor
David Trager, (1937-2011), Dean, Brooklyn Law School
Sally Hernandez-Pinero, East Harlem Business Capital Corporation

About Brooklyn A

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) provides high-quality legal services to low- to moderate-income individuals and not-for-profit community-based organizations in Brooklyn and throughout New York City. For over 48 years we have devoted our legal services to advocacy that protects housing, strengthens families, provides access to education and health care, and safeguards subsistence income for our city’s most vulnerable residents. We have successfully represented and advised thousands of families in varied and multifaceted legal matters.

Our Impact
This past year alone, we served over 2,000 families and touched the lives of more than 400,000 New Yorkers.

Prevent Foreclosures
This past year we helped hundreds of homeowners fight foreclosure, stay in their homes, and preserve and protect their equity.

Fighting Unlawful Evictions & Harassment
We stop hundreds of unlawful evictions each year by fighting predatory landlords and their unlawful harassment. This results in individuals, families and groups of tenants maintaining their homes, obtaining repairs and in certain cases restoring illegally evicted tenants.

Community Building
In the past year, we represented 60 not-for-profit organizations undertaking ambitious community development projects that have resulted in the creation of affordable housing, increased patient health care services, and living wage jobs. We also represent dozens of community organizations each year as they create and run community-controlled assets, including startup organizations, public housing resident associations, long-standing social service organizations, and low-income tenant coops.

Fair Housing Justice
A leading fair housing enforcement organization in New York State, we’ve launched over 50 building investigations in the past year to uncover discrimination and violations in rental housing. Also, in the past year we filed over 115 collective and individual fair housing complaints with city, state, and federal and state agencies.

Affirmative Litigation to Protect Tenants
We represent tenant associations to combat systemic displacement by landlords, improve living conditions building-wide, and preserve affordable rents.

Asset Preservation
We help residents struggling with high debt to get a fresh start and keep debt from ruining their lives.

Income Security
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Community Education
Each year, our workshops teach more than 8,000 residents about their rights under fair housing, fair lending, rent stabilization, and tax laws.

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Last year Brooklyn A bolstered the capacity of community health care providers, yielding 100,000 additional patient visits, and of child care centers and schools, resulting in 400 students served.

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A.

Across this State, people who are economically disadvantaged benefit from services provided by the legal community. For over 48 years, many in the Borough of Brooklyn have received assistance in the form of legal counseling and services made available through Brooklyn A and its staff that generously offers their resources to help low-income residents, providing them with quality services that are unaffordable or otherwise inaccessible to them.

On this occasion, you celebrate the achievements of distinguished individuals who carry out their work with humanitarian spirit and a sense of social consciousness. I join in offering special congratulations to your honorees as they are recognized for their personal and professional contributions that have advanced social and economic justice for many people, opening doors of opportunity and improved quality of life. I commend all affiliated with Brooklyn A for exemplifying the ideals of responsible service to society.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

ANDREW M. CUOMO
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224
November 3, 2016

Team continued
It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit hosted by Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A).

With the help of your partnerships, individual, and organization-based support, Brooklyn A has remained 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. Due to your patronage, they are provided with the tools they need to defend their rights, remain in their homes and strive for a higher quality of life.

Your support 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: Robert MacCrate, Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP, the Late Former President of the ABA & NYSBA; William Thompson, Jr., Senior Managing Director, Siebert Brandford Shank and Co., LLC; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, Founders, Trey Whitfield School.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing promotion of social and economic justice.

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress

November 3, 2016

November 3rd, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome everyone to the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit hosted by Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) at Weylin B. Seymour’s in Brooklyn.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has persistently promoted justice, protected public interest, and empowered communities through its quality legal assistance. As we face the overwhelming pressures of gentrification, displacement and rising property values in Brooklyn, Brooklyn A’s grit is extraordinary and deserves to be commended for its role in building a stronger community and working to preserve the character of North Brooklyn. As a result of its determination to preserve the communities and fight on behalf of low-income families, Brooklyn A helps improve the quality of life of countless low-income individuals.

On behalf of every community organization that has collaborated with Brooklyn A, and every citizen whose life has been touched by the efforts of these partnerships, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your constant support.

Furthermore, I would like to congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson, Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community.

My best wishes for a delightful evening and the ongoing advancement of social and economic justice. Many thanks for your contribution and support.

Sincerely,

Antonio Reynoso
Council Member, 34th District
Brooklyn / Queens
Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; Brooklyn’s own, William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community. Each Awardee has improved our communities through diligent work.

Brooklyn A/The Shriver Tyler Maccrate Center for Justice provides high-quality, neighborhood based legal services to low-income individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations. Services devoted to advocacy that protects families, strengthens families, and increases access to education and health care for our city’s most vulnerable residents. My best wishes for a wonderful evening celebrating the ongoing important pursuit of social and economic justice.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Lentol

MARITZA DAVILA
Assemblymember, 53rd District

November 3, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am honored to congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. It has been a pleasure working with your excellent staff of attorneys to preserve the quality of life for constituents of the 53rd Assembly District.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has been a leader in housing advocacy and economic justice for the people of Bushwick and Williamsburg. I am proud of the work your organization does every day and I thank tonight’s attendees for joining me in extending congratulations and gratitude for the work that you are doing.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing pursuit of social and economic justice. Many thanks for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Maritza Davila

Assemblywoman, 53rd District
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all who have gathered for the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A’s Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. For over forty-eight years, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A has steadfastly worked to represent and advise low-income families, community groups and non-profit organizations with civil legal matters. The services Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A provides are essential and has improved the quality of life for people who cannot afford legal representation.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would like to extend congratulations to the honorees including Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award, William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award.

On this special evening, I would like to thank Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A and its dedicated staff for the vital work they are doing to support and improve communities throughout Brooklyn.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful evening and may you enjoy continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Letitia James
Public Advocate for the City of New York

November 3, 2016

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
260 Broadway, Suite 2
Brooklyn, New York 11211

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to all attending Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A’s 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

Since its inception in 1967, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) has done outstanding work to ensure thousands of low income Brooklynites have access to a wide range of high quality legal assistance. Every year, Brooklyn A provides free legal services to more than 6,000 low-income individuals and families, and impacts the lives of many more through its Community Legal Education programs.

Brooklyn A’s staff empowers communities by assisting clients with eviction and foreclosure cases, helping hundreds of New Yorkers stay in their homes. In addition to its work with individuals, Brooklyn A’s Community and Economic Development Program has represented over 100 nonprofit community-based organizations and community development corporations, making a positive difference in the lives of countless New Yorkers.

Congratulations to tonight’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, William Thompson Jr., Janie C. Whitney, and A.B. Whitfield. Their commitment to Brooklyn A’s mission of equal access and justice is evident in all they do.

Thank you to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A for bringing us together tonight to celebrate community and service. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Stringer
New York City Comptroller

November 3, 2016

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Sincerely,

Letitia James
Public Advocate for the City of New York
November 3, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am truly honored to congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. It is events such as these that bring our community together as we recognize those who have gone above and beyond in the fight to protect low and moderate income residents.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has embodied the principle of justice for the poor. Furthermore, it has empowered communities through its high quality legal assistance and advocacy programs. As a result of this unequivocal dedication to the rights of low and moderate income individuals and families, Brooklyn A has greatly improved the quality of life for countless numbers of our fellow citizens. The passion and determination of Brooklyn A have worked to make our communities stronger and healthier. It is because of this that I extend my utmost gratitude for the work that your organization has done and will continue to do in the community.

Additionally, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to this year’s honorees. Each of you has greatly improved our communities through your diligent work. You’ve also served as an inspiration for the next generation of community advocates.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing pursuit of social and economic justice. Many thanks for your participation and support.

Truly Yours,

Mathieu Eugene
Council Member, 40th District, Brooklyn

November 3rd, 2016

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
260 Broadway, Suite 2
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the constituents of the 23rd Senatorial District, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) for all the great work they do in our community, and have done over the last 48 years. I also would like to congratulate them on the occasion of their Annual Partnership Awards Benefit, being held on this date, the 3rd of November, in the year 2016. I also wish them continued success in the future in meeting their mission, of providing quality legal representation to members of the community who are in great need of it.

I would like to congratulate tonight’s special honorees. Congratulations to Robert MacCrate (In Memoriam) on being honored tonight with the prestigious Judge Harold Tyler Award for his long and distinguished legal career, William Thomson, Jr. on receiving the Denis Berger Award, and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield on receiving the Sargent Shriver Award. My constituents and I applaud you for your hard work and service on behalf of all Brooklynites and all New Yorkers and these well deserved honors. Most importantly, thank you for your service and your contributions to the greater good.

Enjoy the Gala!

Sincerely,

Diane J. Savino
Senator, 23rd District
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September 27, 2016
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
260 Broadway, Suite 2
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Dear Friends,

I offer my congratulations to the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) on the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. Brooklyn A was established in 1968 with the mission to provide legal services to low-income individuals and community groups, and work to advance social and economic justice as a way to combat poverty.

Forty-eight years later, they have assisted thousands of individuals and families. This past year alone, they had served nearly 2,000 and impacted the lives of more than 400,000. In addition to providing direct legal services, Brooklyn A also participated in many community activities to help raise awareness and educate communities. They have represented 59 not-for-profits and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) tenant associations on corporate and transactional projects; strengthening community-controlled and community-led organizations and initiatives so that their voices are heard and their efforts are successful.

On behalf of every community organization that has collaborated with Brooklyn A, and every citizen whose life has been touched by the efforts of these collaborations, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support.

Additionally, this year, it is my privilege to posthumously honor the late Robert MacCrate of Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP with the Judge Harold Tyler Award for his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and dedication to public service; William Thompson, Jr. of Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., L.L. with the Denis Berger Award for his tenacious advocacy of diversity and progress; and Janie C. Whitney, CEO and A.B. Whitfield, COO, founders of Trey Whitfield School with the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education.

Let me extend my best wishes of much continued success as you go forward on your mission of helping families through your many services. Many thanks for your participation and support.

Very truly yours,

William A. Colton
Member of Assembly 47th AD

October 5, 2016
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation
260 Broadway, Suite 2
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to honor and congratulate the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has relentlessly promoted justice and empowered communities through its high-quality legal assistance and advocacy programs. As a result of its dedication to fight on behalf of low and moderate income individuals and families, Brooklyn A has improved the quality of life for countless of our borough’s residents.

Your dedication and effort helps make our communities stronger and healthier. I extend my sincere thanks for the work that you are doing.

I also want to congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community.

Each of you has improved our communities through your diligent work.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing pursuit of social and economic justice. Many thanks for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Felix W. Ortiz
Assistant Speaker
November 3, 2016

Greetings:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) and the honorees of the Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

On behalf of the 56th Assembly District I would like to thank Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation (Brooklyn A) for providing legal services to low income individuals and families throughout Brooklyn for 48 years.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Annette M. Robinson
Member, N. Y. S. Assembly

November 3, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is with great honor and esteemed privilege that I congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A on their 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

Over the many years Brooklyn A has continued to promote justice and empower our fellow citizens through neighborhood-based legal assistance and advocacy programs. Brooklyn A has made our communities stronger by improving the quality of life for low and moderate income families, while advancing social and economic justice for all.

I would like to congratulate and honor the late Robert MacCrate in receiving the Judge Harold Tyler Award for his astounding legal career as well as his dedication to public service. I would also like to congratulate William Thompson, Jr. on receiving the Denis Berger Award for his work in advocacy for diversity and progress, and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, on receiving the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to providing higher-quality education.

I look forward to another spectacular year from the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A. I am confident that the Brooklyn A’s will continue to lead in the fight for social and economic justice. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Mosley
New York State Assemblyman 57th District

WTM/jb
October 2016

Dear Friends,

I congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has promoted justice and empowered communities through its comprehensive legal assistance and advocacy programs. As a result of its committed fight on behalf of low and moderate income individuals and families, Brooklyn A has improved the quality of life for countless of our fellow citizens. Your tireless efforts and help to make our communities stronger and healthier.

I also congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his excellent legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their dedication to provide high quality education to the community.

Each of them has improved our communities through their diligent work.

My best wishes for a wonderful evening and the ongoing pursuit of social and economic justice. Many thanks I wish this fine organization many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Abbate, Jr.
Member of Assembly

PJA/kis

November 3, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am honored to congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has relentlessly promoted justice and empowered communities through its high-quality legal assistance and advocacy programs. As a result of its dedication to fight on behalf of low and moderate income individuals and families, Brooklyn A has improved the quality of life for countless of our fellow citizens. Your determination and effort has helped to make our communities stronger and healthier.

I extend my sincere gratitude for the work that you are doing. Additionally, I would like to congratulate this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson, Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community. Each of you has improved our communities through your diligent work.

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Sincerely,

Steven H. Cymbrowitz
Member of Assembly
November 3, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) as it celebrates the 2016 Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For over 48 years, Brooklyn A has lived into its mission to promote social and economic justice and to empower communities through its high-quality legal assistance and advocacy programs. Your dedication and commitment to fight on behalf of low and moderate income individuals and families, has resulted in meaningful changes that have impacted the quality of life for countless New Yorkers. I am truly grateful for all of your work.

Additionally, I join you in congratulating this year’s honorees: Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. Award to commemorate his extraordinary legacy in the legal profession and commitment to public service; William Thompson Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award for his advocacy for diversity and progress in the community; and Janie C. Whitney and A.B. Whitfield, recipients of the Sargent Shriver Award for their commitment to provide high-quality education to the community.

Again, congratulations to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A, and all the honorees for all that you do to make another world possible and for the incredible legacies that you are forging.

Sincerely,

Rodneyse Bichotte
New York State
Member of Assembly
We’re proud to support Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A!

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We are proud to continue our support for Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A and to celebrate its Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. We join in congratulating tonight’s honorees:

- Robert MacCrate, recipient of the Judge Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Award
- William Thompson, Jr., recipient of the Denis Berger Award
- Janie C. Whitney, recipient of the Sargent Shriver Award

To our tremendously talented and dedicated pro bono attorneys: Thank You! We’re deeply grateful for your service and commitment to the communities that we serve. It is an honor to work with you.

– The Brooklyn A Team
We recognize our most precious resource — the people in our community

Thanks to you, things are getting done. Thanks to you, our community is a better place and the lives of real people are being changed for the better.

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 **William Thompson, Jr.**  
 and  
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 **Janie C. Whitney**  
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