We know a lot of hard work came before the applause.

Bingham is proud to support Brooklyn A’s Partnership for Community and Economic Development and congratulates our own Judah Gribetz, recipient of this year’s Judge Harold Tyler Award for his dedication to pro bono services.
GREETINGS FROM BROOKLYN A’S CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

Tonight we celebrate forty-six years of building community, ensuring opportunity, and achieving justice in Brooklyn and throughout NYC. This evening gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on recent accomplishments, celebrate important partnerships, and envision a bright future for all of our city’s neighborhoods. We greatly appreciate your support in this important work, tonight and the years to come as Brooklyn A grows and expands. Without your support, we would not be able to provide high-quality, neighborhood-based legal services impacting over 30,000 people. For that we are truly grateful.

It has been quite a year for Brooklyn A. With new funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, we have added new attorneys and a new paralegal to our staff. This has allowed us to expand our work in preserving affordable housing, anti-predatory lending, foreclosure prevention, and legal representation of nonprofit community groups. We would not be able to accomplish so much without the hard work of our supporters including our dedicated staff, board, elected officials, and community partners. With such an amazing team committed to and supporting our mission, we look forward to next year and continuing our work ensuring Brooklyn are home to vibrant, diverse communities.

The future is made even more hopeful by the actions and commitment of this year’s honorees. Tonight we recognize Judah Gribetz, of Bingham McCutchen with the Judge Harold R. Tyler Award for his long-standing commitment to public service during his highly, successful legal career. We also honor Paloma Hernandez, President & CEO of Urban Health Plan, Inc. with the Sargent Shriver Award. She is a true leader in community health who has changed access to health care in the South Bronx. Finally, we recognize Sonya D. Johnson, Senior Counsel at nationalgrid with the Denis Berger Award. She is a city-wide champion for building vibrant communities and volunteerism.

Each honoree shares with Brooklyn A the dedication for community activism and a recognition that partnerships are a necessary element for establishing long lasting change. As we grow to meet ever increasing demands, we look forward to continuing our critical role in the neighborhoods we serve. We believe that a successful strategy for combating injustice is one that solves the problems of individuals and communities as a whole; empowering them to build, grow, and sustain their neighborhoods. The partnerships we have formed with you and others allow us to continue this important work.

We offer our sincerest thanks to everyone who has worked alongside us these past 46 years. We look to the future with a sense of hope and enthusiasm and are continuously encouraged by the support of our partnerships with law firms, businesses, and community organizations. Thank you all for standing with us and continuing to support our mission of sustaining diverse, vibrant communities.

Martin S. Needelman
Paul J. Acinapura
6:00 P.M.  
Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres

7:00 P.M.  
Dinner and Program

WELCOME REMARKS  
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James R. Silkenat  
Sullivan & Worcester LLP  
Immediate Past President, American Bar Association

7:30 P.M.  
Award Presentations

DENIS BERGER AWARD  
Sonya D. Johnson  
Senior Counsel, nationalgrid

ELECTED OFFICIALS THANK YOU

SARGENT SHRIVER AWARD  
Paloma Hernandez  
President & CEO, Urban Health Plan, Inc.

PRO-BONO SERVICE RECOGNITION

JUDGE HAROLD R. TYLER AWARD  
Judah Gribetz  
Bingham McCutchen

8:30 P.M.  
Dessert
DENIS BERGER AWARD

Sonya D. Johnson
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Michael Cooper, Sullivan & Cromwell

DENIS BERGER AWARD
Marty Markowitz, Brooklyn Borough President

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David Lopez, Community Activist & Poet

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JUDGE HAROLD R. TYLER AWARD
William F. Cavanagh, Jr., Patterson, Belknap Webb & Tyler

DENIS BERGER AWARD
Mariadele Priest, Capital One Bank

SARGENT SHRIVER AWARD
Diana Reyna, NYC Council Member, 34th District

2011
Sargent Shriver (1915-2011) (posthumously), Special Olympics International
Dan Nissenbaum, Urban Investment Group of Goldman Sachs Bank
Harvey Lawrence, Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

2010
Tommy Moore and Judith Livingston, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston and Moore
Steven Flax, M&T Bank
Mildred Tudy Johnston, Crispus Attucks Community Counsel

2009
John D. Feerick, Fordham University School of Law
Eileen Auld, Citibank
Father John Powis, Bushwick Housing Independence Project

2008
Bettina B. Plevan, Proskauer Rose LLP
Vincent F. Palagiano, Dime Community Bancshares, Inc.
Luis Garden Acosta, El Puente

2007
Paul J. Curran, (1933-2008), Kaye Scholer LLP
Brendan J. Dugan, St. Francis College
Maria Contreras-Collier, Cypress Hills Child Care Center

2006
Robert C. Sheehan, Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates
Terri Thomson, Thomson Strategies LLC
Barbara Schliff, Los Sures (Southside United Housing Development Fund Corporation)

2005
John Callagy, Kelly Drye & Warren LLP
Thomas Early, Elderplan
Dr. Claude Offord, Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

2004
Evan Davis, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Maureen Bateman, Ezercore Trust Company
Michael Rochford, St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp.

2003
James F. Gill, Bryan Cave LLP
Frederick W. Hill, Retired, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.
Jeffrey E. Dunston, Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp.

2002
Zachary W. Carter, Dorsey & Whitney LLP
MacDara Lynch, Pfizer Global Manufacturing
Sister Peggy Walsh, Southside Community Mission

2001
Barbara Paul Robinson, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
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Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr., Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
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1999
Patricia M. Hynes, Allen & Overy LLP
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Henry L. King, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
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1995
Judge Harold T. Tyler, Jr., (1922-2005), Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
Joseph K. Francois, (D.2003), Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

1993
Sargent Shriver, (1915-2011), Special Olympics International
Sally Hernandez-Pino, East Harlem Business Capital Corporation
Vito J. Lopez, New York State Assemblyman
Philip A. Wheeler, United Auto Workers, Region 9A

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

* An additional event in 1987 honored over 40 community leaders.
For Sonya Johnson, pro bono service isn’t a professional obligation, it’s a calling. A native Brooklynite, Sonya Johnson uses her legal skills to address many community problems like discrimination, hunger, and education. By giving of her time and talents to nonprofit organizations, she fills the community’s need for capable legal representation for all.

Sonya’s commitment to education, social justice, and concern for community began with her parents, who were part of a community that was a part of one of the schools that formed the basis for desegregating public schools in Brown vs. Board of Education. As Sonya grew up in East Flatbush, her tight-knit family built a foundation for her future commitment to empowering those in her community. She attended Midwood High School at Brooklyn College where she developed an interest in law by competing on her high school mock trial team. After Midwood, she attended Cornell University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Labor Relations.

She subsequently attended University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was a research assistant to the late Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, former Chief of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit and constitutional law scholar. Judge Higginbotham was a member of the Constitutional Committee for South Africa upon the abolishment of apartheid. Sonya spent a summer researching South Africa traditional laws including tribal laws and working with Judge Higginbotham on the proposed South Africa constitutional provisions that he presented. Today, South Africa has one of the most progressive constitutions in the world.

These early experiences paved the
way for success as an attorney and as a community advocate. Specializing in employment law, Sonya has litigated and managed a number of cases before the U.S. District Courts, which were subsequently affirmed by the US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. While in private practice, she did pro bono employment law and labor law work for several nonprofit organizations, such as Ifetayo Cultural Arts Center, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and Concord Baptist Church of Christ.

Sonya is dedicated to building the next generation of leaders and supporting the needs of low-income New Yorkers. She is a regular Career Day speaker at Intermediate School 383 – Phillippa Schuyler. In addition, she is a speaker and member of the planning committee for an annual youth conference that nationalgrid sponsors with Junior Achievement of New York for city public high school students to expose them to careers, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. She is a mentor to high school students and law school students; she annually plans a networking event to assist law students in meeting experienced attorneys in various practices of law. She also volunteers at Help Brownsville Women’s Center, serves as a Cornell University Alumni Admissions Ambassador, and leads two volunteer teams in the food pantry at Bedford-Stuyvesant Campaign Against Hunger.

As a successful attorney and a committed community volunteer, Sonya, not only, mentors young children and aspiring attorneys, but also, serves as a shining example of excellence to her peers. We are honoring Sonya because she is committed to achieving justice for those in her community.

“Brooklyn A provides and invaluable service to the community in that it gives them access to quality legal services. Brooklyn A’s community-based lawyering empowers low-income communities. It gives them a voice.” – Sonya D. Johnson
Paloma Hernandez has dedicated her life to reducing health disparities in New York’s low-income neighborhoods. As President and CEO of Urban Health Plan, Inc., (UHP) she serves as a transformative leader, defining what the future of health care should look like: a community-based primary care, patient centered approach where health and wellness trump illness and poor quality of life.

Paloma’s passion for community-based healthcare began with her father, Dr. Richard Izquierdo. He founded UHP in his home community, the South Bronx, in 1962, before the advent of Medicaid or Medicare. Paloma began working with him when she was 10 years old, and over the years he had instilled in her not only the technical processes of a medical practice but also a passion and commitment for their community. She attended elementary school in the Bronx and high school the Academy of St. Joseph in Brentwood, NY. Paloma received a Bachelor of Arts from Boston College and two graduate degrees in Speech Pathology and Public Health from Columbia University’s Teachers College and the Mailman School of Public Health respectively. She received an honorary doctorate of Social Sciences from Boston College.

Following graduate school, Paloma worked at the Governor’s Hospital in NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation as a speech pathologist. Realizing that she wanted to make a larger, more systemic impact, she rejoined UHP in 1980. Since that time, she has developed UHP from a one-site facility to 21 individual sites in both the South Bronx and Corona, Queens, serving a wide host of needs, including primary care, geriatrics, fitness, nutrition, and new mother care. UHP is nationally recognized as an exemplary community based health care center. In particular,
UHP’s asthma management program received the National Exemplary Award by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 2006 for the work it has done in reducing asthma-related hospitalization rates in the South Bronx.

In addition to serving the communities of the South Bronx and Corona, Queens, Paloma serves more broadly as a public health leader in the greater New York area. She served as the President of the Board of the Community Health Care Association of New York State and was appointed a member to the NYC Commission for Economic Opportunity, a task force led by the Bloomberg administration that developed innovative anti-poverty health approaches in New York City. She serves on many other professional and community boards and organizations, including the NYC Primary Care Development Corporation, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Advisory Council and Affinity Health Plan.

Paloma is a mother to two daughters, Kristina and Monique, and an expectant grandmother. She currently lives in New Jersey, though considers the Bronx her home. She looks forward to many more years at UHP, continuing to grow and serving communities with excellence as a driving force, achieving long-term financial viability and developing the next generation of leaders who can continue the tradition and legacy of the work that has been accomplished over the past 40 years.

“I first met Brooklyn A and Paul Acinapura in 1996. At that time, Paul helped us with the financing of the relocation of our main site. During these past 18 years, our relationship has deepened and in addition to serving as our general counsel, Paul and Brooklyn A have become so much more. They are advisors in the broadest sense of the word. They understand what the important aspects of our business are and they are always there to lend an ear, a hand, and advice. Growing UHP has been a team effort and Brooklyn A has been a vital and critical member of that team.” — Paloma Hernandez
In many ways, Judah Gribetz’s career is closely related to the mission of Brooklyn Legal Corporation Services: “empowering communities and enabling essential access to justice.” For the past 62 years, Judah has been a dedicated public servant and attorney who has championed safe, affordable, housing, advocating for low-income people in mayoral, gubernatorial, and federal administrations.

A native Brooklynite, Judah was born and raised in Crown Heights. His work ethic and commitment to community was fostered by his family. His father, Abraham Gribetz, was a Russian immigrant who became Executive Director of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, offering interest-free loans to the needy. Judah’s family has maintained a relationship with that organization for nearly a century, with Judah himself serving for many years on the board and then as president. He attended Boys’ High School in Bedford-Stuyvesant. He then commuted by subway to Columbia College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts, and later his Bachelor of Laws from Columbia University Law. Upon graduation in 1952, he served in the United States Navy for three years during the Korean War, first as an Assistant Legal Officer, then as Gunnery Officer, before retiring as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserves. He then received his Masters of Law degree from the New York University Graduate School of Law.

Early in his career, Judah earned a reputation as an aggressive prosecutor of slumlords. Appointed by Mayor Robert Wagner in 1958 as Assistant Corporation Counsel at the Law Department of the City of New York, he first gained attention (on the front page of *The New York Times*) in June 1960 for prosecuting landlords for poor housing conditions in Harlem and

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JUDGE HEROLD 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 Judah Gribetz for his steadfast commitment to ensuring equal justice under the law and to the improvement of administration of justice in New York and beyond.
Morningside Heights. Recognizing his “demonstrated ability, energy and conscience” (as a January 1962 editorial in The New York Times put it), Mayor Wagner promoted Judah to Deputy Commissioner of Buildings, appointing Judah’s mentor Harold Birns as Commissioner. In 1965, Judah was appointed Buildings Department Commissioner, with the New York Post noting at the time that he was “one of the youngest department heads ever appointed in this city.”

He was a dedicated member of an administration known for building public housing and banning racial housing discrimination in New York City. From this role, Judah was appointed in 1966 by Robert C. Weaver (the nation’s first African-American member of the presidential cabinet) to serve as the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he oversaw federally-supported urban renewal and rehabilitation programs in the New York and New England areas. He received HUD’s Distinguished Service Award for “imbuing his staff with his own vivid understanding that HUD deals fundamentally with the welfare of people and not the construction of brick and mortar.”

Returning to private practice in 1969, Judah was asked by Mayor Lindsay to serve as Impartial Chairman of the Conciliation and Appeals Boards to adjudicate landlord-tenant disputes under the Rent Stabilization Law, an appointment which a New York Times editorial called “first-rate.” An article in that newspaper noted that it was a “controversial job” for which the Mayor had “sought a chairman with unquestioned integrity who could merit the trust of both the real estate industry and the tenants,” and that “[w]hile Mr. Gribetz was known as a zealous prosecutor of slumlords when he was assistant corporation counsel and Building Commissioner in the Wagner Administration, he also earned respect as a fair and objective man.”

He was appointed by Mayor Abraham Beame in 1973 as Deputy Mayor for Governmental Relations. In 1975, Governor Hugh Carey asked him to serve as Counsel to the Governor for the State of New York. Judah was a key adviser to Governor Carey during the height of New York’s serious fiscal crisis in the mid-1970s, and also played an important role in the Governor’s reform of the court system. Then-Congressman Edward I. Koch observed that Judah, “counsel to Gov. Hugh Carey,” was also his “friend” and “an exceptionally gifted public servant as well as an exceptional person in his private life,” and appended to the March 9, 1977 Congressional Record a February 18, 1977 profile of Judah by Molly Ivins of The New York Times: “Gribetz Wears His Power - But Lightly.”


In 1999, the Hon. Edward R. Korman, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, asked Judah to serve as Special Master for the Swiss Banks Holocaust Settlement (In re Holocaust Victim

“The work of Brooklyn A does not mean just solving individual problems; it means improving, on so many levels, the quality of life of the community. When [my firm and I] are confronted with a particularly challenging housing issue, we’ve been grateful when we turn to the excellent staff of lawyers at Brooklyn A to share their expertise to help us out even when our clients live in the wrong zip code.” – Judah Gribetz
Assets Litigation), responsible for formulating a proposal for worldwide allocation and distribution of a $1.25 billion class action settlement fund. In his 2000 opinion approving the settlement as fair, Judge Korman noted that Judah was an “extraordinarily able lawyer with a long record of distinguished public service,” as well as a “wise counsel who has educated me about many of the critical issues relating to the formulation of a meaningful plan of allocation and distribution.” Following the Court’s adoption of the proposal, Judah has assisted the Court in overseeing the distribution of the fund to more than 457,000 Nazi victims and heirs.

Outside of law, Judah remains committed to community service. He was a member and later chaired Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan’s Committee on Judicial and United States Attorney Appointments, helping the Senator to launch the careers of many distinguished federal jurists, including Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. He serves as a trustee of the City University of New York, Mt. Sinai Medical Center (where his two brothers have been distinguished pediatricians and faculty members), and the Museum of Jewish Heritage. He is a former director of The Legal Aid Society and co-author of The Timetables of Jewish History, which Elie Wiesel called “[a] rare treasure filled with an infinite variety of knowledge about people and events. It must be found in the homes of Jews and non-Jews, teachers and scholars, writers and their readers.”

He has been married for almost 62 years to his wife, Jessica, who he met at summer camp as a teenager and who has shared Judah’s commitment to public service, serving as the editor of the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s national publication, Outlook Magazine, and as the group’s representative to the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations. They have three children, Sidney (a New York City Family Court Judge), Marion and Sarah (both Jewish education professionals), and four grandchildren. He resides in Belle Harbor, NY.

In a 1965 New York Post profile of Judah upon his appointment as Buildings Commissioner, he observed that “[t]here is no reason why every New Yorker shouldn’t have a decent home. This is our goal.” It is a goal to which he dedicated himself throughout his years of public service, and one that he shares with Brooklyn A.
James R. Silkenat, a partner in the New York office of the national law firm of Sullivan & Worcester and a member of its Corporate Department, is Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association.

He was a member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession and the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. He also served as Co-Chair of the ABA Solo and Small Firm Leadership Coalition.

Silkenat also served as Chair of the ABA Section of International Law (receiving its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007), Chair of the ABA Section Officers Conference, and Chair of the ABA Standing Committees on Membership and Constitution and Bylaws.

Silkenat has been a member of the ABA House of Delegates since 1990. In his role as ABA State Delegate from New York, he was Chair of the body’s New York Delegation from 2000 to 2009. He is a former member of the ABA Board of Governors and its Executive Committee, and is a former national Chair of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.

Silkenat is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Law Institute, and served as Chair of the Lawyers Committee for International Human Rights (now Human Rights First). He was also Chair of the Commission on the World Justice Project and of the Council of New York Law Associates (now the Lawyers Alliance for New York). He was a Fellow in the U.S. State Department Scholar/Diplomat Program and a Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Silkenat is the recipient of the Diversity Champion Award of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

A frequent author and lecturer, Silkenat is the editor or co-editor of 14 books and author of more than 100 articles on legal and justice system issues. His books include The Law of International Insolvencies and Debt Restructurings, The Imperial Presidency and the Consequences of 9/11: Lawyers React to the Global War on Terrorism and The ABA Guide to International Business Negotiations.

In his legal practice at Sullivan & Worcester in New York, Silkenat helps coordinate the firm’s international business practice and concentrates on the areas of project and infrastructure finance, banking, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate law. He is a former Legal Counsel at the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group in Washington, D.C.

Silkenat received his Bachelor of Arts from Drury College, where he received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement in 2000 and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree in 2012. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago School Of Law, where he was an Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review, and his Master of Laws in International Law from New York University School of Law.
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) provides high-quality legal assistance to low-income individuals and community groups in Brooklyn. We address the systemic problems facing our communities by providing a combination of full legal representation, brief advice, and legal education services to vulnerable populations including low-income working poor, unemployed, disabled, elderly, immigrants, families in crisis and the community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve them.

Established in 1968 as part of the federally-funded legal services program, Brooklyn A embraces the value that lawyers have in combating poverty. We endorse the idea that legal services programs are accountable to low-income communities, and are thus charged with the responsibility of identifying, understanding their needs, participating in addressing the problems confronting those communities.

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~ Support community and economic development efforts undertaken by nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations.

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