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Recipient: Mary Jo White, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Mary Jo White was sworn in as the 31st Chair of the SEC on April 10, 2013. She was nominated to be SEC Chair by President Barack Obama on Feb. 7, 2013, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 8, 2013. Chair White arrived at the SEC with decades of experience as a federal prosecutor and securities lawyer.

As the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1993 to 2002, she specialized in prosecuting complex securities and financial institution frauds and international terrorism cases. Under her leadership, the office earned convictions against the terrorists responsible for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and the bombings of American embassies in Africa. She is the only woman to hold the top position in the 200-year-plus history of that office.


After leaving her U.S. Attorney post, Chair White became chair of the litigation department at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York, where she led a team of more than 200 lawyers. Chair White previously was a litigation partner at the firm from 1983 to 1990 and worked as an associate from 1976 to 1978.

Chair White earned her undergraduate degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from William & Mary in 1970, and her master’s degree in psychology from The New School for Social Research in 1971. She earned her law degree in 1974 at Columbia Law School, where she was an officer of the Law Review. She served as a law
clerk to the Honorable Marvin E. Frankel of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Chair White has won numerous awards in recognition of her outstanding work both as a prosecutor and a securities lawyer. The 2012 Chambers USA Women in Law Awards named her Regulatory Lawyer of the Year. Among other honors she has received are the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the George W. Bush Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism, the Sandra Day O’Connor Award for Distinction in Public Service, and the “Women of Power and Influence Award” given by the National Organization for Women. Chair White is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International College of Trial Lawyers. She also has served as a director of The NASDAQ Stock Exchange and on its executive, audit, and policy committees. Chair White is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
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Section Awards

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Presented by the Antitrust Law Section
Presented to antitrust practitioners in recognition of their contributions and accomplishments in the field of antitrust. The Award acknowledges those who throughout their professional careers have distinguished themselves as leading antitrust practitioners as well as serving the broader antitrust community in a leadership role.

Recipient: Professor Harry First
Harry First is the Charles L. Denison Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, where he has taught since 1976, and is Co-Director of the law school’s Competition, Innovation, and Information Law Program. He was twice a Fulbright Research Fellow in Japan and taught antitrust as an adjunct professor at the University of Tokyo. From 1999-2001 he served as Chief of the Antitrust Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. Professor First’s recent scholarly writing includes the casebook Free Enterprise and Economic Organization: Antitrust, a study of the Microsoft litigation, The Microsoft Antitrust Cases: Competition Policy for the Twenty-first Century, and various book chapters and law review articles. Professor First is a contributing editor of the Antitrust Law Journal, foreign antitrust editor of the Antitrust Bulletin, a member of the executive committee of the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association, and a member of the advisory board and a Senior Fellow of the American Antitrust Institute.

The Distinguished Public Service Award
Presented by the Antitrust Law Section
The Public Service Award is made periodically and acknowledges those who have distinguished themselves not only as leading antitrust practitioners, but as individuals who have brought distinction to the antitrust bar as a whole by making significant leadership contributions to the public interest through their service to the bar and to society generally. The Award is presented to the recipient by the Antitrust Section at its annual dinner.
Recipient: Honorable Paul A. Crotty


Caplan Award for Meritorious Service

Presented by the Business Law Section

Given in honor of David S. Caplan, former Section member, Executive Committee member and Committee Chair, to recognize exemplary and long-term service to the Business Law Section and its constituent members.

Recipient: Paul H. Silverman, Esq.
Stanley H. Fuld Award
Presented by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section

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

Recipient: The Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Charles F. Crimi Memorial Award
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

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

Recipient: Cheryl Meyers Buth, Esq. *

After graduating from the University of Toledo College of Law, Ms. Meyers Buth began her legal career at Lipsitz, Green in Buffalo, New York with former Crimi Award winners Paul J. Cambria and Herbert L. Greenman. After 18 years representing criminal defendants in state and federal courts, in the summer of 2012 she became involved in a case that the Buffalo News has called one of the ten most infamous cases in Western New York in the past 50 years. Over the past few years, Ms. Meyers Buth has obtained acquittals for other clients in a number of cases that have garnered media attention. Ms. Meyers Buth is the founding member of the Meyers Buth Law Group PLLC located in Orchard Park, New York. Since 2013, Ms. Meyers Buth has regularly appeared on the Buffalo NBC affiliate, WGRZ ch 2 tv, as a legal commentator. In 2015, Ms. Meyers Buth was certified as an agent for the National Basketball Players’ Association. In addition to her role as a founding partner in her law firm, she is the owner of R1 Sports Mgmt (www.R1SportsMgmt.com), a sports agency that represents professional athletes and coaches.

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

Recognizes outstanding judicial efforts to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.

**Recipient: Honorable John M. Leventhal**

On January 25, 2008, John M. Leventhal was appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department to hear civil and criminal appeals. Justice Leventhal was first elected to the Supreme Court, Second Judicial District in November 1994 and re-elected in 2008. From June 1996 to January 2008, Justice Leventhal presided over the nation’s first felony Domestic Violence Court. The ADV Court was cited for its practices at the Northeast States Domestic Violence Registry Conference in November 1997 and has been observed by jurists and court administrators from New York and other states as well as from other countries. From 2001 to January, 2008, Justice Leventhal also presided over a guardianship part for alleged incapacitated persons. Prior to his election to the bench, Justice Leventhal was in private practice from 1982 until 1994 specializing in criminal and civil litigation and appeals. Justice Leventhal is a frequent lecturer on evidence, domestic violence, elder abuse, actual innocence and wrongful convictions, guardianship, foreclosures and other topics before Bar Associations, law schools, civic groups, court administrators and governmental agencies. Justice Leventhal has authored or co-authored twenty-four articles relating to criminal and civil law. He has written a book entitled My Partner, My Enemy released in June 2016 about his experiences presiding over the nation’s first felony Domestic Violence Court. His work as a judge dealing with domestic violence cases has been featured in a number of newspaper and magazine articles and television and radio programs.
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The Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section
Recognizes an outstanding public defense practitioner.

**Recipient: Rick Jones, Esq.**
Rick Jones is the Executive Director and a founding member of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (NDS). He is a distinguished trial lawyer with more than 25 years’ experience in complex multi-forum litigation. He is a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School, President-Elect of NACDL, on the faculty of NCDC and a member of the International Legal Foundation Board.

The David S. Michaels Memorial Award
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section
Recognizes courageous efforts in promoting integrity, justice, and fairness in the criminal justice system.

**Recipient: Honorable Kenneth P. Thompson, Esq. (posthumously)**

Outstanding Appellate Practitioner
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section
To recognize outstanding advocacy, protection of due process and the public welfare, and the integrity of the judicial system by defense attorneys and prosecutors.

**Recipient: Malvina Nathanson, Esq.**
Malvina Nathanson has spent most of her career representing criminals in appellate and post-conviction matters: for The Legal Aid Society of New York City (where she was Associate Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Appeals Bureau), the Massachusetts Defenders Committee (now Committee for Public Counsel Services) (where she was Chief Appellate Defender), the Queens County District Attorney’s Office (where she was Chief of the Appeals Bureau), and now in private practice in both state and federal courts. In 2004 she received the Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Bar and Community from the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and the Award for Outstanding Service to the Criminal Bar from the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is active in the New York State Bar Association, including service on the Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, the President’s Committee on Access to Justice, and the Committee to Ensure Quality Mandated Representation.
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Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Correctional Services
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

To acknowledge outstanding contributions in the field of correctional services.

Recipient: Karen Murtagh, Esq. *
Karen L. Murtagh is the Executive Director of Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York (PLS), a not-for-profit legal services organization founded in 1976 to provide civil legal services to indigent inmates in New York State correctional facilities. She is a graduate of Albany Law School and has successfully litigated cases in the Federal and State Courts, including the New York Court of Appeals and as amicus before the U.S. Supreme Court. She has lectured and conducted CLE trainings across the state on prisoners’ rights issues, is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and sits on the NYSBA’s Civil Rights Committee. She is the author of the 2013 Civil Rights Committee’s Report on Solitary Confinement in New York State that resulted in the NYSBA’s House of Delegates adopting a resolution to severely limit the use of solitary confinement in New York State. She is also an advisor to the NYSBA’s Immigration Committee.

* To be presented in the Spring

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

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

Recipient: Gary Muldoon, Esq. *
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Gary Muldoon is a partner with Muldoon, Getz & Reston in Rochester. He is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School, where he is an adjunct professor and co-director of the school’s Innocence & Justice Project. He is the author of several books, including Handling a Criminal Case in New York, The Education of a Lawyer, and (coauthored with Glenn Murray) Criminal Law Language of New York, 5th edition.
Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Public Information

Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

Recognizes significant efforts to acquaint the public and the bar with the operation of the criminal justice system; to alert the public to the problems besetting that system; and to foster dedication to the preservation of liberty through law.

Recipient: Dr. Heather Ann Thompson

Heather Ann Thompson is an award-winning historian on faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Thompson was named a finalist for the 2016 National Book Award, she is the author of Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and its Legacy as well as Whose Detroit?: Politics, Labor, and Race in a Modern American City, and she has written on the history of policing, mass incarceration and the current criminal justice system for The New York Times, Newsweek, Time, The Atlantic, Salon, Dissent, NBC, New Labor Forum, and The Huffington Post, as well as for the top scholarly publications in her field. Thompson has also served on a National Academy of Sciences blue-ribbon panel that studied the causes and consequences of mass incarceration in the United States and has given congressional staff briefings on this subject.

Outstanding Prosecutor

Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

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


Elder Law and Special Needs Section Award

Presented by the Elder Law Section

To an individual whose actions are in furtherance of the rights of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Recipient: Jeffrey A. Asher, Esq.
The Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Award
Presented by the Entertainment, Arts, Sports, and Law Section (EASL)
In partnership with BMI, the world’s largest music performing rights organization established the Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Scholarship. Created in memory of Cowan, an esteemed entertainment lawyer and a former Chair of EASL. Committed to a practice concentrating in one or more areas of entertainment, art or sports law.

Recipient: TBA

New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Award
Presented by the Environmental Law Section
Recognizes an individual or organization with a record of significant achievement, meaningful contribution, and distinguished service to the environment.

Recipient: Ross S. Whaley, Ph.D.

New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Council’s Certificate of Merit
Presented by the Environmental Law Section
Recognizes a member(s) of the Environmental Law Section for outstanding contributions to the Section’s work and activities.

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Presented by the Environmental Law Section

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**Recipients: Jack Nasca, Robert Phaneuf, Robert Cozzy**

New York State Bar Association
Family Law Section Awards
Presented by the Family Law Section

The award is presented in grateful recognition of the awardees’ contributions to “the World of Family Law”.

**Recipients: The Honorable David B. Saxe, Associate Justice Appellate Division, First Department**

General Practice Section Award
Presented by the General Practice Section

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

**Recipient: Martin Minkowitz, Esq.**

Martin Minkowitz joined the law firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP as a partner in 1988. Prior to that, he was the General Counsel and Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department. Prior thereto he was the General Counsel of the State Workers’ Compensation Board, resulting in total government service of more than 12 years. He currently is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School and New York Law School. He started his career as a general practitioner in the law firm of Minkowitz, Hagen and Rosenbluth which he founded and where he practiced for more than 12 years.
Congratulations to Marty Minkowitz, Esq. on his receipt of the General Practice Section Award from the New York Bar Foundation

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Presented by the International Section

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

Recipient: Honorable Loretta A. Preska, immediate past Chief Judge of the U.S District Court for the Southern District of New York

Judge Preska was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1992 and entered duty on September 18, 1992. She served as Chief Judge from June 1, 2009 to June 1, 2016. Judge Preska received a B.A. from the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York in 1970, a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1973, and an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from New York University Law School in 1978. Following graduation from Fordham, Judge Preska was an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and an associate and, beginning in January 1983, a partner at Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason until her induction as a United States District Judge in September 1992.

Pergam Writing Competition
Presented by the International Section

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

Recipient: J. Raymond Mechmann, III, St. John’s University School of Law
The Elder Law and Special Needs Section remembers Sharon Kovacs Gruer, Section Chair 2010-2011.

A generous and inspiring leader, her contributions to our Section and the Elder Law and Special Needs community were innumerable.

She will be missed, but will always be with us.

Elder Law and Special Needs Section Award Recipients

The Elder Law and Special Needs Section thanks

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The New York Bar Foundation Award for Advancement of Judicial Diversity
Presented by the Judicial Section

The NYSBA Award for Advancement of Judicial Diversity serves to recognize individuals for their efforts to promote diversity on the bench throughout New York State. Recipients will embody the New York State Bar Association’s commitment to diversity and inclusion at all levels of the judiciary.

Recipient: Honorable William C. Thompson (ret)

Honorable William C. Thompson is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Law School. He was elected to the New York State Senate in 1965, and served until 1968. He was Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Child Care Needs, and over 25 bills sponsored by him were signed into law. Justice Thompson served on the New York City Council from 1969 to 1973. He was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court in 1974. In November 1976 he was designated an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, 2nd and 11th Districts (Kings, Richmond and Queens Counties). On January 18, 1978, he was appointed Assistant Administrative Judge in charge of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn and Staten Island. On December 8, 1980, he was designated by Governor Carey an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. As an Appellate Division Judge for over twenty years he has analyzed over 24,000 cases, encompassing all types of litigation. He retired January 1, 2001. He has been named as one of the top ten mediators in New York State by the New York Law Journal reader ranking survey in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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The General Practice Section offers its congratulations to

Martin Minkowitz, Esq.
Recipient of the 2017 General Practice Section Award

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Distinguished Jurist Award  
Presented by the Judicial Section

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

Recipient: Honorable Lawrence K. Marks
Honorable Lawrence K. Marks is New York’s Chief Administrative Judge, overseeing the day-to-day administration and operation of the statewide court system. He has performed a key management, policy and legal role in the court system for many years, including serving as First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and as Administrative Director of the Office of Court Administration. He previously served as a senior supervising attorney with the Legal Aid Society, in private practice and as law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Thomas C. Platt. He was appointed to the Court of Claims in 2009 by Governor Paterson and re-appointed to that position in 2015 by Governor Cuomo. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Judge Marks hears cases in the Commercial Division of Supreme Court, New York County. The author of numerous government reports and legal articles, he graduated with honors from Cornell Law School.

Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth Stein Memorial Law Student Writing Competition  
Presented by the Labor and Employment Law Section

Recognizes excellence among law school students writing in the area of labor and employment law; and to cultivate the relationship between the Section and future labor and employment practitioners.

First Place: TBA
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Presented by the Labor and Employment Law Section

The Award is intended to encourage scholarship and exemplary service in the field of Labor and Employment Law. The Award is made by the law school to the student(s) in recognition of an extraordinary accomplishment in the field.

First Place: TBA
Second Place: TBA
Third Place: TBA
Real Property Law Section Professionalism Award
Presented by the Real Property Law Section

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

Recipient: Anne Reynolds Copps, Esq.

Anne Reynolds Copps is a 1981 graduate of Albany Law School. She was admitted to the Bar in 1982. She was a partner at Martin, Shudt, Wallace, DiLorenzo & Copps until 1995 when she opened her office as a sole practitioner, concentrating on adoptions and real property. In 2014, she and her daughter, Kathleen DiPaola formed Copps DiPaola, PLLC. She is a past-president of the Rensselaer County Bar Association and Capital District Women’s Bar Association. She is currently a Member of the NYSBA Real Property Law Section Executive Committee, serving as chair 2010-2011. She served for six years on the Committee on Professional Standards for the Appellate Division Third Department which reviews disciplinary matters for attorneys. She is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. She currently serves as a member of the NYSBA Committee on Professional Ethics and COSAC.
The Real Property Law Section Congratulates

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The New York Bar Foundation
Jonathan Lippman Pro Bono Award
Presented by the Senior Lawyers Section

The award is presented to a member of the New York State Bar Association age 55 or older who has provided outstanding pro bono legal service to a low income New Yorker in need or to a New York organization serving the legal needs of low income New Yorkers.

Recipient: Glenn Pogust, Esq.
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer complex commercial litigation Senior Counsel Glenn J. Pogust is a “Best Lawyer” for Mass Torts Litigation/Class Actions who is also a recognized pro bono advocate deeply committed to the cause of access to justice. On an individual and organizational level, Glenn advises on a range of litigation-related pro bono matters involving asylum, education, family, and discrimination issues. Glenn has been an active member of Kaye Scholer’s Pro Bono Committee; chair of its Immigration Pro Bono Practice Group; and a member of the firm’s Virtual Pro Bono Law Firm, a group of high-powered senior litigators who take on complex, often highly controversial, cases to transform society by working to address serious injustice and effect significant societal change. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Kimball Union Academy. In addition to his hours on specific pro bono matters for individuals and nonprofits, Glenn is an invaluable and knowledgeable teacher who closely mentors and supervises 25 associates and summer associates on their pro bono matters each year, inspiring a new generation of pro bono advocates while helping the firm to serve an even greater number of low-income clients in need.

Wishes to congratulate our colleague
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John E. Leach Memorial Award
Presented by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)

Recognizes outstanding service and distinguished contributions to the legal profession as a member of the TICL Section.

**Recipients: Jean F. Gerbini, Esq. and Laurie A. Giordano-Vahey, Esq.**

**Jean F. Gerbini** At Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP in Albany, New York, Jean Gerbini focuses her practice upon issues affecting consumers and providers of insurance. Ms. Gerbini is former Chair of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, and previously served as Chair of that Section’s Insurance Coverage and Newsletter Committees. She currently represents the Section as one of its Delegates to the NYSBA House of Delegates. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Association’s Sections Caucus, which promotes Section best practices and advocates on behalf of all Sections of the Association. Ms. Gerbini speaks frequently on insurance topics at seminars conducted by the Section and the Association, and is a contributor to Nonna, Pilarz and Healy, Insurance Law Practice 2nd Ed. (New York State Bar Association, 2010-2016 editions). Ms. Gerbini is proud to be a Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation.

**Laurie A. Giordano-Vahey** is a founding member of Rochester law firm of Leclair Korona Vahey Cole LLP and has enjoyed the practice of law for over twenty years. Her practice focuses in the areas of insurance law, as well as commercial and personal injury litigation. She is driven to optimize outcomes for her clients and meet their needs – including counseling them to avoid disputes before they happen. Laurie is a former Chair of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and former President of her local chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. In her spare time, Laurie is a cycling instructor and follows her teenage daughters around.
Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer Award
Presented by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)

This award is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the practice of law in the field of insurance.

Recipients: Jennifer A. Ehman, Esq. and David M. Knapp, Esq.

Jennifer A. Ehman is an attorney with the law firm of Hurwitz & Fine, P.C. where she focuses her statewide practice on insurance coverage analysis and coverage litigation, as well as No-Fault/SUM arbitration and litigation. She authors a column for the firm’s biweekly newsletter Coverage Pointers, entitled “Jen’s Gems”, summarizing both first party and third party trial court cases. She is also a columnist in the firm’s monthly newsletter Labor Law Pointers where she analyzes recent cases discussing New York State Labor Law §241(6). She has been named a Rising Star in Insurance Coverage by New York Super Lawyers Magazine and was named a Rising Star in a special Legal Elite of WNY section of Business First newspaper. Ms. Ehman is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor and simultaneously earned her Master of Business Administration at the University at Buffalo School of Management. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Loyola College in Maryland.

David M. Knapp is an attorney with Ward, Greenberg, Heller & Reidy LLP, where he practices in the areas of complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation, handling environmental, asbestos, personal and advertising injury, allocation, priority of coverage, employee dishonesty, first-party property, and bad faith/extra-contractual disputes. Mr. Knapp also counsel clients on insurance-related issues, performs detailed insurance program reviews (including CGL, Builder’s Risk, Contractor’s Protective, Pollution, and Professional Liability coverages), and works with insurance brokers to optimize coverage for his clients. He also represents businesses in breach of contract, breach of warranty, UCC and other complex commercial litigation. Mr. Knapp has co-authored and contributed to papers on insurance coverage issues, including social media coverage, construction defect claims, and allocation for long-tail environmental claims, and has presented on various insurance coverage-related topics for the New York State Bar Association.
Mary M. Russo–John Sciortino Award
Presented by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
This award is given to a lawyer in recognition of outstanding contribution to the practice of law in the field of Workers’ Compensation.

Recipients: John J. Cunningham (posthumously) and Thomas T. Walsh (posthumously)

Committee Chair of the Year
Presented by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
This award recognizes an outstanding TICL Section Committee Chair.

Recipient: Kathleen Feroleto Chetta, Esq.
Kate Feroleto Chetta is a litigation associate at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, focusing on toxic torts, products liability and insurance defense matters. Ms. Chetta was named a Super Lawyers Rising Star and is the young lawyer liaison to the DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar.

District Representative of the Year
Presented by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section (TICL)
This award recognizes an outstanding TICL Section Executive Committee District Representative.

Recipient: Robert H. Coughlin, Jr., Esq.

Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section & Trial Lawyers Section Honoree
Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law and Trial Lawyers Sections
Presented in recognition of devoted and accomplished efforts for the benefit of the bench and bar, and for inspiring administration of justice for the people of the State of New York.

Recipient: Chief Judge of the State of New York Janet DiFiore
Please see biography on page 41.
2017 Chair’s Award
Presented by the Trusts and Estates Law Section

Recognizes a person who has contributed their time and expertise to improve the practice for law for Trusts and Estates practitioners in New York State, and who has demonstrated a strong dedication to the profession.

Recipient: TBA

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
Presented by the Young Lawyers Section

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes an attorney who has actively practiced less than ten years and has a distinguished record of commitment to the finest traditions of the bar through public service and professional activities.

Recipient: Curtis Johnson, Esq.

Curt Johnson is an associate at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, a full service law firm of 270 lawyers across New York State, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation. He is a graduate, magna cum laude, of Albany Law School where he served as a Senior Editor of the Albany Law Review. Curt began his career in the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP. Since moving to Rochester in 2012, Curt has been an active member of the Monroe County Bar Association where he serves on the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee and is the immediate past-chair of the MCBA Young Lawyers Section. In addition to service to the MCBA, Curt is the founding chair of the Villa of Hope’s Young Professionals Board, and a member of the Corporate Development Committee of the Rochester chapter of American Diabetes Association’s Tour de Cure. Curt’s extensive professional and community volunteer efforts have been recognized with his receipt of the 2016 Monroe County Bar Association’s Emerging Bar Leader Award and the NY Daily Record’s Up & Coming Attorney Award.
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New York State Bar Association Award for Attorney Professionalism
Presented by the Committee on Attorney Professionalism

Honors an attorney for outstanding professionalism, which is defined as dedication to service to clients and a commitment to promoting respect for the legal system in pursuit of justice and the public good, characterized by exemplary ethical conduct, competence, good judgment, integrity and civility.

Recipients: Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Esq. and E. Stewart Jones, Jr., Esq.

Maryann Saccomando Freedman was born of immigrant parents on Buffalo’s West Side. She attended Buffalo public schools and received her law degree from the University of Buffalo, one of three women in her class of 1958. She and her husband, Robert P. Freedman celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last spring. She and Bob have two children, Hon. Brenda M. Freedman, Judge of the Family Court of Erie County, and Donald V. Freedman, P.A., an electrical engineer. Over the course of lengthy career, Maryann has practiced law in both the public and private sector. She continues to serve of counsel to the law firm of Cohen & Lombardo, P.C. where, among other things, she supervises the Matrimonial/Family Law Practice. Maryann currently serves on the Board of the Western New York Heritage Press and is President of the Association for a Buffalo Presidential Center. While she has achieved many things and received many awards in her community and professional life, among the things of which she is most proud are having been the President of both the Bar Association of Erie County and the New York State Bar Association. Given what the Professionalism Award stands for, receiving it is the greatest accolade, the most significant pat on the back, that any lawyer can receive from the legal community.
Congratulations to our colleague and friend

Glenn Pogust
Recipient of the 2017 Jonathan Lippman Pro Bono Award
E. Stewart Jones, born in Troy, New York, is a third generation Trial Lawyer in a firm founded by his grandfather in 1898 in Troy, just down the street from the present firm which includes 18 lawyers. Mr. Jones, now in his 50th year of trial work, has always concentrated his practice on the representation of plaintiffs in personal injury cases, now principally medical malpractice cases, and on the defense of significant criminal cases in State and Federal Courts. He is a Fellow of the Inner Circle of Advocates, American College of Trial Lawyers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, International Society of Barristers, and American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He has been Board Chair of Albany Law School (twice), Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, and The Albany Academies. Mr. Jones has been Chair or Co-Chair for years of the Legal Aid Society Annual Justice For All Campaign. He is on numerous not-for-profit Boards, has endowed a number of secondary school, college and law school scholarships, and has been Chair or Co-Chair of many past and present not-for-profit Capital Campaigns, including those for the Albany Law School, the American Cancer Society (Hope Club/Gilda’s Club), Williams College (Regional Chairman), the Albany Academies, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Endowment Fund Campaign, and the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Restoration. “Recognition by my colleagues with the Professionalism Award in a profession to which I have devoted my life is in this lawyer’s view the highest honor achieved.”
The Senior Lawyers Section Congratulates

Glenn J. Pogust, Esq.
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The Senior Lawyers Section congratulates all of the award recipients for 2017!
Bar Leaders Innovation Award
Presented by the Committee for Bar Leaders of New York State

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

Large Bar - Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York for its Voter Registration Drive Project

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Diversity Trailblazer Award  
Presented by the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion

Created to honor an individual who demonstrates a strong commitment to enhance diversity in the legal profession.

**Recipient: Honorable Denny Chin**

Denny Chin is a United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was appointed to the Second Circuit in 2010, after serving as a District Judge in the Southern District of New York for some sixteen years. He is a graduate of Princeton University and Fordham Law School, and clerked for the Honorable Henry F. Werker, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and was in private practice at Davis Polk & Wardwell, Campbell, Patrick & Chin, and Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C.

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We honor our friend and colleague, Rob Coughlin, recipient of the NYSBA Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section’s District Representative of the Year. Well-deserved recognition for his dedication to our legal community.

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Kay Crawford Murray Award
Presented by the Committee on Women in the Law

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

Recipient: Catherine A. Christian, Esq.

Catherine A. Christian is the New York County District Attorney’s Office Special Assistant District Attorney for External Affairs and Chief of the Elder Abuse Unit. She is also a member of the Office’s Conviction Integrity Program and its Police Brady/Giglio and Exoneration Review Committees. After graduating from Dickinson School of Law in 1988 she began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office’s Trial Division under Robert M. Morgenthau. In 1995, she joined a private law firm, and later served as an Assistant Counsel for the New York State Commission of Investigation. She subsequently served as the Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Rosalyn Richter. Catherine was reappointed as an ADA in 1998 and assigned to the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, serving in various positions, including, as a member of the Executive Staff. In 2014, District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. appointed Catherine Chief of the Elder Abuse Unit. Catherine is a member of the Appellate Division First Department’s Attorney Grievance Committee and Character and Fitness Committee. From 2007-2008, Catherine was President of the New York County Lawyers’ Association. She was the first African American, the youngest person, and the second woman to be inducted as NYCLA’s President.
Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award
Presented by the Committee on Women in the Law

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

Recipient: Chief Judge of the State of New York Janet DiFiore

Janet DiFiore, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York, has devoted her career as a judge and prosecutor to the fair administration of justice while demonstrating a deep concern for issues that disproportionately affect women, children and families. Chief Judge DiFiore began her judicial career in 1998 by volunteering to sit in Family Court, Westchester County. In 2002, as an elected Supreme Court Justice and Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts for the 9th Judicial District, she played a leadership role in establishing the first Domestic Violence Court in Westchester County (and one of the first in the State). After her election as Westchester District Attorney in 2006, she spent the next decade improving services for family violence victims and raising public awareness in this area. She collaborated with the County’s Office for Women to create the Westchester Family Justice Center, a secure, centralized, one-stop resource with legal assistance, safety planning, counseling and other vital services for victims and their families.

Chief Judge DiFiore was an important role model for women prosecutors, serving as President of the New York State District Attorneys Association (2011-2012). As District Attorney, she encouraged leadership development of women and hired and promoted many to high-level positions while maintaining an inclusive workplace welcoming to their unique needs. She is greatly admired within the women’s bar for her deep commitment and support of women’s issues, and for being an unfailingly generous mentor to countless female lawyers and law students. On December 1, 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo nominated her to the position of Chief Judge, and she was confirmed by the New York State Senate on January 21, 2016. On the same day she was sworn into office, Chief Judge DiFiore announced the Excellence Initiative, focused on achieving and maintaining operational and decisional excellence in the courts by speeding the justice process, eliminating delays and backlogs, and providing New Yorkers with first-rate services. Chief Judge DiFiore is a graduate of C.W. Post College, Long Island University (B.A. 1977), and St. John’s University School of Law (J.D. 1981). She lives in Bronxville with her husband Dennis E. Glazer, and they have three grown children and two grandchildren.
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Monday, January 23

**Distinction in International Law and Affairs**  
*Presented by the International Section*

**Recipient:** Honorable Loretta A. Preska, immediate past Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Event:** International Section Luncheon

**Pergam Writing Competition**  
*Presented by the International Section*

**Recipient:** J. Raymond Mechmann, III, St. John’s University School of Law

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Event:** Luncheon/Reception

**Diversity Trailblazer Award**  
*Presented by the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion*

**Recipient:** Honorable Denny Chin

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Event:** Celebrating Diversity in the Bar Reception

Tuesday, January 24

**General Practice Section Award**  
*Presented by the General Practice Section*

**Recipient:** Martin Minkowitz, Esq.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Event:** General Practice Section Annual Meeting

**The Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Award**  
*Presented by the Entertainment, Arts, Sports, and Law Section (EASL)*

**Recipient:** TBA

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Event:** Section Annual Meeting
Kay Crawford Murray Award
Presented by the Committee on Women in the Law

Recipient: Catherine A. Christian, Esq.
Time: 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Event: Kay Crawford Murray Luncheon

Elder Law and Special Needs Section Awards
Presented by the Elder Law Section

Recipient: TBA
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Event: The Elder Law & Special Needs Section Meeting

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Wednesday, January 25

Stanley H. Fuld Award
Presented by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section

Recipient: The Second Circuit Court of Appeals
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception/Luncheon

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

Recipient: Honorable John M. Leventhal
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon

The Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defense Practitioner
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

Recipient: Rick Jones, Esq.
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon

The David S. Michaels Memorial Award
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

Recipient: Honorable Kenneth P. Thompson, Esq. (posthumously)
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon

Outstanding Appellate Practitioner
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

Recipient: Malvina Nathanson, Esq.
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Event: Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon
Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Public Information
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

**Recipient:** Dr. Heather Ann Thompson

**Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon

Outstanding Prosecutor
Presented by the Criminal Justice Section

**Recipient:** Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York

**Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Event:** Reception & CJS Awards Luncheon

2017 Chair’s Award
Presented by the Trusts and Estates Law Section

**Recipients:** TBA

**Time:** 12:35 p.m.

**Event:** Trusts and Estates Law Section Luncheon

The David S. Caplan Award for Meritorious Service
Presented by the Business Law Section

**Recipient:** Paul H. Silverman, Esq.

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Event:** Business Law and Corporate Counsel Sections’ Luncheon

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
Presented by the Young Lawyers Section

**Recipient:** Curtis Johnson, Esq.

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Event:** Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee Meeting
John E. Leach Memorial Award  
*Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section*  
**Recipients:** Jean F. Gerbini, Esq. and Laurie A. Giordano-Vahey, Esq.  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner

Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer Award  
*Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section*  
**Recipients:** Jennifer A. Ehman, Esq. and David M. Knapp, Esq.  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner

Mary M. Russo–John Sciortino Award  
*Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section*  
**Recipients:** John J. Cunningham (posthumously) and Thomas T. Walsh (posthumously)  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner

Committee Chair of the Year  
*Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section*  
**Recipient:** Kathleen Feroleto Chetta, Esq.  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner

District Representative of the Year  
*Presented by the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section*  
**Recipient:** Robert H. Coughlin, Jr., Esq.  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner

Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section & Trial Lawyers Section Honoree  
*Presented by Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section/Trial Section*  
**Recipient:** Chief Judge of the State of New York Janet DiFiore  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** TICL/Trial Reception and Dinner
Thursday, January 26

Jonathan Lippman Pro Bono Award
Presented by the Senior Lawyers Section

Recipient: Glenn Pogust, Esq.
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Event: Senior Lawyers Section Meeting

Family Law Section Award
Presented by the Family Law Section

Recipient: The Honorable David B. Saxe, Associate Justice Appellate Division, First Department
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Event: Family Law Section Luncheon

Real Property Law Section Professionalism Award
Presented by the Real Property Law Section

Recipient: Anne Reynolds Copps, Esq.
Time: 12:45 p.m.
Event: Real Property Law Section Luncheon

William T. Lifland Award
Presented by the Antitrust Law Section

Recipient: Professor Harry First
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Event: Antitrust and Young Lawyers Cocktail Reception

The Distinguished Public Service Award
Presented by the Antitrust Law Section

Recipient: Honorable Paul A. Crotty
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Event: Antitrust and Young Lawyers Cocktail Reception

New York State Bar Association Award for Attorney Professionalism
Presented by the Committee on Attorney Professionalism

Recipients: Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Esq. and E. Stewart Jones, Jr., Esq.
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Event: House of Delegates Dinner
Friday, January 27

Bar Leaders Innovation Award
*Presented by the Committee for Bar Leaders of New York State*

**Recipients:**

**Large Bar** - Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York for its Voter Registration Drive Project

**Medium Bars** - Asian American Bar Association of New York for its 7th Annual Fall Conference: Speak Up | Rise Up | Lift Up and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association for its Inaugural Back-To-School Backpack Donation Drive

**Small Bars** - Association of Black Women Attorneys for its Power Brunch Series Program and the Dominican Bar Association for its “Let’s Chat” Series

**Emerging Bar (in existence 10 years or less)** - Caribbean Attorneys Network for its event The Conversation: Something Has to Give

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.

**Event:** Annual Breakfast for Bar Leaders

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

**Recipient:** Chief Judge of the State of New York Janet DiFiore

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Event:** House of Delegates Meeting

Distinguished Jurist Award
*Presented by the Judicial Section*

**Recipients:** Honorable Lawrence K. Marks

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Event:** Judicial Section Reception and Luncheon

Award for Advancement of Judicial Diversity
*Presented by the Judicial Section*

**Recipient:** Honorable William C. Thompson (ret)

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Event:** Judicial Section Annual Meeting Luncheon
Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth Stein Memorial Law Student Writing Competition Award
*Presented by the Labor and Employment Law Section*

**Recipients:** TBA  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Labor and Employment Section’s Luncheon

Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Awards
*Presented by the Labor and Employment Law Section*

**Recipients:** TBA  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Labor and Employment Section’s Luncheon

**Saturday, January 28**

The Gold Medal Award
*Presented by the New York State Bar Association*

**Recipient:** Mary Jo White, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Event:** President’s Dinner (invitation only)
Congratulations to Curtis A. Johnson!

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