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   Kristi D. Kelly, Suisman Shapiro Attorneys-at-Law
   Susan M. Williams, Susan M. Williams LLC

Thank You
   Keith J. Soressi, Executive Director
The Honorable Alvin W. Thompson
United States District Court for the District of Connecticut

Established in honor of CBA Past President Henry J. Naruk, who served as a superior court judge from 1969 to 1980 and was the first president of the Connecticut Judges Association, the Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award is presented to members of the state and federal judiciary who have made substantial contributions to the administration of justice in Connecticut.

The Honorable Alvin W. Thompson was appointed as a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut by President Clinton in October of 1994. He served as chief judge from 2009 to 2013 and organized a visiting judges program under which federal judges helped dispose of trial-ready cases that could not be reached due to vacancies.

Judge Thompson has been active in the American Bar Association since the mid-1980s, where he was primarily involved in the Committee on Business and Corporate Litigation in the Section of Business Law. In his local community, he has been active in The First Church of Christ in Hartford and numerous other civic and professional organizations. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Thompson spent his entire legal career at Robinson+Cole, where he ultimately rose to managing partner.

Past Recipients of the Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award

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The Connecticut Bar Association Professionalism Committee is pleased to announce the winner of the 2020 Edward F. Hennessey Professionalism Award. The award recognizes and honors a member of the bar of this state whose career has manifested a dedication to the highest ideals and standards of the legal profession, so as to provide inspiration to other members of the bar and to honor the memory of Edward F. Hennessey, whose 41 years at the bar exemplified the criteria of this award. The recipient must be a lawyer who has demonstrated such integrity, character, competence, ethics, civility, and mentoring over the course of his or her career as to inspire greater professionalism among lawyers and pride in their profession and who has enhanced the public’s perception of the legal profession.

The Honorable Kenneth L. Shluger was sworn-in as a judge of the superior court in 2004 and is the presiding judge for family matters in the New London Judicial District.

Judge Shluger is an active member of the CBA and has chaired numerous committees and task forces, including the Standing Committee on Professionalism, Statewide Mentoring Task Force, and Task Force on the Future of Legal Education. He frequently speaks to civic organizations in schools and at bar association programs. For many years he has coached an inner city team in a statewide mock trial competition, mentoring and encouraging school children in undeserved communities.

Past Recipients of the Edward F. Hennessey Professionalism Award

2004    William R. Davis    
2008    Jacob D. Zeldes    
2010    Thomas J. Groark, Jr.    
2011    James R. Greenfield    
2013    Francis J. Brady    
2014    Margaret P. “Penny” Mason    
2015    Albert “Al” Zakarian    
2016    William F. Dow III    
2017    Louis R. Pepe    
2018    James A. Wade    
2019    Mark A. Dubois
Jennifer G. Brown
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, Quinnipiac University

Established in 2012, the Tapping Reeve Legal Educator Award is presented to a member of the Connecticut Bar Association who is a member of the faculty, a clinical instructor, or an adjunct instructor at UConn School of Law, Quinnipiac University School of Law, Yale Law School, or Western New England School of Law or a member of the CBA who has contributed greatly to the legal education of his or her colleagues. The recipient must have demonstrated sustained commitment and made significant contributions to the cause of legal education in the state and have distinguished himself or herself as a legal educator of the highest quality as a teacher, scholarly writer, or both.

Jennifer G. Brown is currently serving as the interim executive vice president and provost at Quinnipiac University. Vice President Brown joined the Quinnipiac School of Law faculty in 1994 and has served in numerous roles, including director of Quinnipiac’s Center on Dispute Resolution.

In 2013, she was appointed dean of Quinnipiac University School of Law. She has taught as a visiting professor in the law schools at Yale, Georgetown, and Harvard. Her areas of expertise include alternative dispute resolution, LGBT legal issues, and lawyers’ professional responsibility.

Past Recipients of the Tapping Reeve Legal Educator Award

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<td>Marilyn J. Ford</td>
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<td>Sudha Setty</td>
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<td>Kate Stith</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>Willajeanne F. McLean</td>
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Established in 1981 in honor of CBA Past President John Eldred Shields, the award is presented to a CBA member who has performed outstanding service through or on behalf of the CBA, for the benefit of the legal community and the community at large.

John Rose, Jr. began his career in legal services at the New Haven Legal Assistance Association. He went on to achieve many professional accomplishments, including becoming the first Black lawyer to join a major law firm in Connecticut at Ribicoff & Kotkin, where he went on to become a partner. Additionally, he was Hartford’s first Black full-time corporation counsel and was the first Black lawyer representative on the state’s Judicial Selection Commission.

Attorney Rose has been involved with legal, social, and civic organizations throughout his career, including the National Bar Association, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Hartford County Bar Association, and Connecticut Bar Association. He has belonged to many CBA sections and committees over the years, including serving on the Lawyer to Lawyer Dispute Resolution Committee from 1991 to 2009. Additionally, he is a founder and past president of the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association and a founder and past vice president of the Connecticut Law Firm Group, which became the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity. Attorney Rose most recently served as the City of New Haven’s corporation counsel.

Past Recipients of the John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award

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<td>Hon. Raymond B. Green</td>
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<td>Hon. Janet C. Hall</td>
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<td>Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.)</td>
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The Charles J. Parker Legal Services Award is presented to members of the Connecticut Bar who have a deep and abiding interest in and dedication to the delivery of legal services to the disadvantaged in Connecticut.

For over three decades, Erin E. Kemple has committed herself to working with those living in low-income communities. She began her career in Massachusetts, where her focus was in representing low-income individuals and families with housing and benefits complaints, and went on to serve as founder, legal director, and executive director of the Housing Discrimination Project, a private fair housing organization that serves central and western Massachusetts.

Attorney Kemple has been working as the executive director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center since 2013. She has advised state and local officials regarding the implementation of policies and plans to overcome obstacles in regard to fair housing choice.

Past Recipients of the Charles J. Parker Legal Services Award

1977 Charles J. Parker
1980 Issac D. Russell
1981 Thomas F. Seymour
1982 James W. Cooper
1983 Joseph Goldstein
1984 Francis X. Dineen
1985 Hon. Raymond Richard Norko
1987 Alex Lloyd
1987 Charles C. Kingsley
1988 Stephen Wizner
1990 Amy Eppler-Epstein
1991 Robert L. Hill
1992 Hon. Anthony V. DeMayo
1993 Paul W. Orth
1994 Susan W. Wolfson
1995 Norman K. Janes
1996 Hon. Kevin Tierney
1997 George C. Hastings
1998 Peter B. Cooper
1999 Catherine G. Roraback
2000 Douglas M. Crockett
2001 Betty Levy
2002 Raphael Podolsky
2004 Timothy J. Johnston
2005 Sherwood L. Anderson
2006 Gurdon H. Buck
2007 Marvin R. Farbman
2008 Patricia R. Kaplan
2009 Martha Stone
2010 Steven J. Eppler-Epstein
2011 Peter Arakas
2012 Jill Seaman Plancher
2013 Diane W. Whitney
2015 Debra C. Ruel
2016 David Pels
2017 Shelley White
2018 Thomas A. Behrendt
2019 Justine C. Rakich-Kelly
The Citizen of the Law Award is presented to a judge, attorney, or paralegal who has made a significant contribution to a charitable or public service cause that does not involve professional legal skills, but provides inspiration and contributes to the needy, the good of society, the environment, or our way of life. These activities have been undertaken on a non-professional, charitable basis with little or no personal economic reward, and some personal sacrifice.

Audrey B. Blondin has practiced law in the Torrington and Litchfield area for more than 35 years, and her primary areas of practice include real estate, wills, estate planning and probate, juvenile, family, and animal law. Attorney Blondin serves as the co-founder and secretary/treasurer of VOSH-Connecticut (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity).

For nearly two decades, she and her husband have organized and run an eye care clinic in Nicaragua providing services to over 40,000 patients. This past June, they held an eye care mission in Emporia, VA and provided service to over 400 patients. Attorney Blondin oversaw this mission, including volunteer and site organization, clinic supplies and distribution, and supervised between 50-100 volunteers on-site. With the help of her husband, she continues to carry out the mission of VOSH.

### Past Recipients of the Citizen of the Law Award

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<td>Theresa Hopkins-Staten</td>
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<td>Krishna R. Patel</td>
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The Citizen for the Law Award is presented to a person who is not employed in the legal area but has made a significant contribution to the institution of justice and the law on a voluntary basis. These activities have been undertaken to advance the law for purely beneficial reasons, with little or no personal reward, and some personal sacrifice.

Judith Altmann is a Holocaust survivor and human rights advocate. She has dedicated her life to speaking about her harrowing experience. Not only does she share her story but also encourages others to “stand up” to injustice and acts of intolerance.

Since 2005, Ms. Altmann has reached over 71,600 students throughout Connecticut. As a pioneer of the importance of Holocaust education, she spreads her message of tolerance and learning as a way to fight anti-Semitism and injustice across the state.

Past Recipients of the Citizen for the Law Award

2015  Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard  
2016  Father James Manship  
2017  Anne Stanback  
2018  Dr. M. Saud Anwar  
2019  Pastor AJ Johnson and Cori Mackey
The Young Lawyers Section (YLS) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2020 Young Lawyers Section Vanguard Award. The award is presented to a current or recent alum (up to three years back) of the CBA YLS Executive Committee who has made outstanding and significant contributions to the YLS and the bar association in general over a prolonged time period. The recipient is an individual who, despite not pursuing an officer position, assumed a leadership role in the YLS and whose progressive and forward thinking ideas have benefitted all CBA members.

Austin Berescik-Johns
Law Office of Austin B. Johns LLC

Attorney Berescik-Johns has been involved with the YLS for eight years, serving in many roles, including on various substantive law committees and chairing the YLS’ legislative affairs efforts. For three years, he served as an American Bar Association House of Delegates representative, and advocated for national policy change.

Joanna M. Kornafel
Green & Sklarz LLC

Attorney Kornafel actively serves as the legislative liaison for the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section and senior advisor for the Young Lawyers Section. She received the YLS’ Rookie of the Year Award in 2014, the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section’s Rising Star Award in 2017, and the YLS’ Star of the Year Award in 2019. For three years, she served as an elected American Bar Association representative, and during this time the CBA YLS was known as one of the most active affiliates of the Young Lawyers Division because of her consistent advocacy for the bar.
The Connecticut Bar Association Pro Bono Committee is pleased to announce the winners of The Honorable Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award for 2020. The award is named in honor of the Honorable Anthony V. DeMayo, who tirelessly fought for fundamental fairness and championed the legal rights of the poor and accused. The award recognizes CBA members who are not salaried employees of a legal aid or similar nonprofit organization. The recipients are selected based on their demonstrated dedication to the provision of legal services without expectation of payment to those in need.

Gayle C. Carr
Cohen & Thomas

Gayle C. Carr is an active trial lawyer at Cohen and Thomas, with a practice concentration in family law which includes the representation of spouses, as well as parents and children in all applications of family law.

Attorney Carr has been a dedicated participant in the Statewide Legal Service’s pro bono program for over 20 years, assisting with both regular and complex family matters. Her two decades of serving clients, in which many of them are in urgent need of legal representation that otherwise would be out of reach for them, is clear and decisive evidence of her deeply held conviction that members of the private bar can and should handle matters of significant complexity or duration on a volunteer basis.

Mark A. Healey
Mark A. Healey Attorney at Law

Attorney Healey opened his own law practice in West Haven and has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff’s personal injury matters, securing millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. Attorney Healey volunteered at the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT) and the Foreclosure Volunteer Attorney Program through the Connecticut Judicial Branch.

Currently, he is the president of the West Haven Bar Association, and is a member of the New Haven Bar Association, Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has also been involved with many charitable organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, serving on the Board of Directors, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the West Haven Community House.
Kristi D. Kelly
Suisman Shapiro Attorneys-at-Law

Kristi D. Kelly joined Suisman Shapiro in September 2014 and concentrates her practice in the areas of labor, employment, and commercial law.

Attorney Kelly has worked closely with disabled veterans in obtaining Social Security Disability benefits and as a volunteer for the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, regularly handling other legal matters that Connecticut veterans face, and dedicating numerous pro bono hours each year to this population. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Higher Edge, a local nonprofit that guides low-income and first-generation students through enrollment, retention, and graduation from college by providing them the support and resources needed for success.

Susan M. Williams
Susan M. Williams LLC

Susan M. Williams established her law firm in 1999, concentrating her practice in debtor representation with consumer bankruptcy law and real estate. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, serving on its Executive Committee.

Attorney Williams currently serves on the Pro Bono Legal Services Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court District of Massachusetts and is a member of the Pro Bono Honor Roll for the United States Bankruptcy Court District of Massachusetts. She had recently worked with the executive committee to make use of grant funds from the American College of Bankruptcy to educate new practitioners in the area of bankruptcy law and to promote pro bono work.
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50-Year Awardees

These Attorneys Are Observing the 50th Anniversary of Their Admission to Practice in Connecticut

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Gerald H. Kahn
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To all the awardees:

My congratulations to all the awardees this year. While it’s strange to be writing this, it is certainly with the same sense of pride in your accomplishments as members of the Connecticut Bar Association and as citizens of our state that I salute this recognition. A special shout out to my good friend and longtime colleague, Audrey Blondin. She has been a strong voice for law and political participation in the northwest corner of the state for decades.

And I wonder if Judge Shluger remembers our work so many years ago (I won’t say how many) working with the Consortium on Law Related Education and mock trials before I ran for any office (a LONG time ago). So glad you are receiving this award, Ken!

Again I congratulate you all. There is no finer recognition than to be awarded by your colleagues in the law.

All my best to you all and hope to see you on the other side of this COVID time.

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