2017 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Eviction Defense (Attorney of the Morning) | Michael C. Cimasi, Esq. |
| Community Partner | Robert Brucato, Esq. |
| Champion for Justice Award | Katherine Bifaro, Esq. |
| Immigration | William Altreuter, Esq. |
| Immigration | Drew and Drew |
| Immigration | Matthew L. Kolken, Esq. |
| Divorce | Keith B Schulefand, Esq. |
| Family Court Help Desk | Kevin Condon, Esq. |
| Law Firm Commitment | Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak LLP |
| Income Tax Controversy | Greenard Poles |
| Law Firm Pro Bono Coordinator | Robert P. Heary |
| Judicial | Joseph Deren, Esq. |
| Judicial | Jonathan Gorman, Esq. |
| Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program | Hurwitz & Fine, PC |
| VIP | Joshua Dubs, Esq. |

2016 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Eviction Defense (Attorney of the Morning) | Kristopher M. Sigeti, Esq. |
| Immigration | Benjamin R. Dwyer, Esq. |
| Divorce | Cecile M. Dorliae, Esq. |
| Divorce | Mindy L. Marranca, Esq. |
| VIP | Bridget M. O’Connell, Esq. |
| Family Court Help Desk | Elizabeth J Ciambrone, Esq. |
| Law Student | Colleen Moonan |
| Law Firm Commitment | Gibson, McAskill, & Crosby, LLP |
| Income Tax Controversy | Hodgson Russ LLP |
| Law Firm Pro Bono Coordinator | Erin L. Cody, Esq. |
| Judicial | Hon. Paul G. Buchanan |
| Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program | Personius Melber, LLP |

2015 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Law Firm Commitment | Barclay Damon LLP  Harris Beach LLP  Hodgson Russ LLP  Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP  Phillips Lytle LLP |
| Divorce | Thomas A. Steffan  Marc Shatkin |
| Family Court Help Desk | Daniel S. Johnston |
| Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program | Charles S. Carra |
| Eviction Defense (Attorney of the Morning) | Gregory Della Posta |
| Immigration | Lawlor F. Quinlan, III |
| V.I.P. | WNY Center for Survivors of Torture |
| Law Student | Jason Fleischer |

2014 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Judicial Award | Hon. Hugh B. Scott |
| Law Firm Commitment | Andreozzi Bluestein Weber & Brown |
| Law Firm Pro Bono Coordinator | Joshua Feinstein (Hodgson Russ) |
| Solo Practitioner | Joshua E. Dubs |
| Divorce | Bryan G. Brockway |
| Family Court | Jamie L. Codjovi |
| Federal Court | Jodyann Galvin |
| Eviction Defense | Brandon Wrazen |
| Unemployment Insurance | Christopher Szczygiel |
| Immigration | Lisa A. Coppola |
| Litigation | Jennifer A. Shah |
| Not-for-Profit | Anthony D. Mancinelli |

2013 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Judicial Award | Hon. Michael F. Griffith |
| Law Firm Commitment | Hiscock & Barclay, LLP |
|  | Hurwitz & Fine, PC |
| Solo Practitioner | Jennifer P. Stergion |
| Divorce | Bernadette Hoppe |
| Family Court | Frank J. Longo |
|  | Audrey Rose Herman |
| Attorney of the Morning Eviction Defense | Michael J. Mettille |
| Unemployment Insurance | Sean Costello |
| Immigration | Kevin Mulvehill |
| Litigation | John P. Feroleto |
| Not-for-Profit | Martha Buyer |

2012 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy Award | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
| Divorce Award | Katherine J. Bestine |
| Family Law Award | James C. DeMarco, III |
| Attorney Emeritus | Modesto A. Argenio |
| VLP “VIP” Award | Joshua E. Dubs |
| Government Attorney | Joseph M. Guerra, III |
| In-House Volunteer | Meghan A. Corcoran |
| UIB | Brett D. Tokarczyk |
| Attorney of the Morning | Christopher R. LaFever |
| Immigration | Kenneth A. Cohen |
| Law Firm Commitment | Jeffrey Freedman Attorneys |

2011 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Attorney of the Morning | Michael Anton Sciortino |
| Bankruptcy | Wendy Christophersen |
| Divorce | Julie Falvey |
|  | Sharon Anscombe Osgood |
| UIB | Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola, LLC |
| Income Tax | Crosby Sommers |
| Family Law | Kevin Gibbons |
| Haven House Project | Leah Bouguard |
| Immigration | Eileen Marie Martin (Hodgson) |
| Large Law Firm Commitment | Hiscock & Barclay |
| VLP | Bruce Blackman |
| In-House Volunteer | Alissa Fortuna |
| Solo Practitioner | Sara Anthis |

2010 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Michael Anton Sciortino |
| Bankruptcy | Barbara Ridall |
| Divorce | Brian Welsh |
| UIB | Leah R. Nowotarski |
| Income Tax Controversy | Kathleen Deveraux |
| Litigation | Jason Botticelli |
| Family Law | Alan Birnholz |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Suzanne E. Tomkins |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Rachel Baldassaro |
| Immigration | Phillips Lytle, LLP |
| Large Law Firm Commitment | Damon Morey, LLP |
|  | Brown & Kelly, LLP |
| VLP | Catherine Nagel |
| Judicial | Hon. Paula Feroleto |

2009 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Attorney of the Morning | Jennifer Stergion |
| Bankruptcy | Paul Pochepan |
| Divorce | Mindy Marranca |
| Litigation | Tracey Ehlers (Nixon Peabody) |
|  | Kevin Kruppa (Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola, LLC) |
| Family Law | Leah Bouguard |
|  | Naomi Fernandez |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Tracie Corey |
| Immigration | Frank Callocchia |
| Large Law Firm Commitment | Damon & Morey |
| VLP | C. Kenneth Foit |

2008 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Barbara Ridall |
| Divorce | Keith Schulefand |
| Family Court | James DeMarco, III |
| In-House Volunteer | Claire Sellers |
| Large Law Firm | Phillips Lytle, LLP |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Jennifer Stergion |
| Immigration | Jill Apa |
| VLP VIP | Matthew Herdzik, Jr. |
|  | Mindy Marrance |
| Small Mid-Size Law Firm | Jeffrey Freedman Attorneys at Law |

2007 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Regina A. Walker |
| Divorce | Michelle G. Chaas |
| Family Court | Lillian Medina-Zelazny |
| Litigation | Evelyn O’Sullivan |
| Not-For-Profit Groups | William D. Harrington |
| Ruth Ritchell (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Eric Valby |
| In-House Volunteer | Brenna Terry |
|  | Nathan Hezel |
| Large Law Firm | Damon & Morey |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Melissa LoTempio |
| Immigration | Michael S. Cerrone |
| Judicial | Hon. Henry Nowak |
| VLP VIP | Scott Bacon |
| VLP VIP | Hon. Sharon S. Townsend |
|  | Kenneth A. Manning |

2006 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Lee Charles LaMendola |
| Divorce | Daniel J. Hartman |
|  | Randy S. Margulis |
|  | Kristin Langdon Arcuri |
| Family Court | Christopher A. Spence |
| VLP VIP | Thomas F. Hewner |
|  | James C. DeMarco, III |
|  | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
| Ruth Ritchell (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Lillian Medina-Zelazny |
| In-House Volunteer | Emily Conley |
|  | Candice Giles |
|  | Lindsay Corbett |
| Immigration | Rev. Allen W. Farabee |
| Litigation | Francis J. Offermann, Jr. |
| Small & Mid-Size Law Firm | The Law Office of Peter D. Grubea |
| Large Law Firm | Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Nadine E. Patterson |
|  | Phillips Lytle, LLP |
| Judicial | Hon. Janice M. Rosa |

2005 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Barbara R. Ridall |
| Divorce | Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn |
| Family Court | Alan Birnholz |
|  | James C. DeMarco, III |
| Corporate Counsel | James E. Privitera |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Antonio Cardarelli |
| Solo Practitioner | Bruce Kirby |
| VLP VIP Awards | C. Kenneth Foit |
|  | Nadine E. Patterson |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Wendy M. Gonzalez |
| In-House Volunteer | Leah Bouguard |
| Immigration | Sophie I. Feal |
| Large Law Firm | Damon & Morey |
| Small & Mid-Size Law Firm | Jeffrey Freedman Attorneys at Law |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Jennifer Latham |
| Meritorious Service | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
| Judicial | Hon. Thomas P. Amodeo |

2004 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | William E. Lawson |
|  | William Ilecki |
| Divorce | Charles Termini |
| Family Court | Christopher A. Spence |
| Guardianship | Ryan L. Everhart |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | William R. Hites |
| Solo Practitioner | John D. Wieser |
| VLP VIP | James C. DeMarco, III |
|  | Chester Dann |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | James M. Loree |
| In-House Volunteer | Carolyn E. Leed |
|  | Christine M. Vetter |
| Small & Mid-Size Law Firm | Cohen & Lombardo, PC |
| Large Law Firm | Hurwitz & Fine |
| Immigration | Eileen Marie Martin |
| Father Bissonette | Eric W. Schultz |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | George M. Zimmermann |
| Judicial | Hon. Sharon S. Townsend |

2003 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Chester Dann |
| In-House Volunteer | Michael E. Hughes |
| Sandy Kulick Award (Mentor Award) | Francis X. Carroll |
| Bankruptcy | John D. Wieser |
| Divorce | Brian R. Welsh |
|  | Gregory J. Stewart |
| VLP VIP | Kathleen M. Mehltretter |
|  | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
|  | Lawrence S. Lane |
| Solo Practitioner | Raymond M. Pfeiffer |
| Small Law Firm | Hartman & Ridall, PC |
| Large Law Firm | Damon & Morey |
| Litigation | Jeremiah J. McCarthy |
| Immigration | F. Alejandro Gutierrez |
| Family Court | Kevin M. Reedy |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Noralynn A. Dillon |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Wallace Wiens |
| Meritorious Services Award | Mark A. Leiter |
| Judicial | Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. |

2002 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Susan Stiffler |
| In-House Volunteer | Catherine A. Miller |
| Attorney Emeritus | Chester Dann |
| Bankruptcy | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
|  | Bruce Kirby |
| Family Court | James C. DeMarco, III |
|  | Robyn G. Pharr |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Sharon Nosenchuck |
| VLP VIP | Patrick J. Roach |
|  | Kevin M. Reedy |
|  | Noralynn Dillon |
| Solo Practitioner | Barbara R. Johnson-Lee |
| Divorce | Holly Baum |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Suzanne K. Taylor |
|  | Daniel M. Young |
| Large Law Firm | Brown & Kelly, LLP |
| Immigration | Serotte, Reich & Seipp, LLP |
| Judicial | Mark R. Sokolowski |

2001 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| In-House Volunteer | Peter Bergenstock |
|  | Nicole Lee |
| Bankruptcy | Peter T. Ruszczyk |
| Family Court | Christopher S. Mattingly |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | William Hites |
| VLP VIP | Robert B. Draur |
|  | Jon A. Nichols |
|  | Louis Rosado |
| Solo Practitioner | Matthew B. Herdzik |
| Divorce | H. A. Terri Zionts |
|  | Richard Grisanti |
| Litigation | Paul A. Peters |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Sharon Stern Garstmann |
| Permanency Planning | George R. Blair, Jr. |
| Large Law Firm Award | Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP |
| Small Law Firm Award | Ward, Brenon & DiVita |
| Immigration | Mark T. Kenmore |
| Judicial | Adolph c. Iannaccore |

2000 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Kevin M. Reedy |
| In-House Volunteer | Michael Hoopengarner |
|  | Tiffany Alexander |
| Bankruptcy | Bruce Kirby |
| Family Court | Deanne Trippi |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Kimberly Balthaser |
| VLP V.I.P. Awards | James K. Dady |
|  | Brian Welsh |
| Solo Practitioner | Lawrence S. Lane |
| Divorce | William Ilecki |
| Litigation | Kevin M. Kearney |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Suzanne K. Taylor |
| Permanency Planning | John G. Brenon |
| Large Law Firm Award | Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber |
| Small Law Firm Award | Addelman & Marszalkowski |
| Immigration Award | Ellen Ginsberg Yost |
| Judicial | Hon. John B. Reid |

1999 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
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| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Ronald R. Olson |
| In-House Volunteer | Paula M. Shank |
|  | William E. Randolph |
| Bankruptcy | Regina A. Reitz |
| Family Court | Sharon Nosenchuck |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Maria P. L. Chisholm |
|  | Fauzia S. Khan |
| VLP V.I.P. Awards | Mary M. Donogher |
|  | Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. |
|  | Salvatore T. Sanfilippo |
| Solo Practitioner | Patrick J. Roach |
| Divorce | Joan Casilio Adams |
| Litigation | Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, LLC (Gayle L. Eagan) |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Jennifer Latham |
| Permanency Planning | Suzanne K. Taylor |
| Large Law Firm Award | Brown & Kelly (Paul L. Feroleto) |
| Small Law Firm Award | Bloom, Neubeck & Shonn |
| Judicial | Hon. Vincent E. Doyle |

1998 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Claudette Antholzner |
| In-House Volunteer | Christina M. Reid |
| Bankruptcy | Sallie G. Randolph |
| Family Court | Charles J. Greenberg |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Katherine J. Bestine |
| VLP V.I.P. Awards | Timothy R. LoVallo |
|  | Fauzia S. Khan |
|  | Justin S. White |
| Solo Practitioner | James C. DeMarco, III |
| Divorce | Brian R. Welsh |
|  | Thomas R. Cassano |
| Not-For-Profit | Joel Brownstein |
| Litigation | Charles R. Chase |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Suzanne K. Taylor |
| Permanency Planning | Suzanne K. Taylor |
|  | Robert R. Goods |
| Law Firm Award | Cole, Sorrentino, Hurley & Hewner |
|  | Denise E. O’Donnell and the US Attorney’s Office |
| Judicial | Hon. Matthew J. Jasen |

1997 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Judicial | John J. Aman |
|  | Rosalie M. Stoll Bailey |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Eric Boron |
| In-House Volunteer | Erich de la Vega |
| Bankruptcy | Sallie G. Randolph |
| Divorce | Charles J. Greenberg |
| Family Court | Lawrence S. Lane |
| Not-for-Profit | Martha Buyer |
| Litigation | Janice Bellanti Kirk |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Edward J. Schwendler, Jr. |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Christina A. Agola |
| VLP VIP Awards | Bryan G. Brockway |
|  | John J. Gruber |
|  | Robert S. Stephenson |
| Sanford Kulick Award (Mentor Award) | Tina L. Syraski |
| Solo Practitioner | Lee Charles LaMendola |
| Law Firm Award | Schaus & Schaus |

1996 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Judicial | Hon. Robert T. Russell, Jr. |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Deanne Tripi |
| In-House Volunteer | Frank Longo |
|  | Sonia Sterrett |
|  | Anne Mathews |
| Bankruptcy | Thomas P. Connelly, III |
|  | Louis B. Toth |
| Divorce | Christina Agola |
|  | Seymore Zimbel |
| Family Court | Kirk Stone |
| Not-for-Profit | Mark C. Butler |
| Litigation | Paul V. Hurley |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Gerald Chiari |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Erin Pelnik |
|  | Susan Fraunfelder |
|  | Rita McKenna |
| “In A Pinch” | Kristen Arcuri |
| Sanford Kulick Award (Mentor Award) | Linda Cleveland |
| Solo Practitioner | Joseph Gogan |
| Law Firm Awards | Panara Fielitz & Goergen |
|  | Hill & McCready |
| Certificates of Appreciation | David A. Bernsohn |
|  | Rosemarie A. Wyman |
|  | Oliver C. Young |

1995 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Judicial | Hon. Joseph S. Mattina |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Christopher Ahlers |
| In-House Volunteer | Molly McGuire |
|  | Kimberley A. Propeack |
| Divorce | Francis W. Tesseyman, Jr. |
|  | Joseph C. Bania |
| Family Court | Alison J. Taylor |
| Not-For-Profit | William L. Giroux |
| Litigation | James R. Grasso |
| Attorney of the Afternoon (Immigration) | Linda G. Sennholtz |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Suzzanne K. Taylor |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Kathleen Carmody |
| “In A Pinch” | Timothy P. Murphy |
|  | David Wittemore |
| Sanford Kulick Award (Mentor Award) | Roger Murphy |
| Law Firm Awards | Silverberg, Yood, Sellers & McGorry |
|  | Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn |
| Bankruptcy | Christina A. Agola |
| Solo Practitioner | Christina A. Agola |
| Certificate of Appreciation | Ferdinand J. Ciccarelli |

1994 VLP Pro Bono Awards

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Louis B. Toth, Jr. |
| Divorce | Julie Falvey |
|  | Kathleen O’Connor-Esack |
| Family Court | Leo Kellett |
| Not-For-Profit | Robert B. Draur |
| Litigation | Kim Murphy |
| Attorney of the Afternoon (Immigration) | Bertrand Bosmans |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | Richard Van Covering |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Steven Sugarman |
| Ruth Ritchell Award (In-House Volunteer Attorney) | Michael Driscoll |
| In-House Volunteer | Janet MacDonald |
|  | Patricia Koch |
| “In A Pinch” | Kathleen Carmody |
| Mentor | Sanford Kulick |
| Solo Practitioner | Ann Demopolous |
|  | Ted Dziekonski |
| Small Firm | Park, Lane, Bania, Blaszak, Montesano & Winokur |
| Mid-Size Firm | Rosenthal, Siegel, Munekel & Wolfe |
| Large Firm | Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel |
| Judicial | Hon. James B. Kane |
| Special Thanks Award | Katherine S. Bifaro |

1993 VLP Pro Bono Awards (1st Reception)

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| Awards | Recipients |
| Bankruptcy | Jeffrey M. Freedman |
| Divorce | Dawn M. Lawkowski |
|  | Salvatore T. Sanfilippo |
| Family Court | Alison J. Taylor |
| Not-For-Profit | Michael A. de Frietas |
| Litigation | Dan D. Kohane |
| Attorney of the Afternoon (Immigration) | Mark. T. Kenmore |
| Attorney of the Morning (Landlord-Tenant) | George M. Zimmermann |
| Haven House Project (Domestic Violence Victims) | Jennifer M. Dillon |
| Special Divorce Project | Carol Condon |
| In-House Volunteer | Jennifer H. Schwan |
| Clerical | Lissette Vazquez |
| “In A Pinch” | Gary R. Gaffney |
|  | Fauzia S. Khan |
| Mentors | Thomas P. Connelly, III |
|  | Thomas Allan Palmer |
|  | William E. Lawson |
| Small Firm | Tronolone & Surgalla |
| Mid-Size Firm | Bouvier O’Connor |
| Large Firm | Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber |
| Judicial | Hon. John F. O’Donnell |