

Cornerstone Awards Honor Outstanding Pro Bono Achievements



Honoree Gregory Nelson (center) with Jonathan Feldman and Karen Murtagh of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York



Dara Cook of Expect Fitness and Honoree Richard J. Lee



Honoree Christina T. Holder and Eve Wolff of Dancing Classrooms

A festive crowd of more than 100 volunteers, nonprofit clients, colleagues, and friends and family gathered for the 2024 Cornerstone Awards on October 28 at **Paramount Global**. Cravath and Thomson Reuters received Institutional Awards in recognition of their superior legal services to nonprofits. The Cornerstone Award winners also included six talented individuals selected from more than 2,200 business and transactional lawyers who volunteered through Lawyers Alliance during the past year. A new Cornerstone Award category, Pro Bono Professional, was introduced this year to acknowledge the importance of pro bono coordinators and counsel. **Sarah Harp**, Senior Vice President, Senior Counsel, Corporate Transactions and Securities at Paramount Global, welcomed the guests as Paramount hosted the Awards for the eighth time.

"The Cornerstone Awards are a wonderful opportunity to connect Lawyers Alliance's volunteers, clients, and supporters to celebrate the vital pro bono work of our honorees," said **Hedwig O'Hara**, Lawyers Alliance's Interim Executive Director. "These attorneys have helped strengthen nonprofits across New York City and beyond. Along with all of our volunteers, they truly make a difference for nonprofits and communities."

Marie L. Gibson, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Lawyers Alliance's Board Chair, presented the Institutional Awards to **Adam Sanchez**, a Partner at Cravath who accepted the Award on behalf of the firm, and **Helen Respass**, Senior Managing Editor, Practical Law at Thomson Reuters and a past Individual Cornerstone Honoree, who accepted the Award on behalf of the company.

Institutional Honorees

Cravath: Cravath has partnered with Lawyers Alliance since 2001, providing pro bono assistance to more than 60 nonprofit clients on more than 66 legal matters, including 19 new cases during the past year. The exemplary support of Cravath's attorneys has led to the success of many pro bono projects, including strategic alliances, lease agreements, privacy policies, and entity formations.

Thomson Reuters: For the past decade, Thomson Reuters has been a consistent, thoughtful, and holistic partner to Lawyers Alliance, with close to 50 volunteers handling 44 limited scope representations and 27 cases. Beyond legal assistance, Thomson Reuters has supported Lawyers Alliance through programs like AI for Justice and IMPACTathon.

Laren E. Spirer, Lawyers Alliance's Program and Strategy Director, presented the Pro Bono Professional and Individual Awards to this year's deserving honorees.

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Pro Bono Professional Honoree

Christina T. Holder, *Lowenstein Sandler LLP*: Our inaugural Pro Bono Professional lends her transactional expertise to Lawyers Alliance clients, not only assisting them directly with legal matters, but also building the firm's corporate pro bono engagements.

Individual Honorees

David Broderdorf and Gregory Nelson, *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*: This dedicated team helped a legal justice organization negotiate its first collective bargaining agreement.

Maddy Hayes, *Linklaters LLP*: In just the past two years, this committed employment law attorney has provided pro bono legal assistance to seven Lawyers Alliance clients on 10 matters.

Richard J. Lee, *Crowell & Moring LLP*: This skillful corporate attorney helped demystify financing for nonprofits serving low-income communities.

Gavin Orman, *Getty Realty Corp.*: This adept and patient in-house attorney provided real estate law expertise to nonprofits working in affordable housing and community services.

Marcus T. Strong, *Brown Rudnick LLP*: This expert attorney shared his intellectual property knowledge with a special focus on nonprofit arts groups. In addition, in honor of Lawyers Alliance's 55th Anniversary year, long-term volunteers with decades of pro bono service were recognized as members of the 20 and 25 Year Circles.

Congratulations to all of the 2024 Cornerstone honorees!



Honorees Maddy Hayes (left) and Marcus T. Strong with Lawyers Alliance Senior Staff Attorney Lori Moses



Honoree Gavin Orman



(Left to right) Adam Sanchez of Institutional Honoree *Cravath*; Richard J. Lee, *Crowell & Moring LLP*; Gavin Orman, *Getty Realty Corp.*; Maddy Hayes, *Linklaters LLP*; Gregory Nelson, *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*; Marcus T. Strong, *Brown Rudnick LLP*; Helen Respass of Institutional Honoree *Thomson Reuters*; and Christina T. Holder, *Lowenstein Sandler LLP*; Not pictured: David Broderdorf, *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*

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