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**NYCLA's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Sector Awards Honors**  
**Outstanding Lawyers in Public Service**

August 15, 2018 New York, New York – The New York County Lawyers Association will present awards to seven dedicated public sector attorneys at their awards ceremony and reception on September 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. held at the NYCLA Home of Law at 14 Vesey Street. The awards will be presented by the event chair, Catherine A. Christian, Special District Attorney for External Affairs, Chief, Elder Abuse Unit New York County District Attorney's Office. Special remarks by Judge Edwina Richardson-Mendelson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge to New York City's Family Court, will kick off the ceremony.

Since 1990, NYCLA has annually presented its Public Service Awards to honor lawyers in the public sector who have distinguished themselves as role models, innovators and problem solvers of complex legal issues. The Awards recognize the efforts of lawyers who dedicate themselves to public service, but whose achievements are not often publicly acknowledged. It is especially fitting that we do this at a time when harsh economic realities, especially the high cost of education, exact enormous sacrifices from those who choose public service as their career path.

This year's awardees are:

- Kenneth Kimerling, Legal Director, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- John M. McEnany, Associate United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York
- Patricia E. Notopoulos, Senior Litigation Counsel and Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York
- Stuart Silberg, Deputy Bureau Chief of Trial Bureau 30, New York County District Attorney's Office

- Todd Silverblatt, Supervising Attorney of the Special Education Program, Mobilization for Justice, Inc.
- Debra Wolf, Senior Supervising Attorney of the LegalHealth Unit, New York Legal Assistance Group
- Tanya Wong, Director of Government Benefits, Legal Services NYC

### **About the New York County Lawyers Association**

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