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The Legal Aid Society Celebrates 49th Annual Servant of Justice Awards in Milestone 150th Anniversary Year

(New York, NY) — The Legal Aid Society hosted its **49th Annual Servant of Justice Awards** on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Cipriani 42nd Street. The event, the organization’s largest annual fundraiser, brought together leaders from New York City’s legal and business communities to celebrate a shared commitment to equal justice.

Held during The Legal Aid Society’s 150th anniversary year, this year’s celebration also recognized the enduring contributions of past honorees who have advanced the cause of justice across generations.

“The Servant of Justice Awards reflect the very best of New York’s legal community — leaders who don’t just believe in justice, but actively invest in it,” said **Alan Levine, President of The Legal Aid Society**. “As we mark 150 years of service, we are proud to celebrate those who stand with us in ensuring that every New Yorker, regardless of income, has access to high-quality legal representation.”

Each year, the Servant of Justice Awards honors distinguished professionals who demonstrate a deep commitment to The Legal Aid Society’s mission and to advancing fairness in the legal system. This year, in celebration of its 150th anniversary, The Legal Aid Society re-honored all its past honorees for their commitment to the cause of justice.

“For decades, this event has united the legal community around a simple but urgent principle: justice must be accessible to all,” said **Lynn K. Neuner, Chair of The Legal Aid Society’s Board of Directors**. “At a time when the need for legal services continues to grow, the support generated through this event is more critical than ever to sustaining Legal Aid’s life-changing work.”

“The Servant of Justice Awards is not just a celebration — it is a call to action,” said **Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and CEO of The Legal Aid Society**. “Every dollar raised helps us stand alongside New Yorkers facing eviction, incarceration, family separation, and other life-altering challenges. This support makes it possible for us to fight for dignity and stability and reimagine justice in every borough.”

To see the full list of honorees and learn more about the event, visit: [The Legal Aid Society Servant of Justice Awards page](#).

For event photos, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/87rcjhh5>

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

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