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Dear Ms. Croly:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected for the City Bar Justice Center's 2015 Jeremy G. Epstein Awards for Pro Bono Service. You were nominated by the Director of the Planning & Estates Law Project and you were selected as the most outstanding volunteer for that project based on criteria that include the quality and volume of your legal work, your leadership in support of pro bono, your demonstrated commitment to the Project and your clients, and your willingness to take on challenging assignments.

The awards presentation will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the City Bar at a cocktail reception in honor of the awardees and National Pro Bono Week. The event will take place from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon of the Eastern District of New York will be the keynote speaker and City Bar President Debra L. Raskin and City Bar Fund Board Chair Jane Sherburne will present the awards.

We plan on each honoree inviting up to ten guests to attend and share in this celebration. Honorees are encouraged to invite family members and firm colleagues. In addition we will invite the pro bono coordinator or a partner at your firm who has encouraged your pro bono efforts. If there is someone in particular at your firm who you would like us to include, please notify coverton@nycbar.org. Please RSVP to ProBonoAwards@nycbar.org by Friday, October 9 with your guest list and a photograph of yourself which we can use to publicize the award.

We invite you to join us the night of the awards at 5 p.m. to tape a short statement on the topic of why you do pro bono. Last year we taped 2 minute remarks by each award winner on this topic and we posted the inspiring results on our website where it can be viewed by prospective volunteers not to mention your community. We have found that it motivates others to hear from attorneys who have set a great example of doing outstanding pro bono work on top of their other obligations. How do you get it all done? Share your top secrets at 5:00 p.m. that night and help us to motivate the next generation of pro bono lawyers to give back to New York City.

Thank you again for your exemplary service as a volunteer with the City Bar Justice Center. Your dedication truly makes a difference to disadvantaged New Yorkers who cannot possibly afford to pay for the quality of the legal work that you have so generously provided. We all look forward to seeing you at the cocktail event on October 26th. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 382-6678.

Very truly yours,



Lynn M. Kelly



You are cordially invited to the

2015 Jeremy G. Epstein Awards for Outstanding Pro Bono Service

Monday, October 26, 2015

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

House of the Association
42 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036

Welcome and Introduction

Debra L. Raskin, President, New York City Bar Association

Keynote Address

Hon. Carol Bagley Amon, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court, EDNY

Presentation

Jane C. Sherburne, Chair, City Bar Fund Board of Directors

Conclusion

Lynn M. Kelly, Executive Director, City Bar Justice Center

2015 City Bar Justice Center Epstein Award Winners

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