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May 17, 2021

Dear Friends of Volunteers of Legal Service:

We have found great inspiration in seeing the Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) community come together as our city has confronted the triple crises of the pandemic, economic recession, and racial injustice over the past year. It is a powerful reminder that when disasters strike, New Yorkers rise to the occasion.

Please join VOLS on Thursday, June 17 at 1pm EST to honor our esteemed colleagues and outstanding pro bono leaders who this year have helped to make New York City a better home for all our neighbors, including **Aisha L. Greene & Annie Mohan** (Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP), **Harlene Katzman** (Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP), and **Erin J. Law** (Morgan Stanley). Together with volunteers from their organizations, they partnered with VOLS to empower low-income seniors and older veterans, COVID-19 frontline & healthcare workers, small business owners, immigrant youth, and unemployed New Yorkers to address their legal challenges during this extraordinarily difficult year.

The VOLS *New York, Together* Virtual Awards and Campaign is a special benefit to support the organization's pro bono legal services for New Yorkers in underserved communities citywide. Ticket holders will join us in the "Zoom room," and sponsoring law firms and companies have the chance to recognize their own volunteers through a special VOLS Pro Bono Stars List. Together, we will showcase the resilience, unity, and collaboration that New Yorkers reliably demonstrate at moments like today.

We hope to see you on June 17! For sponsorship, ticket, donations, and other event details, please visit www.volsprobono.org/events/2021awards or contact Jon Grabelle Herrmann, VOLS Director of Philanthropy, at jgherrmann@volsprobono.org.

Sincerely,

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

1PM EST / VIRTUAL AWARDS EVENT

HONORING PRO BONO LEADERS DURING THE CRISIS & BEYOND



Online Event with Live Interactive Features
Recognizing Pro Bono, Community, and Corporate Leadership
VIP "Screens On" Sponsor Networking Reception

PRO BONO LEADERSHIP AWARDS PANEL

VOLS honors outstanding leaders who help make New York City a more just and caring home for all our neighbors:

AISHA L. GREENE & ANNIE MOHAN

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

HARLENE KATZMAN

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

ERIN J. LAW

Morgan Stanley

VOLS PRO BONO STARS LIST

VOLS recognizes pro bono volunteers and teams from each participating law firm and corporate law department, showcasing the depth and breadth of our community's legal response to the crises facing our city.

YEAR-ROUND CAMPAIGN

VOLS' New York, Together campaign raises support for our free legal services in NYC. Top supporters will be recognized as part of the event and campaign host committee, as well as year-round on the VOLS website.

SPONSORSHIP

Includes annual support to VOLS

STEERING COMMITTEE \$30,000

- 6 VIP reception tickets
- Rising Star List
- Premium-level listing
- Digital journal ad
- Campaign supporter

PARTNER-LEVEL SPONSOR \$20,000

- 4 VIP reception tickets
- Rising Star List
- Partner-level listing
- Digital journal ad
- Campaign supporter

ADVOCATE-LEVEL SPONSOR \$10,000

- 2 VIP reception tickets
- Rising Star List
- Advocate-level listing
- Digital journal ad
- Campaign supporter

2021 CAMPAIGN SUPPORTER \$1,000 - \$9,999

- Campaign Benefits:
- General support for VOLS legal services
- Year-round VOLS website listing

EVENT CO-CHAIR \$40,000: All sponsor benefits + co-chair premiere listing on all materials



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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THE VOLS COMMUNITY RESPONDS DURING COVID-19

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) partners with New York City’s law firms, companies, and community-based organizations to provide free civil legal services to low-income seniors & older veterans, unemployed workers, immigrant youth, small business owners, mothers in prison or jail, frontline & healthcare workers, children & families. As our city confronts the triple crises of pandemic, economic recession, and racial injustice, we have been inspired by the legal and community-based partners, supporters, and clients who face these challenges together through VOLS. Our response reflects the resilience, unity, and

collaborative spirit that New Yorkers reliably demonstrate at difficult moments like today. All of VOLS’ served communities have been impacted by the pandemic, and demand for our services has increased. We have adapted, re-tooled, and even expanded our offerings. Because of our trusted network of pro bono and neighborhood partners — including 1,500+ volunteers, 70+ law firms and companies, 200+ community-based organizations — VOLS has ably and nimbly responded to major crises facing New York City across 36 years of our history, from the HIV-AIDS epidemic to the Great Recession, from Hurricane Sandy to the COVID-19 pandemic today.

Last year, VOLS’ free legal services directly benefited 6,220 low-income New Yorkers:

ELDERLY PROJECT & VETERANS INITIATIVE	services benefited 1,845 seniors, older veterans, and their loved ones
MICROENTERPRISE PROJECT	services benefited 1,242 small business owners, employees, and family members
IMMIGRATION PROJECT	services benefited 1,393 immigrant youth and family members
INCARCERATED MOTHERS LAW PROJECT	services benefited 150 mothers in prison or jail
CHILDREN’S PROJECT	services benefited 305 children and family members



Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, VOLS launched new initiatives:

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS PROJECT	services benefited 1,175 unemployed workers and household members
COVID-19 FRONTLINE & HEALTHCARE WORKERS INITIATIVE	services benefited 110 frontline & healthcare workers and their loved ones

// I cannot stress enough how grateful I am for your help. You have demonstrated unconditional regard and interest for me since the first time we spoke. I am very happy that I got to meet a new community of folks that, like me, are actively trying to pursue better opportunities for ourselves and the communities we come from. //

— IMMIGRATION PROJECT CLIENT

// Thank you! I have been calling government agencies for weeks with questions about applying for benefits. Reaching VOLS was the first time I spoke to a live person and got the help I needed. //

— UNEMPLOYED WORKERS PROJECT CLIENT

// You have allowed me to feel that I am not alone in this situation, Thank you very much. //

— ELDERLY PROJECT CLIENT

// I am so happy and cannot be more appreciative. I had great difficulty sleeping ever since I was given the summons. Please come by the store one day, so that we can meet face to face when it is safe to say hello. //

— MICROENTERPRISE PROJECT CLIENT