

CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER PUBLIC SERVICE NETWORK "CELEBRATING SERVICE"

On September 28, 2006 the City Bar Justice Center Public Service Network held "Celebrating Service," a cocktail reception which honored and recognized attorneys who have served as volunteers of the program. The Public Service Network fosters public service in the legal community by matching attorneys, law firms and in-house legal departments with volunteer opportunities in the nonprofit sector. Working one-on-one with its attorney clients and nonprofit partners, the Network has matched attorneys with over 150 legal service providers, government entities and nonprofit organizations in the New York City area. This year marks the 100,000th hour donated by Public Service Network attorneys to New York City area nonprofit organizations.

Celebrating Service was an event to thank Network attorneys for their commitment to volunteer service, and an opportunity to educate other attorneys about the dynamic work that can be done through the Public Service Network. Of the over 150 attendees, many were attorneys new to the program who were able to speak directly with Network attorneys who have made volunteer service an integral part of their professional practice.

The highlight of the evening was the Network's particular recognition of some of the attorney-nonprofit relationships it has developed that

have made a significant impact. The 14 attorney honorees received the Network's "I'm About Service" award and the 13 organization honorees received the Network's "We're About Service" award. Network Director Kwanza Butler explains, "We honor both the attorney and the organization because we recognize that these placements would not be successful without the active engagement and dedication of both parties."

For example, I'm About Service Awardee Henri Gueron, former Senior Attorney at Con Edison, has worked for five years and donated over 8,000 hours to the City Bar Justice Center Refugee Assistance Project (RAP). He has won asylum for some of RAP's most difficult and compelling cases, and has become a vital member of the RAP staff. According to Henri, "Thanks to the Network, I have had the good fortune of achieving a seamless transition from a very fulfilling career to a fascinating, post-retirement involvement in a new area of the law." RAP Director Jennifer Kim remarked, "Henri is an invaluable member of our staff. He is truly dedicated to his work and to the clients, and RAP would not be the same without him."

The Celebrating Service event also showcased the numerous benefits that inure to attorneys who volunteer their time: pro bono and public service allows attorneys to give back to the community, learn new skills, network within the profession and even obtain employment.

I'm About Service Awardee Matthew Knouff volunteered at the Kings County District Attorney's Office for several months, and his service eventually led to a full time job offer.

According to Matt, "I really appreciate the Public Service Network. I owe the opportunities that I have had to give to the community as well as the roots of a career in public service to Kwanza and the Public Service Network."

"Matt is a wonderful addition to our staff," said Teri Fabi, Executive Assistant District Attorney. "We are thankful for all the support Kwanza Butler and the Network have given us. We've received several outstanding attorneys from the Network and Matt is no exception."

In donating 100,000 hours of volunteer service, Network attorneys helped fulfill the City Bar Justice Center's mission of improving access to justice for all New Yorkers. As shared by Association President Barry Kamins, who addressed attendees, "the Association is thankful to all of the Public Service Network volunteers for the amazing contributions you have made to the New York nonprofit community. You should be proud of your commitment to volunteerism."

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Public Service Network at 212-382-4713.



Kwanza Butler, Public Service Network Director, Barbara Berger Opatowsky, Executive Director of the New York City Bar, and Warren J. Sinsheimer, Executive Director of Honoree Legal Services for Children.



Jennifer Kim, Director of City Bar Justice Center Refugee Assistance Project, Honoree Henri Gueron, and Maria Imperial, Executive Director of the City Bar Justice Center.

Honorees:

ASTRID ANDRE, Counsel, New York City
Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors, FRESH ART

ROBERT ANKER,
Law Offices of Robert Anker
Board of Directors,
BATTERY DANCE COMPANY

LALITA BROCKINGTON, Founder,
Brockwill LLC
Volunteer Instructor, WORKSHOP IN BUSI-
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CHRISTINA CLAYTON, Former Vice
President and General Counsel, Xerox, Inc.

PHYLLIS KLEIN, Former Associate General
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Maria Imperial, Honoree Wanji Walcott, PSN Volunteer Katrina Rawlins, Fred Rooney, Project Director of Community Legal Resource Network and Akira Arroyo, Director of City Bar Justice Center Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project



Kwanza Butler, Thomas Maligno, Public Service Network Event Committee Chair, Wanji Walcott, Akira Arroyo, Honoree Emma Nakakuki, Patrick Sciaratta, Executive Director of Honoree Friendship Ambassadors Foundation and Barry Kamins, New York City Bar President.



Did you know...

- **The City Bar Justice Center, the legal services arm of the New York City Bar, reaches nearly 30,000 New Yorkers each year with much-needed legal services;**
- **Our clients include immigrants, battered women, the homeless, the elderly, cancer survivors, consumers filing for bankruptcy, struggling small businesses and others who do not have access to justice;**
- **The Justice Center is financially independent of the New York City Bar and your membership dues do not support our important work.**

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42 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036**

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