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Western District of New York

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It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Annual Dinner honoring tonight’s recipients of the Hon. William Brennan Award for Outstanding Jurist, the Hon. Thurgood S. Marshall Award for Outstanding Criminal Practitioner, and Lifetime Achievement Award. I am delighted to join you all for tonight’s awards ceremony, and pay tribute to our event’s honorees.

Judge Skretny, Justine Luongo, and Jonathan Gradess all exemplify the values of active citizenship, engagement, and leadership that are integral to improving the quality and fairness of our criminal justice system. Their respective service and commitment has made a lasting impact on our professional community and the entire State of New York. I offer my warmest congratulations to these special guests of honor.

Thank you for not only supporting this evening’s honorees, but also for supporting NYSACDL. Each year the Annual Dinner serves as an inspirational reminder of the importance and honor that accompanies having someone’s future and rights in your hands. And a special thank you to our Dinner sponsors. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You make this evening possible.

As my term as President of this important and respected organization comes to an end, I want to express that I will never forget the boundless generosity and support that I have received from every member with whom I have come in contact with during the past year. NYSACDL Presidents come and go. We receive our share of plaques and awards, but it is our Executive Director, Jennifer Van Ort, who keeps our Association organized, professional, and strong. Thank you to Jennifer, our wonderful and dedicated Board of Directors, and all our members. I also congratulate incoming President John Wallenstein. I know we will all have many more opportunities to work together to continue to face the challenges ahead. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and vigilant 2017.
As NYSACDL enters its fourth decade, I’m honored and privileged to lead the Association in 2017. Thank you all for joining us this evening, as we celebrate our past and look to our future.

Our honorees this evening epitomize the best of our profession. Judge William Skretny of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York is extremely well regarded for his legal scholarship and his judicial demeanor. I have not had the privilege of appearing in his courtroom, but those who have consistently praise his work, his fairness, and his ability to provide justice for all who come before him. We thank him and honor him tonight.

Justine Luongo has devoted her career to serving the underserved. As a long-time attorney for the Legal Aid Society, she has toiled ceaselessly to defend those who need it the most, and for that we bestow upon her the Thurgood Marshall Award for Outstanding Criminal Practitioner.

We also honor, with a Lifetime Achievement Award, my old friend and law school mate, Jonathan Gradess, as he retires as Executive Director of the New York State Defenders Association after more years than he cares to count. Thousands of defense attorneys across the state and over the years have benefited from Jonathan’s unceasing commitment to justice.

I look forward to working with our dedicated Officers and Directors in 2017.

JOHN S. WALLENSTEIN
PRESIDENT
HONORABLE WILLIAM M. SKRETNY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
THE HON. WILLIAM BRENNAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING JURIST

William M. Skretny was nominated to the federal bench by President George Herbert Walker Bush on June 12, 1990. He was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on August 3, 1990, and he received his commission to the United States District Court for the Western District of New York on August 7, 1990.

Judge Skretny is a graduate of Canisius College, and he received his law degree from Howard University School of Law. He received his LL.M. from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow.

Judge Skretny began his legal career in Chicago as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. He returned to his home town in 1973 to become an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, rising to the position of First Assistant in 1975.

Judge Skretny headed the United States Attorney Advocacy Institute in Washington beginning in 1979. In 1980, he was appointed a special prosecutor in the Department of Justice, where he investigated media leaks in the ABSCAM and BRILAB political corruption investigations.

Following his work in Washington, Judge Skretny returned to Western New York to continue his legal career in private practice. He became a partner in the law firm Duke, Holzman, Yaeger, and Radlin.

Judge Skretny returned to public service in 1983 when he became First Deputy District Attorney for the Erie County District Attorney's office.

Judge Skretny began his federal judicial service in 1990, filling the seat vacated by the Honorable John T. Curtin. In 1996, drawing on his experiences presiding over cases in the Western District of New York, he lectured judges and prosecutors in Krakow, as Poland made the transition to a democratic constitutional republic. During his more than a quarter century of service, he has presided over some of the most memorable and significant cases in Western New York.

Judge Skretny served as Chief Judge in the Western District of New York from 2010 through 2015. He championed the construction of the Robert H. Jackson courthouse in Buffalo, and its construction was completed during his tenure as Chief Judge. The courthouse's most prominent feature is the United States Constitution etched in the glass façade of the building. Judge Skretny insisted that even building's very design serve as a reminder of importance of the constitutional principles safeguarded in federal courtrooms, and his selection of the glass façade and input into the shape and profile of the building help it serve as a reminder of the importance of dignity and transparency in the federal judicial system. The courthouse now helps serve the fifth busiest docket in the United States.

Judge Skretny lives in downtown Buffalo with his wife Carol a short distance from the courthouse he helped bring to the city. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling to visit his three children, Brian, Brooke, and Nina; his sons-in-law, Neal and Michael; and especially his granddaughters, Nora and Kellan.
JUSTINE LUONGO, ESQ.
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THE HON. THURGOOD S. MARSHALL AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL PRACTITIONER

Justine M. Luongo, known as Tina to all, began her legal career as a public defender in September 2002 in the New York County trial office of the Criminal Defense Practice of The Legal Aid Society of New York. In 2007, she was promoted to Supervising Attorney in the same office where she continued to directly represent clients, as well as train and manage her team of attorneys, paralegals and investigators. During that time, she served as a member of an interdisciplinary task force at Legal Aid that worked closely with Davis, Polk, LLP to develop the analysis that ultimately lead to the groundbreaking case cap legislation for New York City.

In May 2011, Tina was hired as the Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice, where she assisted in the supervision of the daily operation of the practice’s over 1200 dedicated staff representing over 230,000 indigent New Yorkers. In addition, she was responsible for the practice’s many specialty teams such as the DNA Unit, the Exploitation Intervention Project, the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Unit and worked with staff and outside technology consultants to create the innovative Digital Forensic Unit. While much of her time was spent working on ways to create best practices within the Society, she also was responsible for networking the criminal practice with local and national associations.

One key focus of her tenure as the Society’s chief defender has been to fight for law and policy reform to stop the discriminatory policing of black and brown people and push for transparency and accountability between the New York City Police Department and the public. Within the Society, she is dedicated to increasing the diversity of the public defense workforce and is integrally involved in The Legal Aid Society’s diversity initiative which partners management and staff to improve staff diversity and provide cultural competency training both internally at the Society and to external stakeholders in the criminal justice system. She has been an active voice in the movement to foster best practices in public defense and continues to be involved in the dialogue about how public defenders can create systemic change, as well as be zealous advocates for their clients.

Tina was the Chair of the American Bar Association Task Force on Comprehensive Criminal Representation that analyzed best practices to address the complex, life altering consequences that clients face when they are charged with or convicted of crimes. She is a member of the ABA Criminal Justice Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chief Defender Association of New York, a member of the NYSBA Committee to Insure Quality Mandated Representation and a Steering Committee Member National Association for Public Defense. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor in New York Law School’s Criminal Defense Clinic. She graduated Brooklyn Law School in 2002 where she co-chaired LEGALS and was a member of the Moot Court Trial Team.

Tina is married to Kim Forte, Supervising Attorney of Legal Aid’s LGBT Law and Policy Initiative and they have toddler twins, Kyle Rose and Luca Ray.
Jonathan E. Gradess is Executive Director of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and scope of public legal representation in New York. The Association operates the nation’s first state-funded Public Defense Backup Center, which serves New York’s more than 6000 public defense attorneys, providing training, legal research, consultation, and technical assistance. In addition, NYSDA has a duty to review, assess, and analyze the public defense system in the state; identify problem areas; and propose solutions in the form of specific recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and other appropriate instrumentalities. Mr. Gradess is also Executive Director of the New York State Defenders Justice Fund.

Mr. Gradess began his career as a paralegal, thereafter graduating *cum laude* in 1973 from Hofstra Law School’s charter class. He has worked as a criminal defense lawyer, a private investigator, and a law school professor.

Mr. Gradess is the recipient of the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union 2016 Carol S. Knox Award; National Legal Aid and Defender Association 2016 Reginald Heber Smith Award; the New York Nonprofit Media’s Cause Awards 2016 Overall Sector Support; the Capital Punishment Committee of the City of New York Bar Association 2016 Norman J. Redlich Award for Capital Defense Distinguished Service; the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Gideon Award; and the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Delivery of Defense Services.

Mr. Gradess serves on the Restorative Justice Commission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and the Board of Directors of Equal Justice USA and New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.
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Her commitment and dedication to protect the rights of the most marginalized and disenfranchised in society serve as an inspiration to all of us. Tina embodies the very best in public defense. We at The Legal Aid Society are extremely proud of our Chief Defender and honored to serve with her.
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NYSACDL History

The New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers was formed in 1986 by a group of defense attorneys who felt it was time to speak in a unified voice about criminal defense issues in New York State. Among the original founders of NYSACDL were Jack T. Litman, Lawrence S. Goldman, Murray Richman, Mark J. Mahoney, Gerard M. Damiani, Martin B. Adelman, and Ira D. London, each of whom later became President of the Association. We are a statewide organization responsive to the needs of both private practitioners and public defenders and dedicated to assuring the protection of individual rights and liberties for all.

Many of our members have held positions of prominence in the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. NYSACDL Past Presidents Gerald B. Lefcourt and Lawrence S. Goldman are also Past-Presidents of NACDL. Past Presidents Marvin Schechter, Joshua L. Dratel, Mark J. Mahoney and Daniel Arshack have been elected to sit on the NACDL Board of Directors. NYSACDL Members serve on the Board of Directors of the New York State Defenders Association. Both the NACDL and NYSDA appoint one person as a full voting member of the NYSACDL Board of Directors.

NYSACDL Foundation

On May 26, 2011, the long-awaited NYSACDL Foundation, Inc. became a reality. The mission and purposes of the Foundation are to provide and to support charitable and educational programs and projects which advance the goals of justice by developing or improving the knowledge and skills of lawyers, students, and members of the public interested in the goals of criminal defense and in preserving and protecting the rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of New York.

Thank you to all who have served in NYSACDL & NYSACDL Foundation positions of leadership!
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Upon request, the Foundation will organize panels of at least three “judges” to moot appellate arguments in locations across New York State.

The Foundation guarantees a moot court panel for any member in New York State who has a criminal case before the Court of Appeals or the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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