

# AWARDS



Photo by Colleen Brescia

Clery, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, LLP received the large law firm award at the NYSBA 2004 President's Pro Bono Service Awards. Accepting the award were partner Steven G. Horowitz (far left) and pro bono coordinator Carrie Grimm (second from right). Also pictured are (l. to r.) Will H. Horowitz, Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and then NYSBA President A. Thomas Levin.

## NYSBA Presents Pro Bono Awards

Outstanding pro bono service was honored at the 14th Annual President's Pro Bono Service awards. Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye congratulated the winners and delivered introductory remarks, and A. Thomas Levin, then NYSBA President, officiated at the Law Day awards event.

The large firm award went to Clery, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, LLP. The firm's lawyers increased their total number of pro bono hours by 16 percent in 2003. The firm encourages pro bono through full billing credit, a pro bono committee and a pro bono coordinator.

The Law Offices of Harold I. Silverman were honored with the award for small- to mid-size firm. Silverman and his paralegal have rendered invaluable bankruptcy legal services to low-income citizens in Onondaga County.

The Hanna S. Cohn Young Lawyer Award was bestowed upon Gemma Rossi Corbin of the Law Offices of Emil Rossi. After being admitted in New York in 2002, she immediately began to provide assistance to low-income clients seeking uncontested divorces and to participate in evening brief advice clinics in Onondaga

County.

Gloria Bruzzano of Pace Law School was honored as the outstanding pro bono law student. She spearheaded several domestic violence programs at Pace, including an awareness program and a rally and dress-for-success clothing drive for victims.

In addition, the Association honored individual attorneys from each of New York's 12 judicial districts, listed below.

First: Saralyn Cohen, pro bono coordinator at Shearman & Serling.

Second: Bruce Weiner, Rosenberg, Musso & Weiner, LLP.

Third: Brian LeCours, solo practitioner.

Fourth: Barbara King, Gordon Siegel Law Firm, and Kathryn McCary, McCary & Huff.

Fifth: Christopher Wiles, New York State Attorney General's Office.

Sixth: Albert Kukol, Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP.

Seventh: John McQueen, Nixon Peabody, LLP.

Eighth: Noralyn Dillon, solo practitioner.

Ninth: Glenn Shapiro, Dunn & Bradstreet.

Tenth: Robin Abramowitz, Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid, P.C.

Eleventh: William Scott, solo practitioner.

Twelfth: David Tomlin, Associated Press.

## Denison Ray Awards Honor Staff Attorneys, inMotion



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Judith Studebaker

Three legal services staff attorneys and a nonprofit organization received 2004 Denison Ray awards, named for a renowned legal services advocate. Individual winners

received \$250 and a one-year membership in the NYSBA, while the nonprofit winner received \$1,000 to support pro bono

efforts.

A posthumous award honored Sarah Betsy Fuller, a staff attorney at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York who was instrumental in winning important cases that protect inmates' civil rights. Also honored was Judith Studebaker, a staff attorney at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for 28 years who handles 200 housing cases a year and has had many appellate victories.

Alfred O'Connor, a staff attorney at the New York State Defenders Association, was honored as the outstanding criminal legal services attorney. He provides research and support services to more than 5,000 public defense lawyers.

In the nonprofit organization category, inMotion, Inc. was honored for building



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an innovative model for delivering pro bono family law legal services to low-income, underserved, and abused women in New York City. The success of the inMotion model lies in its ability to mobilize pro bono volunteers from among major law firms, in-house corporate legal departments and solo and small firm practitioners.