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Philadelphia Bar Association

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# The 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony & Reception

featuring the presentation of the  
Andrew Hamilton Award to

**Marsha Levick**

Deputy Director, Chief Counsel & Co-Founder of the  
Juvenile Law Center



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1200 Market Street  
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## **Welcoming Remarks**

Angus Love, Chair, Public Interest Section

## **Presentation of the 2009**

### **Philadelphia Bar Foundation**

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## **Presentation of 2009 Law Student**

### **Outstanding Service Awards**

Maureen Olives, Chair, Law School Outreach Committee

### **Maureen Belluscio**

Villanova University School of Law

### **Marsha Chien**

University of Pennsylvania Law School

### **Damiano del Pino**

Widener University School of Law

### **William Hall**

Temple University Beasley School of Law

### **Andrew Linenberg**

Rutgers School of Law - Camden

### **Tracey Tripp**

Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

**Introduction of  
2009 Andrew Hamilton Award**

Robert C. Heim, Chair of Award Selection Committee

**Presentation of  
2009 Andrew Hamilton Award**

U.S. District Court Judge Louis H. Pollak

**2009 Andrew Hamilton Award Recipient**

**Marsha Levick**

Deputy Director, Chief Counsel & Co-Founder of the  
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**Selection of Higginbotham Fellowship**

Angus Love, Chair, Public Interest Section

**Special Recognition  
of Karen Detamore**

Cindy Rosenthal, Past Chair, Public Interest Section

**Closing Remarks**

Ourania Papademetriou, Vice-Chair & Secretary,  
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## **Marsha Levick**

2009 Andrew Hamilton Award Winner

Marsha Levick co-founded the Juvenile Law Center (JLC) in 1975 and currently serves as its Deputy Director and Chief Counsel. Juvenile Law Center is the oldest public interest law firm for children in the United States. For more than 30 years, Levick has been an advocate for children's and women's rights and is a nationally recognized leader in juvenile law.

Levick manages JLC's litigation and appellate docket. She has litigated cases concerning children's rights in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems; authored or co-authored numerous appellate and amicus briefs in state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court; and has argued before many state and federal appellate courts. Levick has also co-authored several scholarly articles on children's rights issues.



Levick serves on the boards of the National Juvenile Defender Center; Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana; Southern Poverty Law Center; and the advisory board of Rutgers-Camden Law School's Juvenile Justice Clinic. Levick received the 2006 Temple Law School Women's Law Caucus Annual Professional Achievement Award, the 2008 Pennsylvania Child Advocate of the Year Award, the 2009 Pennsylvania Prison Society Award for Meritorious Service, and was one of six winners of the 2009 Foundation for the Improvement of Justice Awards.

Levick is an adjunct faculty member at both the University of Pennsylvania and Temple Law Schools.

## **Past Andrew Hamilton Award Recipients**

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Irv Ackelsberg

Linda Ware Johnson

The Honorable  
Phyllis W. Beck

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The Andrew Hamilton Award honors an exceptional legal services advocate or public defender associated with an organization with a purpose of serving persons who cannot afford to pay for legal representation or a public interest attorney working with a nonprofit organization serving a charitable or public interest purpose.

## **Law Student Outstanding Service Award Winners**

### **Maureen Belluscio, Villanova University School of Law**

Maureen Belluscio has volunteered at Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA) in the Guild Food Stamp Clinic since her first summer of law school. She has proved to be a dedicated advocate and continues to work diligently for PLA's clients. As a first year law student, Belluscio was actively involved with the Villanova Public Interest Fellowship Program (PIFP). She served as Publicity Coordinator her second year and is currently the Co-Director, helping to raise funds for students working in the public interest. During her second year, she worked with the Philadelphia Defender Association and has volunteered with the Homeless Advocacy Project. Belluscio spent the past summer working with the Federal Defender's Office and is currently externing with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.

### **Marsha Chien, University of Pennsylvania School of Law**

Marsha Chien was a tireless advocate for the underrepresented long before she entered law school - having worked both as an AmeriCorps member for Heads Up in Washington D.C., and as a Peace Corps Volunteer with a Mayan village in Guatemala. At Penn, Marsha has emerged as a student leader in public service. She is a co-director of the Immigrant Rights Project and the Employee Advocacy Project, broadening the focus of the latter group beyond unemployment compensation matters. Marsha has also offered pro bono assistance to local organizations like Friends of Farmworkers and to the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Additionally, Marsha has spent her summers at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, California Rural Legal Assistance, and Friends of Farmworkers.

### **Damiano del Pino, Widener University School of Law**

For the past 8 years, Damiano del Pino has volunteered with the NJ State Superior Court with the Child Placement Review Board, Juvenile Conference Committee, and served as a Juvenile Arbitrator and Family Court Mediator. He has volunteered at the local VA hospital, through the PIRC office teaching and helping with the FLIP education program at the Wilmington Latin American Community Center and at Nehemiah House in Wilmington. He has also coordinated drives for clothing, books, and other materials for the Wilmington VA Hospital and Rest Home as president of the Widener Military Law Society for which he was spotlighted in the Spring 2009 edition of the ABA Third Circuit Student Division Newsletter. He has been a regular volunteer as a notary public in NJ for the ABA sponsored program, Wills for Heroes, and a judge for Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions.



# **Law Student Outstanding Service Award Winners**

## **William Hall, Temple University Beasley School of Law**

William Hall has distinguished himself as a committed advocate for the poor. He brought a long history of service to Temple Law, having worked at the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York and the New York Public Interest Research Group. Hall joined the then brand-new Save Your Home Philly hotline at Philadelphia Legal Assistance the summer after his first year, and has continued to volunteer there during the academic year. Hall also interned at the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a Senior Associate Editor of the Temple International & Comparative Law Journal. William has earned membership in the Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society because of his pro bono work and public service.

## **Andrew Linenberg, Rutgers School of Law - Camden**

Andrew Linenberg has served as the student leader of the Immigration and Legal Referral Pro Bono Project for two years. As the president of the Rutgers Immigration Law Student Association in his 2L year, Linenberg reinvigorated the organization, organized outstanding programming and expanded membership. The Associate Managing Editor of the "Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion," Linenberg has volunteered in the Mediation and Voters' Rights Projects and has provided representation on immigration cases in the Rutgers Civil Practice Clinic. He also has provided Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for several years. Linenberg has interned in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Timothy Rice and at Philadelphia VIP. For three years before law school, he assisted the Director of Pro Bono Services at Blank Rome.

## **Tracey Tripp, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University**

Throughout her law school career, Tracy Tripp has been a champion in providing equal access to the law. As President of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Tripp emerged as a leader among her peers, implementing and coordinating the Judicial Bypass and Abortion Clinic Escorting projects. From interning at Community Legal Services in the Public Benefits Unit to working in the Habeas Unit of the Federal Defenders Office, Tripp uses her legal skills to advocate on behalf of the most needy. Tripp was the recipient of a Public Interest Experience Grant, an Equal Justice America Grant, and an Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Grant, where she was also recognized as one of ten Summer Corps Standouts. Tripp has shown a commitment to public service and embodies the true spirit of pro bono service.

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