

## 2018 President's Pro Bono Service Award Winners



**First Judicial District**  
**Kevin Sullivan**  
**Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP**  
**New York**

Kevin Sullivan is a litigation associate at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer where his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation. Sullivan is a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and has represented numerous pro bono clients in a wide range of matters, including parental rights and domestic violence cases, immigration proceedings, civil lawsuits, criminal cases and federal habeas actions. Most recently, he acted as the lead attorney in the trial of a civil rights action on behalf of an inmate alleging excessive force by multiple corrections officers on Rikers Island.



**Second Judicial District**  
**William D. Pollak**  
**Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP**  
**New York, NY**

William D. Pollak is a civil litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell where his practice includes complex commercial litigation. Pollak represents numerous pro bono clients in resentencings, relief from wrongful convictions, amici briefs, and immigration matters, among others. Recently, Pollak worked with Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) to represent a woman in family court wrongfully accused of

having shaken her baby. Through expert medical testimony, Pollak and BDS were able to prove that the child had, in fact, suffered a blood clot in his brain.



**Third Judicial District  
G. Kimball Williams  
Albany, NY**

G. Kimball Williams is of counsel at McNamee Lochner in Albany where he concentrates on civil litigation and appellate practice in state and federal courts. For years, Williams has done pro bono work with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, having served in various leadership capacities for their Justice for All Campaign, and as a volunteer for their Attorney for the Day Program, Private Attorney Involvement Panel and Bridging the Gap Program.



**Fourth Judicial District  
Alexander Dunshee  
Tobin & Dunshee LLP  
Clifton Park, NY**

Alexander Dunshee, co-founder and partner at Tobin & Dunshee, LLP in Clifton Park, primarily represents clients in criminal, family and matrimonial matters. He is a 2008 graduate of the University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a 2011 graduate of Albany Law School. Dunshee serves low-income clients through his work with Legal Aid's Pro Se Divorce program.



**Fifth Judicial District  
James B. Fleckenstein  
Syracuse, NY**

James B. Fleckenstein has maintained his own private practice in Syracuse since 1978 specializing in litigation and personal injury claims. Fleckenstein has been a volunteer with the Legal Aid Society of Mid New York, Inc. (LASMNY), at their Consumer Law Clinic for over 15 years offering advice and counsel to clients on consumer and bankruptcy issues. Additionally, he also has a weekly route delivering for Meals on Wheels in Syracuse.



**Sixth Judicial District  
Teresa McNamara  
Oswego, NY**

Teresa McNamara volunteers with Legal Assistance of Western New York in Ithaca. Her primary focus has been LawNY's Uncontested Divorce Program. She has personally assisted 25 clients with

the program get a final judgment of divorce. She's also worked with clients in need of estate planning, dealing with issues related to special education, and those seeking a legal name change that more accurately reflects their gender identity.



**Seventh Judicial District  
Anita Pelletier  
Nixon Peabody  
Rochester, NY**

Anita Pelletier is counsel in the nonprofit practice group at Nixon Peabody. There she is supervising attorney for all nonprofit pro bono work across their 18 offices. Pelletier often helps start-up nonprofits, last year having logged 460 pro bono service hours. She ensures that these organizations can focus on their primary mission—making life better for vulnerable people in the Rochester area as well as other areas in New York State—without using their limited resources to secure appropriate legal advice.



**Eighth Judicial District  
Benjamin Dwyer  
Nixon Peabody, LLP  
Buffalo, NY**

Benjamin R. Dwyer, a commercial litigator in the Buffalo office of Nixon Peabody, represents companies in the context of dispute resolution and risk mitigation. Dwyer is currently helping two activists seek asylum and previously helped two children obtain special immigrant juvenile status and permanent resident status. He also mentors firm associates with immigration matters, has represented prisoners in Section 1983 proceedings and assisted in the incorporation of a nonprofit educational institution.



**Ninth Judicial District  
Kevin F. Preston  
McVean Lewis Sherwin & McDermott PC  
Middletown, NY**

Kevin F. Preston, a member of NYSBA's House of Delegates, has practiced law at MacVean, Lewis, Sherwin & McDermott in Middletown since 1993 focusing on commercial and real estate litigation among others. For the past 12 years he has handled landlord-tenant, insurance and consumer debt pro bono matters through Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. Since 2016, he has served as president of the Board of Directors of the Middletown YMCA.



**Tenth Judicial District  
Lewis Silverman  
Islandia, NY**

Lewis Silverman, current chair of NYSBA's Committee on LGBT People and the Law, was a

professor and director of the Family Law Clinic at Touro Law Center in Central Islip until his retirement in 2016. Since 1995, he has been an active volunteer with the Suffolk County Pro Bono Project, operated by Nassau/Suffolk Law Services. There he's represented clients in their divorce proceedings, screened pro bono applicants and mentored the Project's new pro bono attorneys.



**Eleventh Judicial District  
Arnold W. Drucker  
Jackson Heights, NY**

Arnold W. Drucker of Jackson Heights, who founded the Law Offices of Arnold W. Drucker following his admission to the bar, provides legal services to a predominantly Hispanic community and represent clients throughout New York City and Long Island. He has volunteered since the inception of the Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project and assisted thousands of clients in matters regarding landlord/tenant law family and matrimonial law, real estate, civil litigation, criminal law and wills and estates.



**Young Lawyer  
Shaimaa M. Hussein  
Wilkie Farr & Gallagher LLP  
New York, NY**

Shaimaa M. Hussein, a litigation associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, focuses on the representation of multinational corporations and financial institutions in complex commercial litigation and

enforcement actions. Since joining Willkie in 2011, she has devoted hundreds of hours to pro bono matters, particularly on behalf of refugees, and currently represents asylum-seekers from around the world. Last year, Shaimaa made national headlines for her help in reuniting an Irania mother with her young child who needed to travel to the United States for vision-saving surgery.



**Law Student**  
**Patricio G. Martinez-Llompart**  
**Columbia Law School**  
**New York, NY**

Patricio G. Martinez-Llompart is a third-year student at Columbia Law School and is in the Challenging the Consequences of Mass Incarceration Clinic where he helps represent incarcerated clients in parole and conditions of confinement matters before federal and state courts in New York. Since Hurricane María devastated Puerto Rico last year, he has organized law students from across the country interested in assisting with disaster relief efforts. This culminated in the visit of ten different law schools to Puerto Rico in March 2018.



**Senior Lawyer**  
**Barbara Heyne**  
**Rochester, NY**

Barbara M. Heyne, who earned a law degree while employed by the New York State Office of Mental Health and then became assistant counsel there, worked as a federal court litigator in

Atlanta. After retiring in 2016, she returned to Rochester and joined the New York Courts Attorney Emeritus Program, taking on cases regarding unemployment insurance hearings, name changes, debt collection, standby guardianships and wills via the Volunteer Legal Services Project. She also volunteer for its Federal Pro Se Assistance Program.



**Large Law Firm**  
**Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP**  
**New York, NY**

The Kramer Levin Bail Project Team in New York City works in partnership with Brooklyn Defender Services to challenge at the trial and appellate levels in Kings County excessive money bail set in felony cases. The team works closely with indigent defendants ahead of felony arraignment to create a viable bail package and then argues for lower cash bail, or asks the court to impose one of the several alternative forms of bail available under New York law, but rarely considered by the courts. Volunteers include litigation partner Darren LaVerne, who supervises the project, associates Daniel Ketani, Jennifer M. Klein, Alejandro G. Ortega and Reyhan Watson, who argue the cases in court, and paralegal Hannah Shlafeman.



**Small Law Firm**  
**Bousquet Holstein PLLC**  
**Syracuse, NY**

Bousquet Holstein holds as a core belief that the firm has a profound responsibility to contribute to the community and make it a better place for all to live. The commitments that the attorneys of Bousquet Holstein collectively and individually make to the Central New York community represent the firm's philosophy in action. These attorneys provide pro bono service via the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, assisting with matters related to family court eviction defense, homeless advocacy and prevention, trusts and estates, elder law, LGBTQ law, immigration, re-entry and grassroots community economic development. They also provide services to not-for-profit organizations regarding governance, not-for-profit corporation law matters and tax-exempt status. Many firm attorneys also serve as volunteers for the Hiscock Legal Aid Society Say Yes Legal Clinics and Upstate Medical University Legal Clinic.



**Government Office  
New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department  
Rochester, NY**

Attorneys of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, have been actively involved in pro bono matters for many years. In 2016, they began providing free legal representation to unrepresented tenants in eviction proceedings via the Tenant Town and Village Court Pro Bono Program, established in partnership with the Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County. The volunteers have since assisted more than 138 tenants facing eviction by evaluating available defenses, making motions and conducting hearings when appropriate, and negotiating agreements to permit tenants to remain in their homes.