

DR. PARVEEN CHOPRA RECEIVES NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S HAYWOOD BURNS AWARD

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Celebrated activist noted for his work in the Asian-American community

NEW YORK-The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Civil Rights and Committee on Minorities in the Profession will present Dr. Parveen Chopra with its 12th annual Haywood Burns Memorial Award.

“As a community leader and activist, Dr. Parveen Chopra has worked determinedly to elevate and improve the status of Asian Americans and Indian Americans in the United States, New York and his adopted home of Long Island. He has a long history of partnering and driving change across a broad spectrum of political, ethnic, religious and faith traditions, which is demonstrated by the diversity of the awards he has received from the Ellis Island Medal of Honor to the Dr. Martin Luther King Award.” said Civil Rights Committee Chair Fernando A. Bohorquez, Jr. of New York (Baker Hostetler LLP). “He is a fine example of Haywood Burns’ lasting legacy of civil rights advocacy and we are pleased to recognize his work.”

Dr. Chopra is the first Asian American to receive the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, which recognizes unheralded persons or groups working in the United States in the tradition of Dr. King. In addition, Dr. Chopra has been honored by One Hundred Black Men for his efforts in advancing the cause of civil rights.

Dr. Chopra serves on the board of directors of New York Civil Liberties Union - Nassau. He served for more than two decades on the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights, as vice-chair and then chair; and as president of the Asian American Coalition (a New York-based alliance representing individuals and organizations from 14 Asian countries). He also has served with distinction as Nassau County Planning Commissioner.

Dr. Chopra is a lifelong educator and professor in graduate schools of business. He holds several advanced degrees.