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THE HONORABLE JORDAN A. HARRIS  
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## EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

### EMERGING EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY AWARD

RICHARD A.J. PREBIL, ESQ.

### OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD

MARIPAT PILEGGI, ESQ.  
KEVIN QUISENBERRY, ESQ.

### OUTSTANDING NON-ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD

DIANE GURNER

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CAROL S. MCCARTHY, ESQ.

### SAMUEL W. MILKES OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

PHYLLIS GUILLAUME

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## EMERGING EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY AWARD

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# RICHARD A.J. PREBIL, ESQ.

### VETERANS ADVOCACY PROJECT SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, LEGAL AID OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Richard Prebil serves as the Veterans Advocacy Project Supervising Attorney at Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP). In just seven years of practice, he has transformed veterans' access to legal services and was instrumental in establishing LASP's Veterans Advocacy Project, developing it into a four-person unit that provides representation, advice, and outreach to veterans, specifically those who are unhoused, at risk of becoming unhoused, income insecure, and those living with disabilities.

His advocacy focuses primarily on matters involving complex VA benefits appeals, discharge upgrades, and military sexual trauma cases, which has resulted in over \$2.8 million in retroactive benefits for veterans.

Richard collaborates with MidPenn and North Penn Legal Services to serve veterans in 20 counties. He also teaches "Representing Veterans in Administrative Practice" at Villanova Law School and serves on U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean's Veterans Advisory Panel. Richard is widely respected by his colleagues and peers for his compassionate, trauma-informed approach to advocacy.

Before joining LASP, he served as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at a nonprofit in Philadelphia, where he represented veterans, active military personnel, and their families in veterans' benefits, discharge upgrades, and Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

*Richard was nominated for this award by Shawn Boehringer and Marion Fraley.*

## OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD

# MARIPAT PILEGGI, ESQ.

### **DIVISIONAL SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA**

Maripat Pileggi is the Divisional Supervising Attorney in the Health & Independence Unit of Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (CLS), where she has worked since 2007. Her legal practice focuses on helping seniors, people with disabilities, families, immigrants, survivors of domestic violence, and other low-income Philadelphians overcome a wide range of legal barriers to public benefits, including Medicaid, SNAP, TANF cash assistance, and LIHEAP.

Prior to this position, she worked as a law student intern with CLS's Energy Unit, the Women's Law Project, the Transnational Legal Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

She has also served as an AmeriCorps corpsmember in Philadelphia and as a volunteer teacher at Philadelphia's Nationalities Service Center.

Maripat received the Equal Justice America summer fellowship award in 2006 and the Equal Justice Works summer scholarship award in 2005. She served as the Executive Editor of Production on the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor and Employment Law from 2006-2007.

Maripat earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2007. She graduated summa cum laude from Temple University with a B.A. in English in 2001.

*Maripat was nominated for this award by Debby Freedman and Lydia Gottesfeld.*







## OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD

# KEVIN QUISENBERRY, ESQ.

### LITIGATION DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

Kevin Quisenberry is the Litigation Director at the Community Justice Project. Since joining the organization in 2003, he has worked to protect the rights of marginalized and low-income Pennsylvanians through strategic litigation, policy advocacy, and community lawyering. A significant focus of his work is enforcing the rights of renters and homeowners under constitutional and civil rights laws.

Kevin's class action litigation and successful challenges to public housing displacement policies, eviction practices, and administrative grievance procedures has transformed housing protections in Pennsylvania and established him as one of Pennsylvania's leading impact litigators.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he coordinated advocacy to minimize housing instability and helped establish sustainable programs like RentHelpPGH. His work also led to the enactment of Pittsburgh's Lead Safety Law, protecting children from lead exposure in rental homes.

Kevin regularly collaborates with regional legal aid programs and has built strong relationships with fair housing organizations in Pittsburgh and across the state. He considers working alongside his colleagues at CJP and throughout the PLAN Network one of the great privileges of his career.

*Kevin was nominated for this award by Marielle Macher and Peter Zurflieh.*

## OUTSTANDING NON-ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD

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# DIANE GURNER

### **INTAKE ADMINISTRATOR AND COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, SUMMIT LEGAL AID**

For nearly four decades, Diane Gurner has been the compassionate first point of contact for thousands of clients. Starting her career at Laurel Legal Services at just 19 years old, Diane has grown from her initial reception position to her current dual role as Intake Administrator and Compliance Specialist. Her commitment to clients and her willingness to take on new challenges have made her an indispensable part of her organization.

After the merger of Laurel Legal Services and Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services into Summit Legal Aid, Diane took on additional compliance responsibilities while continuing to prioritize a thorough intake process that sets the stage for effective legal representation.

Diane is driven by a steadfast belief that legal assistance should be accessible to all who need it, a value that has fueled her dedication to the legal aid community. In her intake role, she ensures that every client is treated with dignity and respect, offering a listening ear and reassurance that help is available.

In her compliance role, Diane meticulously maintains and organizes all case files, ensuring strict adherence to funding guidelines across the entire program. She is frequently commended by her colleagues for her efficiency and dependability, with many recognizing her behind-the-scenes contributions as a driving force behind Summit's operational success.

*Diane was nominated for this award by Brian Gorman and Todd Yeager.*





## OUTSTANDING PRO BONO ADVOCACY AWARD

# CAROL S. MCCARTHY, ESQ.

### **PARTNER, MCCARTHY MCENROE ROSINSKI & JOY**

Carol McCarthy, a partner at McCarthy McEnroe Rosinski & Joy, has spent her entire career advocating for equal justice, beginning as a staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) before transitioning into private practice as a family law attorney.

While at NLS, Carol helped establish a shelter for abused women in the Allegheny Valley. She later served on their Board of Directors, including as Board President from July 2012 to June 2014. Carol continues to volunteer as a pro bono advocate for NLS, representing more than 2,300 low-income clients in custody and Protection from Abuse cases over the past eight years. She is particularly devoted to providing services in Butler County, where she is often the only pro bono attorney.

Carol has made improving civil legal services a professional priority. In that effort, she serves on a variety of bar association committees, locally and statewide. Her exemplary service has earned her numerous awards, including the Carol Los Mansmann Helping Hand Award, the Susan B. Anthony Award, and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation Presidential Merit Award.

In addition to her volunteer work, Carol remains active on the PBA's Legal Services to the Public Committee and mentors legal aid staff. Her dedication to supporting domestic violence survivors and low-income families exemplifies the highest ideals of pro bono service.

*Carol was nominated for this award by Kris Bergstrom.*





# PHYLLIS GUILLAUME

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION,  
REGIONAL HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES  
& PENNSYLVANIA UTILITY LAW PROJECT**

For four decades, Phyllis Guillaume has been a pillar of Pennsylvania's legal aid community and a driving force behind the strength and sustainability of the organizations that serve our most vulnerable populations. Through her steady and generous approach, Phyllis has built a lasting legacy across the state—guiding organizations through transitions, mentoring countless individuals, and developing systems that help our clients thrive.

Phyllis launched her career in 1984 as an Accountant at the Pennsylvania Legal Services Center (PLSC), which later became the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. (PLAN, Inc.).

Her keen financial acumen quickly earned her promotion to Controller in 1989, a position she held for 11 years. During a pivotal transition period in the early 1990s, she stepped into the role of Acting Director, where she skillfully navigated the merger of two legal aid programs while overseeing the finances of the statewide network.

Phyllis currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration for Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) and the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP). Since 2000, she has played a vital role in managing the financial operations and administration of both organizations, which have seen tremendous growth under her leadership.

Beyond her core financial responsibilities, Phyllis oversees complex financial systems that must comply with diverse funding requirements, helps staff in securing appropriate benefits, and provides insightful direction on ways to strengthen operational efficiency.

Most recently, Phyllis developed and managed systems to coordinate the distribution of \$5 million through the Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance Program, which provided essential funding to underserved communities in Pennsylvania. Her expertise has also been instrumental in supporting the Pennsylvania Health Law Project through financial record keeping.

Her influence extends far beyond just financial stewardship—Phyllis has been a mentor, trusted advisor, and friend to numerous finance directors and program leaders across Pennsylvania.

Colleagues consistently describe Phyllis as “the consummate professional,” bringing patience, kindness, and creativity to every situation. As one network leader noted, “Phyllis is resolute in her dedication to the mission of legal services and steady in the face of crisis—always rising to any challenge.”

Though she has often worked behind the scenes, her mark on civil legal services in Pennsylvania has been profound. In recognition of her exceptional contributions, Phyllis received a PLAN, Inc. Excellence Award in 2011.

As Phyllis prepares for retirement later this year, this award honors her decades of service, guidance, and transformational impact—all of which will continue to benefit Pennsylvanians for generations to come.

*Phyllis was nominated for this award by Liz Marx and Dina Schlossberg.*



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# THE HONORABLE JORDAN A. HARRIS

## MAJORITY CHAIR, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 186TH DISTRICT

House Majority  
Appropriations Chairman  
Jordan A. Harris was first elected in 2012 to represent the 186th Legislative District, which comprises communities in south and southwest Philadelphia. Harris began his ascension in leadership in 2018, after being elected Whip for the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives.

Most recently, his colleagues elected him as the Democratic Appropriations Chair for the 2023-24 legislative session. Harris is the first African American to serve as both Whip and Appropriations Chair and the second African American in either position. Harris has also served as Chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus.

A lifelong resident of south Philadelphia, Harris graduated from Philadelphia's John Bartram Motivation High School. He attended Millersville University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Government and Political Affairs. He holds a master's degree in Education from Cabrini College and is currently a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership at Neumann University.

Before pursuing a career in public service, Harris focused on his passion for helping children and young adults—as an educator in the city of Philadelphia, an employee in the Philadelphia Public School System, and as the Executive Director of Philadelphia's Youth Commission.



Through his legislative work, Harris has become a national leader in criminal justice reform. Along with his Republican co-sponsor, Rep. Sheryl DeLozier, Harris authored Pennsylvania's Clean Slate Law. In 2018, Clean Slate was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf. It is regarded as a national model for automatically sealing certain criminal records. Since its passing, over 40 million criminal records have been automatically sealed in Pennsylvania, and multiple states have passed automatic record-sealing legislation. In 2019, Harris was one of eighteen honorees presented with the Outstanding Leadership in Legal Services Award at the Excellence Awards.

Harris is an advocate for reforming Pennsylvania's outdated, archaic, and overly punitive probation system. In the 2021-22 legislative session, he co-sponsored with DeLozier a probation reform bill with wide bipartisan support to reduce the incidents of technical violations that hold individuals under constant supervision.

Harris holds multiple accolades, including being named as The Philadelphia Tribune Magazine's "10 People Under 40 to Watch in 2011." Philadelphia Magazine named him as one of "Philadelphia's 100 Most Influential People" in 2017 and again in 2023 as one of "Philadelphia's 150 Most Influential Philadelphians." In 2017, Harris received Odunde365's Community Service Award for Positively Impacting Lives. Two years later, Harris and the other bipartisan Criminal Justice Reform Caucus co-founders were awarded the Allegheny College Prize for Civility in Public Life.

Harris is President of the Board of Directors at Lincoln Day Educational Center. He currently serves as a member of the Council of Trustees at his alma mater, Millersville University. He also serves as a Member of the Board of the Hardy Williams Education Fund, the Christian Street YMCA, and the Knight Foundation. Harris is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Nu Sigma Chapter and Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons Cephass Lodge #98.

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*Samuel W. Milkes Outstanding Leadership Award*

PHYLLIS GUILLAUME



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and to Phyllis Guillaume  
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*Max Lunn, Esq. and Diana Petruska*

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Kevin Quisenberry, Esq.

**Outstanding Non-Attorney Advocate**

Diane Gurner

**Outstanding Pro Bono Advocacy**

Carol S. McCarthy, Esq.

**Congratulations to the Samuel W. Milkes  
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-Winston Churchill

Thank you for your  
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Michael J. McDonald, Esq.

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**Congratulations  
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Phyllis Guillaume  
for her lifelong  
commitment to  
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**Richard A.J. Prebil, Esquire**

Veterans' Advocacy Project Supervising Attorney—Legal Aid of  
Southwestern Pennsylvania

**OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY ADVOCATE AWARD**

**Maripat Pileggi, Esquire**

Divisional Supervising Attorney—Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

**Kevin Quisenberry, Esquire**

Litigation Director—Community Justice Project

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**Diane Gurner**

Intake Administrator & Compliance Specialist—Summit Legal Aid

**OUTSTANDING PRO BONO ADVOCACY AWARD**

**Carol S. McCarthy, Esquire**

Partner—McCarthy, McEnroe, Rosinski, & Joy

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**Congratulations to  
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I consider those people my heroes.”**

- FRED ROGERS

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## THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS!

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A silver tray with engraved text and macarons, set on a table with wine glasses and a bottle of wine. The tray is engraved with "Happy Retirement Jonathon Marks 25 Years of Service". The background shows a bottle of Mills Reef wine, two glasses of white wine, and a bouquet of purple flowers.

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**Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) has been providing legal assistance to clients in dire need of help navigating the legal system for nearly 60 years.**



NLS clients are the people that do not have the funds to pay a lawyer, but still need assistance from a court to protect their housing, ensure their benefits, or access to their children—to name a few of the areas where NLS provides assistance. In that time, the program has had to reduce the types of work it can do as a result of politics and substantial loss of funding. But it forges ahead to do its best for those clients under what can only be considered adverse circumstances.

This is due to the incredibly dedicated staff. From the first call to NLS to the last court appearance, everyone in the organization puts forth their best effort to provide assistance with understanding, compassion, and competence. The staff—lawyers, interns, leadership, and all non-professional staff—are to be congratulated for their work.

*Friends of Neighborhood Legal Services*

The LASP Board of Directors & Staff congratulate

**Richard A.J. Prebil** on the  
**2025 PLAN Excellence Award**  
for **Emerging Excellence**  
in **Advocacy**



Richard Prebil is Legal Aid of Southeastern PA's Veterans Advocacy Project Supervising Attorney. He joined LASP in 2019 in the Chester City, Delaware County Office and previously was an Equal Justice Works Fellow.

His practice focuses on veterans benefits and discharge upgrades in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties plus 16 additional counties in PA.

LASP's Veterans Advocacy Project launched in mid-2020. Since receiving its first positive decision in 2021 through Feb. 26, 2025, LASP has obtained over 205 positive decisions for veterans, resulting in \$3.62 million in retroactive benefits and \$79.7 million in estimated lifetime benefits.



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Carol Mills McCarthy, Esq.



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IN ADVOCACY

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**Kevin Quisenberry, Esq.**

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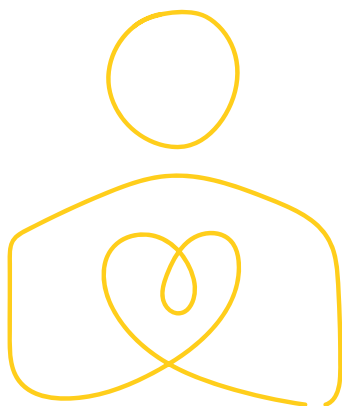
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**Phyllis Guillaume**

Through their advocacy, we move closer to our vision of collaborative communities, equitable justice, and a stronger future for Pennsylvania.

*from the staff at Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc.*

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for those in need.



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*Taking a moment to say thank you to my nominators and those who submitted letters of support. Thank you, I really appreciate this great honor. There are many legal services staff and supporters that deserve to be honored for the work they do to help our clients. I have been fortunate to work with truly wonderful people, some I know and many others I wish I had gotten to know. I thank God, that He opened the door and closed some windows so that I could have this career in legal services. I took a lot of joy and satisfaction knowing that if I did a good job my co-workers could accomplish more for our clients. I will miss my co-workers and friends when I retire but will always treasure my time with legal services in P.A.*

*Phyllis E. Duillaume*



# Congratulations

**Phyllis Guillaume**

**CFO and Director of Administration**

*Samuel W. Milkes Outstanding Leadership Award*



There are so many words to describe the incredible impact you have had on our organization and the PLAN Network. More than anything, our staff and Board of Directors are eternally **grateful** for your years of dedication to helping every Pennsylvanian access affordable homes and utility services.



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*Phyllis-*

We are so proud of the  
work you have done, the  
person you are, and the  
difference you have  
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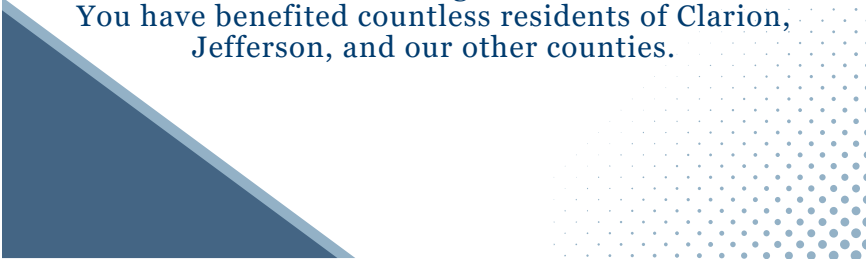


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This well-deserved award and recognition is a testament to your tireless service and outstanding accomplishments for Laurel Legal Services and Summit Legal Aid.

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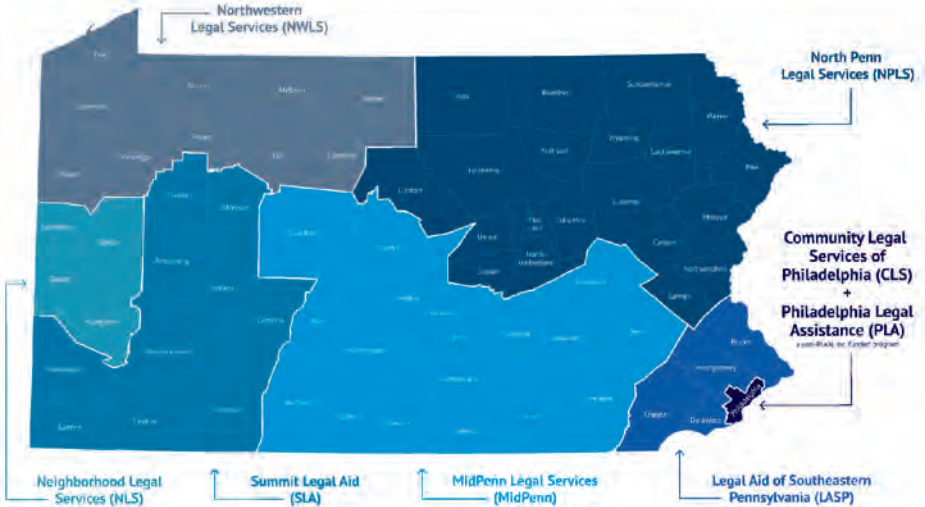
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