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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Announces 2018 “Equal Access to Justice” Dinner

WHITE PLAINS, NY -- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), the only provider of free, comprehensive, civil legal services to those that cannot afford it when their basic human needs are at stake, will hold its ***Equal Access to Justice Dinner*** on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at the Ritz-Carlton, Westchester in White Plains. The event is the organization’s premiere fundraiser of the year, welcoming more than 400 attorneys, business leaders, judges, legislators, and community members.

The event will honor **William P. Harrington**, Partner and Chairman of the Executive Committee, at Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP; as well as the law firm **Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP** and the **Entergy Corporation**.

The **2018 *Equal Access to Justice Dinner*** will be co-chaired by **Marc L. Greenwald**, Partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, **Jonathan C. Harris**, General Counsel and Secretary, MBIA Inc., and **Vanessa Kaye Watson**, Vice President, Senior Managing Counsel, Mastercard International Incorporated. Additionally, more than 60 prominent individuals will lend both their name and support to the event committee.

All of the proceeds from the **2018 *Equal Access to Justice Dinner*** will benefit the organization’s efforts to “Provide Legal Services to Children and Families throughout the Hudson Valley” so that vulnerable households have a roof over their head... a fair chance at employment opportunities... a feeling of safety in their own homes... food and subsistence income... and access to quality education. When 1 in 4 children live in poverty in Westchester, and the number of homeless students in the County has increased 48 percent over the past six years, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is one of the best, most efficient interventions to break the cycle of poverty and improve our communities.

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“The work that we do keeps families in their homes, protects survivors of domestic violence, saves children from neglect, defends seniors against abuse, and serves veterans on the home front,” said LSHV CEO, Barbara Finkelstein. “Since our founding more than 50 years ago, we have been a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of our neighbors at the most desperate times in their lives.” Last year alone the organization handled more than 15,500 cases impacting more than 36,000 household members.

Tickets to the **2018 Equal Access to Justice Dinner** start at \$325 per person, and sponsorship opportunities start at \$4,000. For more information or to contribute to the **2018 Equal Access to Justice Dinner** on April 10th, please visit www.lshv.org, or contact Tom Gabriel, Chief Development Officer, at 914-949-1305 ext 160.

Photo 1: 2018 Equal Access to Justice Dinner Co-Chairs, Marc L. Greenwald, Partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, Jonathan C. Harris, General Counsel and Secretary, MBIA Inc., and Vanessa Kaye Watson, Vice President, Senior Managing Counsel, Mastercard International Incorporated.

Photo 2: Honoree, William P. Harrington

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