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2025 EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR “EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO SERVICE”

Alan Mills (accepted via videoconference)

Presenter: Hon. Mary M. Rowland



AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO SERVICE

Michael G. Babbitt (award accepted posthumously by his family)

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall



Binal J. Patel, Brian Apel, and Christian T. Wolfgram

Presenter: Hon. Mary M. Rowland



Joseph Dusek
Presenter: Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer



Reid Schar, Alexis Bates, Hope Tone-O'Keefe, Megan Cahillane, Michael Pearson, Tomi Johnson, Sara Hickey, and Naeem Shabbir Nulwala
Presenter: Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on behalf of Hon. Thomas M. Durkin



Emily Haus Stone and Magistrate Judge Laura K. McNally
Presenter: Hon. Gabriel A. Fuentes



John D. Mitchell, Amanda Amert, and Will Weber
Presenter: Hon. Keri L. Holleb Hotaling



Devlin Joseph Schoop
Presenter: Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman



Daniel A. Spira, Emily Woodring, Thomas H. Collier, Jonathan Dussik, and Ian C. Ferrell
Presenter: Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman



Douglas Matton
Presenter: Hon. Martha M. Pacold



John Gekas and Nathan Henderson
Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. Jeffrey Cole



Rami Fakhouri

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. Jeffrey Cole



Jacie Zolna

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. Jorge L. Alonso



Melissa F. Gold and Timothy Ray

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. M. David Weisman



**Heather Benzmilller Sultanian, Natalie C. Chan, Leslie Kuhn-Thayer, Andrew F. Rodheim,
Rebecca Lewis Tierney, and Stephen Beemsterboer**

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. Iain D. Johnston



Andrew Fraker and Joseph Sherling
Presenter: Hon. Andrea R. Wood



Stacey Lynn Wilkins
Presenter: Hon. Sunil R. Harjani



Meredith McBride and Andrew Rima

Presenter: Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall on behalf of Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly



NOT PICTURED

Pravin B. Rao

David Callahan, Justin Kirschner, Genevieve Zimmerman, and Margaret Babad