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Mary Philbrook

30th Annual Public Interest Awards Celebration

Wednesday, September 30, 2015
The Women’s Law Caucus
The Association for Public Interest Law
The Rutgers Law–Camden Alumni Association
and The Camden County Bar Association
proudly present the

2015 MARY PHILBROOK
PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD

to

The Honorable Marsha H. Neifield
President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court

and honor

Professor Sally F. Goldfarb
on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the
Violence Against Women Act

and

The Domestic Violence Program
on its 20th anniversary

September 30, 2015

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Law School
Welcome

Kelley Keane-Dawes, Class of 2016
President, Women’s Law Caucus

Ryann Aaron, Class of 2016
President, Association for Public Interest Law

Lloyd Freeman ’07
Chancellor, Rutgers Law–Camden
Alumni Association

Jenifer G. Fowler
President, Camden County Bar Association

Phoebe A. Haddon
Chancellor, Rutgers University–Camden

Introduction of the Marshall-Brennan Fellows and Michael Young Scholars and Acknowledgment of Past Fellows and Scholars

Jill Friedman
Associate Dean, Pro Bono and Public Interest Program and Director, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project

Dean’s Welcome

John Oberdiek
Co-Dean, Rutgers Law School

Presentation of Student Awards and Acknowledgment of Past Student Honorees

Pam Mertsock-Wolfe
Associate Director, Pro Bono and Public Interest Program

Kathryn Morris, Class of 2017
Chair, Student Honoree Selection Committee
Presentation to Professor Goldfarb

**Penny M. Venetis**  
Clinical Professor of Law and Director,  
International Human Rights Clinic;  
Executive Vice President and Legal Director,  
Legal Momentum

**Sadé Calin, Class of 2017**  
Vice President, Women's Law Caucus

Presentation to Professors Chase, Mallgrave, and Robbins

**Kathleen P. Stockton ’97**  
Partner, Archer & Greiner, P.C.

**Tsahai Byers, Class of 2018**  
**Brandon Pugh, Class of 2018**  
Members, Philbrook Celebration Organizing Committee

Introduction of Honoree and Presentation of Award

**Carol E. Tracy**  
Executive Director, The Women's Law Project and 2008 Philbrook Honoree

**Erin Yerke, Class of 2017**  
Women’s Law Caucus  
Mary Philbrook Co-Chair

Honoree’s Remarks

**The Honorable Marsha H. Neifield**  
President Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court

Closing

**Rand E. Rosenblatt**  
Professor of Law

**Ann E. Freedman**  
Associate Professor of Law,  
Philbrook Advisor and Co-Founder
Marsha H. Neifield, a Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge for more than 17 years, has been President Judge since election by her peers in 2009. Judge Neifield is a role model for the legal community and a reminder to those who work in public interest law the difference that one individual’s efforts can make. She has demonstrated a remarkable ability to build networks, solve problems, and provide creative leadership. The first woman to serve as President Judge of Philadelphia Municipal Court, she has implemented numerous collaborative efforts to address unmet community needs and advance social justice, and has reformed court procedures to better promote fairness and efficiency.

In the Civil Division of the Court, Judge Neifield helped establish the Landlord-Tenant Legal Help Center, in partnership with the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Civil Gideon and Access to Justice Task Force and other community groups. In the Criminal Division, she served on the Arraignment Court Magistrate and Criminal Rules Committees and was instrumental in developing procedures centralizing the mental health program as well as streamlining protracted cases. Judge Neifield is currently working with the Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office to rebuild the shared Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System, which processes individuals from arrest through preliminary arraignment. Similarly, building on the model of Philadelphia Drug Treatment Court, which began in 1997, Municipal Court now has a remarkable variety of community partnership, problem-solving programs, and alternatives to traditional prosecution tracks, while remaining steadfast concerning public safety.

Since Judge Neifield began her leadership role, the court initiated a Veteran’s Court and a Small Amount of Marijuana Diversion Program, and expanded its use of technology in Crash Court (for prisoners who have been unable to make bail). In 2010, Judge Neifield worked with criminal justice partners to pilot a community-based diversionary program, using a restorative approach to give criminal defendants charged with lesser offenses the tools to improve their lives, avoid a conviction and reduce recidivism. This program, which became known as the Alternative Misdemeanor Program, expanded citywide after only a few months. As a leader who not only works behind the scenes but also leads by example, Judge Neifield manages her duties as President Judge while presiding over Project Dawn Court (for women charged with prostitution), Mental Health Court, Domestic Violence Court, and The Choice is Yours program, which offers nonviolent drug offenders the opportunity to participate in a life skills and job training program, resulting in the dismissal of charges upon successful completion.

Judge Neifield’s experiences with both defendants and complainants give her unique insight into the need for programs that address crime and its underlying causes. The pressing problems of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic violence, for example, have led to particularly innovative programming. In Project Dawn Court (PDC), women who have been arrested for prostitution, who are often marginalized by society, are treated with dignity and respect and provided access to trauma treatment, housing, and ancil-
lary services that emphasize therapy for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking. Judge Neifield’s work in PDC has involved promoting community awareness concerning commercial sexual exploitation, improving relationships with local law enforcement, and enhancing treatment services by supporting trauma and mental health first-aid initiatives. The program has been remarkably successful and serves as a model for other communities.

Seeing the need to also address the demand side, Judge Neifield worked collaboratively to introduce the Sexual Education and Responsibility (SER) program, which was launched in 2011. SER was developed as a first-time offender program that educates individuals arrested for patronizing prostitutes about the realities of prostitution, sexual assault, communicable diseases, and various forms of human trafficking. The fees collected through the SER program are used to fund ongoing survivor services for a program used by many PDC women. Judge Neifield has made similarly important contributions to domestic violence response. In addition to presiding in Domestic Violence Court, she led the effort in 2014 to collectively establish a Domestic Violence Diversion Court, which helps to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing treatment and accountability for misdemeanor-level abusers.

A graduate of Temple University’s Beasley School of Law, Judge Neifield serves on the advisory boards of Villanova’s Commercial Sexual Exploitation Institute and two drug treatment programs. She is a member of the Criminal Inn of Court, as well as the Temple American Inn of Court, where she serves on the board. Prior to her election to the Municipal Court bench, Judge Neifield was a Public Defender in Bucks County and Philadelphia and a criminal and civil litigator in private practice. The Legal Intelligencer named Judge Neifield one of its 2012 Women of the Year. She and her husband, Alan Folkman, have one daughter, Marni.
Two decades ago, when President Bill Clinton signed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) into federal law, Rutgers Law School Professor Sally F. Goldfarb was there for the signing ceremony. Professor Goldfarb played a key role in the creation of the act, which was the first federal law to address the problems of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other types of gender-motivated violence. VAWA authorized new legal penalties for domestic violence and sexual assault; provided funds to assist victims, nonprofit organizations, police, and prosecutors; improved enforcement of domestic violence restraining orders; established a national toll-free domestic violence hotline; amended the federal rules of evidence to restrict the admission of evidence concerning a victim's prior sexual activity; and reformed immigration law to protect immigrants who are victims of violence.

Professor Goldfarb helped to draft VAWA, including the section declaring a federal civil right to be free from gender-motivated violence. After the Supreme Court invalidated the civil rights provision in 2000, Professor Goldfarb has worked closely with federal government officials and others in efforts to restore this important legislation. She has also assisted with periodic reauthorizations of VAWA, which have strengthened and expanded the statute.

In addition, Professor Goldfarb conceived of, founded, and chaired the National Task Force on the Violence Against Women Act, the first broad-based national coalition to advocate for legal and policy reform on issues of violence against women. After mobilizing to support passage of VAWA, the National Task Force has continued its vital mission and remains active today.

Twenty years after the original enactment of VAWA, in recognition of her work on this landmark statute, Professor Goldfarb was selected by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence as a recipient of its 20/20 Vision Award, presented at the American Bar Association annual meeting in August. She was also invited to the White House for a summit on civil rights and equal protection for women.

Working to advance women’s rights has been a lifelong professional pursuit for Professor Goldfarb. Before joining the Rutgers University faculty in 1995, she was a senior staff attorney at the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (now known as Legal Momentum) in New York City. Previously, she worked as a judicial clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin; as a Georgetown University Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellow at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C.; and as an assistant attorney general in the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Professor Goldfarb has presented testimony on violence against women before the United States Congress and state legislatures. Her expertise on this issue is recognized at the international level. On three occasions, she has been a member of Expert Groups on violence against women convened by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women or UN Women.
Professor Goldfarb has participated in many academic symposia and is the author of numerous articles and book chapters on violence against women, family law, sex discrimination, and other topics. Several of her publications have been excerpted in casebooks that are used at law schools throughout the country. Most recently, she co-authored a book chapter on violence against women and children as an international human rights violation. She has served on a number of boards and commissions, including the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts, the Board of Advisers for the American Law Institute’s Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution, and the Child Custody Committee of the American Bar Association Family Law Section.

At Rutgers Law School, Professor Goldfarb teaches family law, sex discrimination, and torts. An enthusiastic and engaging teacher, she has won four teaching awards at Rutgers. She has served as faculty adviser to the Rutgers Law Journal, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and Outlaws.

Professor Goldfarb has also taught at Harvard University, New York University, and University of Pennsylvania law schools. She graduated summa cum laude from Yale College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received her law degree from Yale Law School.
The Domestic Violence Program was started in 1995 when Diana Avella, Camden’s first Coordinator of Pro Bono Programs and Public Interest Advising, in collaboration with the Family Law Section of the Camden County Bar Association, created the Domestic Violence Project. In 1996, Anne Mallgrave LAW’88 became the project’s first supervising attorney, followed in 2000 by Professor Ruth Anne Robbins LAW ’91. Throughout the project’s 20-year history, trained law students have volunteered for shifts at the Camden County courthouse to provide legal information to people seeking restraining orders, meeting with between 350 and 700 people each year. The project, directed again by Professor Mallgrave for the past several years, also distributes our “Protecting Yourself: Domestic Violence Information Handbook,” a booklet written by students with Professors Mallgrave and Robbins and regularly revised and updated. The booklet includes information on safety planning, how to prepare for a final restraining order hearing, and what relief may be awarded pursuant to a final restraining order. The appendix includes domestic violence wheels (including the cycle of violence) and a list of resources/agencies in the area.

Project students offer the booklet to every plaintiff they meet with at the courthouse and use it as a tool when speaking with them. All county agencies who work with victims of domestic violence also receive copies, including the Camden County Women’s Center, Domestic Violence Response Teams, Camden County Prosecutor’s Office Victim/Witness Advocates office, Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Center for Family Services, SERV (sexual assault victims), and numerous police departments, who report that it is a remarkably helpful resource for the public. The project currently distributes approximately 1,200 booklets a year. In addition to IOLTA funds and Philbrook proceeds, a gift from alumna Deborah McCracken LAW ’92 assists with booklet printing and enables the project to employ two students as student leaders.

During its early years, the project referred plaintiffs with pressing needs for pro bono legal representation to a panel of volunteer attorneys from the Family Law Section, including Susan A. Lowden LAW’90 and E. Allen Nickerson LAW’66, both of whom were honored at the 2001 Philbrook Award Celebration for their outstanding and invaluable work with the project. Over the years, South Jersey Legal Services and the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice have also provided assistance. In January 2003, Professor Ruth Anne Robbins started the Domestic Violence Clinic, under the supervision of Clinic Director Alice Dueker. Professor Victoria Chase LAW ’98 joined the clinic in August 2004 and is now the program director. In the clinic, student teams, under the supervision of their professors, represent clients at final restraining order hearings, help staff the Domestic Violence Project, and may assist in appellate litigation and consultation with the legislature and other policy makers about pending issues in domestic violence law. In 2005, Professors Chase and Robbins created the Advanced Domestic Violence Clinic to allow graduates of the clinic to continue representation of their clients and handle more challenging matters, such as the enforcement of restraining orders and other post judgment relief and family law and child custody issues arising in a domestic violence context. The Clinic and Advanced Clinic serve about 70 to 80 people per year, with about 50 of those individuals
receiving direct representation or other services beyond advice and counsel at the court house. In addition to Camden County, these two clinics serve Burlington, Gloucester, and, on occasion, Atlantic counties.

The Domestic Violence Program also includes other curricular offerings, including Professor Ann Freedman’s course on Family Violence and the Law and Professor Schalick’s Child Abuse and Neglect Law, both of which are also part of the Law School’s new Family Law Certificate Program. The program also sponsors interdisciplinary conferences on domestic violence and sexual assault, and provides trainings on an ongoing basis to members of the domestic violence service community, including police officers, shelter advocates, and municipal crisis intervention team members. Collaborations with the Camden County Domestic Violence Working Group, the Victim-Witness Advocates at the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office, the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice, and the Camden County Crisis Response Teams have been particularly fruitful.

Professor Robbins is the co-author, with Judge Angelo DiCamillo and Michael Abatemarco LAW ’01, of New Jersey Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure, first published in 2002, the leading reference work on the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, with a fourth edition coming in 2016. Over the years, Professors Chase, Freedman, Goldfarb, Schalick, and Robbins have provided advice to New Jersey legislators on domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and sexual assault issues, including the pending Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act, and the possibility of expanding the right to civil counsel to domestic violence cases.
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<td>Professor Nadine Taub</td>
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<td>Louis S. Rulli ’74</td>
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2003
The Honorable Judith H. Wizmur ’74
United States Bankruptcy Court,
Camden, New Jersey

2004
Judith Bernstein-Baker
HIAS and Council,
Migration Service of Philadelphia

Carole Wood
Immigration Coordinator,
Camden Center for Law and Social Justice

2005
The Honorable
Theodore A. McKee
United States Court of Appeals for the
Third Circuit

2006
Catherine C. Carr
Executive Director, Community Legal
Services of Philadelphia

2007
The Honorable Deborah Poritz
Chief Justice, New Jersey Supreme
Court (Retired)

2008
Carol E. Tracy
Executive Director,
The Women’s Law Project, Philadelphia

2009
Yvonne Smith Segars
Public Defender, The State of New Jersey

2010
Drewry Nash Fennell ’97
Executive Director,
Delaware Criminal Justice Council

2011
Harold B. Garwin ’72
Executive Director,
Community Health Law

2012
Kevin D. Walsh ’99
Associate Director,
Fair Share Housing Center

2013
The Honorable Virginia Long
Former Associate Justice,
New Jersey Supreme Court

2014
Tiffany L. Palmer ’98
Social Justice Activist and Shareholder,
Jerner & Palmer, P.C.
PHILBROOK STUDENT HONOREE BIOGRAPHIES

Ryann Aaron, Class of 2016
Ryann recognized early in his law school career that his prior work as a CPA put him in a unique position to contribute effectively to the Camden community through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Pro Bono Project. Ryann served as a student site leader in VITA during both his 1L and 2L years. With a passion for supporting his community, Ryann also has taken on increasing responsibility, volunteering on the Voters’ Rights Pro Bono Project and serving in 2014-15 as the Mary Philbrook Student Selection Committee Chair, APIL Auction Co-chair, and OUTLaws President. In the latter role, Ryann organized a successful panel discussion focusing on police practices and policies that target the transgender community. Now in his 3L year, Ryann continues his efforts as APIL President and Student Leader for VITA. With hopes of practicing as a corporate attorney in the greater New York area, Ryann is excited about the prospect of continuing his commitment to pro bono and public service after graduation.

Joshua Bauers, Class of 2015
Josh is the inaugural Maida Public Interest Post-Graduate Fellow, pursuing fairer housing for New Jersey residents. After earning an undergraduate degree in social work, Josh became a part-time evening law student, serving as an editor on the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion and as Secretary of the International Law Society. Josh contributed to many pro bono projects, including Street Law, Planning Estates Pro Bono (PEP), and the Domestic Violence Project. As a student researcher for the Pro Bono Research Project, Josh completed several projects for the New Jersey Law Revision Commission. Josh was heavily involved in the Learn, Empower, and Advocate for the Developmentally Disabled (LEAD) Pro Bono Project, and continues as an attorney advisor. During law school, he also contributed to the Fair Share Housing Center’s “testing” for racial discrimination in the local housing market, and worked for other local non-profits including Catholic Charities and Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS) where he assisted low-income families in financial planning, entitlements counseling, and locating affordable housing. A member of the Board of Directors of Planting Seeds of Hope (PSH), Josh has promoted integration and community stabilization through neighborhood planning and community gardening. He also participates in a program that generates searching discussions about spirituality, race, sexuality, and politics. At graduation, Josh received the Dean’s Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service for completing over 100 pro bono hours and the Eve Biskind Klothen Pro Bono Distinction Award. The Law School is proud that Josh is carrying forward its core value of service as a Maida Fellow at Fair Share Housing, under the supervision of Executive Director Kevin Walsh, LAW ’99, Philbrook Student Public Interest Awardee and 2012 Philbrook Awardee.
Linwood Donelson, Class of 2016

Linwood has been committed to the education of children in his local community since being elected to his local board of education at nineteen in 2010 while attending Stockton University. While continuing to serve on the Lower Alloways Creek Board of Education, he was also appointed to the Salem County Special Services and Vocational Technical Schools Board of Education in 2013. His commitment to education has also led him to increase his advocacy for the schools by becoming involved in local and county politics, which led him to an internship in the Washington office of Congressman Frank LoBiondo and an Eagleton Fellowship this past academic year. Through a partnership between the Child and Family Advocacy Clinic and First Star Academy at Rowan University, he also worked with Professor Meredith Schalick, helping children who have been involved with the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency prepare for high school and college. He is currently enrolled in the Civil Practice Clinic and is committed to continuing to help children and families in his community, which led to his decision to seek the office of Salem County Surrogate this fall.

Frantz Duncan, Class of 2016

Frantz decided to attend Rutgers Law School to pursue a career in public service. In his first year, Frantz began volunteering as a court mediator. To further his passion to help others, he divided his first summer between the Mediation Department of the Office of the Public Defender for the State of New Jersey, and Seton Hall Law School’s Summer Institute of Pre-Legal Studies, which serves students whose promise is threatened by disadvantages. Frantz currently works with the Camden County Juvenile Conference Committee to help rehabilitate Camden County youth. Frantz’s passion is to help protect the rights and dignity of youth who cannot help themselves. As such, he spent a week in Guatemala advocating on behalf of deported immigrant children as part of a course with Professors Gottesman and Mandelbaum. Frantz is currently working on juvenile expungement matters and serving as Student Leader of the Hon. Judith Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project, and expects to work in the Children’s Justice Clinic in his final semester. After a judicial clerkship, Frantz aspires to work for the Public Defender’s Office handling juvenile matters.
Caitlin C. Faye, Class of 2016
Caitlin has been deeply committed to working in public interest throughout her life. During high school, she volunteered both with local organizations and, as an exchange student in Bolivia, at a local day care. During college, she organized events concerning domestic violence, helped organize a community immigration forum, and taught local high school students about the United Nations. She also conducted research on living conditions and reintegration strategies in Senegalese prisons, where she taught English to inmates twice a week. After college, she worked at a community organization in Southwest Philadelphia, serving the African immigrant population. She then returned to Senegal on a Fulbright scholarship, where she led marketing research on local rice in order to improve food security. During law school, Caitlin has maintained her commitment to public service. She interned at Philadelphia Legal Assistance, where she helped file migrant farmworker employment claims. She also worked at HIAS Pennsylvania, an organization that provides legal services to low-income immigrants. More recently, she interned with the Defender Association of Philadelphia and the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, often working on cases in which criminal and immigration proceedings overlap. Caitlin’s commitment to public service, and in particular to serving the low-income immigrant community, makes her a standout member of the Rutgers community.

Alexis Franklin, Class of 2016
Alexis, who is the mother of two wonderful daughters, Amaya and Amira, graduated from Stanford University in 2005. During her eight year hiatus between Stanford University and Rutgers Law, she worked as a paralegal in a toxic tort firm that successfully sued the oil industry for contaminating water supplies throughout the country. She also worked as a paralegal in a Social Security disability firm, assisting numerous clients in attaining benefits. She also volunteered as a tutor, mentor and basketball coach for girls of middle school age. As a law student, she has been involved in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Pro Bono Project, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund’s voter protection program. She assisted in organizing multiple community programs through the Black Law Students Association, and is currently Student Leader of the 501(c)(3) Pro Bono Project. Alexis hopes to continue working in an area of law where she can advocate for those who would otherwise not have a voice.

Matthew George, Class of 2015
Matthew George has dedicated himself to supporting people when they are most vulnerable. Throughout law school, he worked with the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project, first as a volunteer and then as a student co-director. Whether providing information to victims at the local courthouse or training new Project volunteers, Matthew exemplified both empathy and professionalism. This experience led him to enroll in the Domestic Violence Clinic, where he represented plaintiffs in restraining order hearings and co-drafted an appellate brief. Matthew’s passion and performance in the Project and Clinic and in his domestic violence classes earned him the Lisa & Kolin Pimental Memorial Award at graduation in May of 2015. While in law school, Matthew worked for two summers with the State’s Attorney’s Office in Allegany County, Maryland as a researcher and a student attorney. After admission to the bar, Matthew hopes to work as a prosecutor in his home state of Maryland, specializing in special victims and domestic violence cases.
Amanda O’Keefe, Class of 2016
Amanda is pursuing a career advocating for individuals with disabilities. Inspired by her younger sister, who lives with medical disabilities, Amanda founded Learn, Empower & Advocate for the Developmentally Disabled (LEAD) in the summer following her first year with support from Professor Herbert Hinkle. LEAD educates families caring for individuals with disabilities about the state and federal resources available to them. To further her work advocating for people with disabilities, Amanda serves as a student representative to the Chancellor’s Disability Advisory Council and co-presents disability awareness training sessions to Rutgers faculty and staff members. Amanda is also a student leader for Planning Estates Pro Bono (PEP), a project in which law students visit elder facilities to draft wills, powers of attorney and medical directives for low-income elderly residents free of charge. In her second year, Amanda was invited to serve on the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Unmet Legal Needs, co-chaired by former Supreme Court Justices Helen E. Hoens and Virginia A. Long. The commission is addressing the justice gap facing New Jersey’s low- and moderate-income residents, while also helping to create opportunities for unemployed and underemployed attorneys. To date, Amanda has logged over 250 hours of pro bono work, all while maintaining a full course load. After graduation, Amanda plans to continue pursuing a legal career advocating for people with disabilities at Hinkle, Fingles & Prior, P.C.

Matthew Schorr, Class of 2015
Matthew Schorr’s commitment to helping others became apparent at a young age. At 13, Matthew led a soda can tab collection campaign that raised hundreds of dollars for the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. In high school and college, Matthew participated in many community service projects and fundraising events. During his three years at Rutgers School of Law, Matthew logged over 100 hours of pro bono work through several different projects, including the Financial Literacy Pro Bono Project; the Planning Estates Pro Bono (PEP) Project; the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project; the Hon. Judith Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project; the 501(c)(3) Pro Bono Project; and the Mediation Pro Bono Project, for which he served as co-leader for two years. He continues to oversee mediations at the Court in partnership with the Mediation Project. In addition to pro bono activities, Matthew served as Student Bar Association President, as well as a member of the executive boards of several other law student organizations. More recently, Matthew and his fiancé Jory have opened The Cat’s Meow Rescue, a nonprofit that has found homes for hundreds of cats. Matthew is clerking in the Superior Court of New Jersey in Camden.
PAST STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS
Listed By Law School Graduation Year

Nii Obeng (Sonny) Ankrah, 1999
Jacqueline Caban, 1999
Meredith Schalick, 1999
Kevin Walsh, 1999
Jean Connolly, 2000
Elizabeth Livingstone, 2000
Kay Radwanski, 2000
Robert Wright, 2000
Kelly Coia, 2000
Susanna Gray, 2000
Valarie McPherson, 2000
Karen Francis, 2001
Christine Heer, 2001
Danielle Joseph, 2001
John Price, 2001
Marisa Krause, 2001
James Lubrich, 2001
Zoe McLaughlin, 2001
Michael Schleigh, 2001
Mellany Alio, 2002
Lynne Killmeyer, 2002
Jodina Hoobler-Hicks, 2002
Megan Willoughby, 2002
John Cardwell, 2002
Sharon L. Piccioni, 2002
Lisa Raufer, 2002
Dalia Zaza, 2002
Ellen Bailey, 2003
Matt Burns, 2003
Jared Littman, 2003
Blaise Pittman, 2003
Debra Rainey, 2003
Kimm Tynan, 2003
Rachel Fais Partyka, 2003
Stephanie Sanderson, 2003
Carolyn Buccerone, 2004
Keith Campbell, 2004

Trevor Kwan, 2004
Bill McLaughlin, 2004
Belinda Roberts, 2004
Krista Trani, 2004
Oliver Cleary, 2004
Keith Walsh, 2004
Matthew Abatemarco, 2005
William “Rob” Frantz, 2005
Daniella Gordon, 2005
Shawnda Grady, 2005
Maggie Niebler, 2005
Joseph Turk, 2005
Temperance Williamson, 2005
Kristy Hausinger, 2005
Kyle G. Phillips, 2005
Macavan Baird, 2006
Sam Hoffman, 2006
Amanda M. Lanham, 2006
Robert “Reb” Loucas, 2006
Kristina Rencic, 2006
Jennifer Shamwell, 2006
Dina Wizmur, 2006
Lisa Junghahn, 2006
Kevin Leipow, 2006
Bridget Coyne, 2007
David Gallivan, 2007
Maria Hernandez, 2007
Jeffrey Klamut, 2007
Robert O’Brien, 2007
Matthew Rudolph, 2007
Sarah Wang, 2007
Lloyd Freeman, 2007
Wesley Huber, 2007
Kimberly Wong, 2007
Marissa Band, 2008
Carrie S. Ford, 2008
Ariel Gornizky, 2008
Esther Huang, 2008
Tiffany Dionne Johnson, 2008
Zorayda J. Moreira-Smith, 2008
Catherine Salansky, 2008
Gregory B. Thomlison, 2008
Joseph A. Venti, 2008
Michelle A. Westcoat, 2008
Lynda Hinkle, 2009
Shana Mattson, 2009
Nhan Tu, 2009
Catherine Williams, 2009
Conor Wilson, 2009
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Mary Philbrook was born in Washington, D.C., on August 6, 1872, the daughter of a feminist mother and lawyer father, and moved to New Jersey when she was six years old. After high school, Philbrook apprenticed with the Hoboken law firm of Russ and Oppenheimer. There she met James Minturn, later a New Jersey Supreme Court justice, who encouraged her interest in the law. On February 20, 1894, he moved her admission to the New Jersey Bar. Although over 300 women were already practicing as attorneys in 30 other states, the New Jersey Supreme Court denied Philbrook admission. Cecilia Gaines, president of the Jersey City Woman’s Club, and other New Jersey suffragists successfully lobbied for legislative change and on August 6, 1895, Mary Philbrook was the first woman to be admitted. In 1906, Philbrook also became the first New Jersey woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

After working for the Jersey City law firm of Bacot and Record, Philbrook started her own practice, which she later moved to Newark. She volunteered as counsel for the Legal Aid Society, championing such causes as child labor reform, extension of the probation system, a state reformatory for women, and separate juvenile courts. Philbrook participated in investigations into “white slavery,” which contributed to the passage of the Mann Act, and even took street children into her own home until she could find adequate placement for them. Philbrook also helped Mabel Smith Douglass and the College Club of Jersey City to promote the founding of the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass Residential College at Rutgers University–New Brunswick).

During the suffrage campaign, Philbrook supported the militant activism of Alice Paul and her National Woman’s Party. After the 19th Amendment was adopted, Philbrook’s focus became the complete emancipation of women, especially in New Jersey. She resigned from a position for the City of Newark in protest because she was being treated differently than the men, assigned only cases in family law and not given the same desk or office space as other legal assistants in the office. Philbrook organized efforts to amend the state constitution to include an equal rights provision and to reword the preamble to affirm women’s rights. Her last major triumph, during the 1947 New Jersey Constitutional Convention, was the replacement of references to “men” with references to “persons.” This language guarantees equal rights for people in New Jersey without regard to sex or gender.

After prolonged illness, Mary Philbrook passed away on September 2, 1958. We are grateful for her contributions to social justice and equality and for her inspiring example.
ABOUT THE MARY PHILBROOK
AWARD CELEBRATION

The Philbrook Celebration began in 1986, under the leadership of Professor Ann E. Freedman, as the successor event to the Rutgers Women's Law Caucus' networking dinner, with the idea of combining a wonderful social occasion with inspiring reflections on lives and careers shaped by dedication to the public interest. The student public interest awards, inaugurated in 1999 at the suggestion of Professor Freedman and 1998 Philbrook Honoree Lou Rulli, have recognized dozens of outstanding students for their dedicated work on behalf of social justice and equality. The Law Alumni Association has co-sponsored the event since 1998, joined in 2000 by the Association for Public Interest Law, and in 2005, by the Camden County Bar Association. Since 2003, the Pro Bono and Public Interest Program has joined Professor Freedman in shaping and executing the event. Former Assistant Dean Eve Biskind Klothen was recognized at the 2013 celebration for her many contributions to Philbrook and her lifelong dedication to public service.

The Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award Celebration has benefited from outstanding leadership on the part of alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the bench and bar, and has served to nurture critical leadership skills in students. While their names are too numerous to list here, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped create the distinctive tradition that has now continued for 30 years. Visit camlaw.rutgers.edu/philbrook for more information about the event’s history and the people who have helped along the way.
The Pro Bono and Public Interest Program at Rutgers Law School promotes a culture of public service within the law school community; provides opportunities for students to learn about and experience public interest work; manages the loan repayment assistance program on the Camden campus; and supports and assists students pursuing post-graduate fellowships and careers in the public sector. The Program supports the Association for Public Interest Law in Camden, the Public Interest Law Students’ Association in Newark, Alternative Spring Break programs, public interest fellowships and a range of public interest programs and activities. The Maida Scholars Program, which funds a post-graduate fellowship and summer public interest work throughout the state of New Jersey and beyond, is among the most generous such program at any public law school in the United States.

In partnership with South Jersey Legal Services, devoted alumni and members of the bench and bar, the Camden projects listed below are designed to help law students develop substantive expertise, professional networks and technical skills; to inculcate the pro bono ethic; and to increase access to justice for those with nowhere else to turn:

- **501(c)(3) Project** – helps local grassroots organizations with tax exemption and governance issues
- **Domestic Violence Project** – provides legal information to plaintiffs seeking Temporary and Final Restraining Orders at the Camden County courthouse
- **Financial Literacy Project** – provides information about credit, credit cards, budgeting, saving, computer security and internet safety
- **Hon. Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Project** – in partnership with the bankruptcy court and pro bono attorneys on the South Jersey Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Panel, assists no-asset Chapter 7 filers
- **Learn, Empower and Advocate for the Developmentally Disabled Project** – provides legal information about publicly funded resources available to families caring for loved ones with disabilities
- **Mediation Project** – provides complementary dispute resolution services in the Superior and Municipal Courts
- **Planning Estates Project** – provides end-of-life and other planning documents to low-income elderly area residents
- **Pro Bono Research Project** – under co-leadership with Professor Sarah Ricks, provides free legal research to nonprofit and government lawyers and to private lawyers on pro bono matters
- **Sandy Legal Relief Project** – in partnership with Legal Services of New Jersey and APIL, provides legal research and other assistance on matters arising from Hurricane Sandy, including consumer, insurance, and FEMA issues.
- **Street Law Project** – provides practical law-related education to youth at schools, detention centers, shelters and other sites.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project** – provides free income tax preparation for low-income area residents, enabling them to access Earned Income Tax and Child Care Tax Credits
- **Voters’ Rights Project** – registers Camden voters and—through an innovative partnership with the Board of Elections—monitors and reports on election protection processes.

In addition, Rutgers Law offers external opportunities in the New York and Philadelphia
metropolitan areas and throughout New Jersey for students to assist respected nonprofit partners such as the NJ Education Law Center in Newark, the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (PILCOP), the AIDS Law Project and others with critically important legal services projects such as the Juvenile Law Center’s Luzerne County “kids for cash” project.

Students who graduate with 50 or more hours of pro bono service are recognized at graduation, and those who complete 100 or more hours graduate with a Dean’s Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service.

Susan Feathers
Ariana Fink
Jill Friedman
Pam Mertsock-Wolfe

THE MAIDA PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Announced in 2015, the Maida Public Interest Scholars Program has elevated the already outstanding public interest program at Rutgers Law School to one of the leading public law school programs in the United States. A strategic $1 million gift from alumnus James Maida LAW ’90 and his wife Dr. Sharon Maida established the Fellowship Program and will pay up to 40 students each summer to work for public interest legal organizations in otherwise unpaid positions, imparting valuable professional experience to the students while advancing the public good. The Maida Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowship funds the full-time salary of a selected fellow working in the public interest. These extraordinary funding opportunities will also help attract a cohort of high-achieving prospective law students with a demonstrated commitment to social change.

Rutgers Law School has a proud tradition of placing students in critical public service internships, where they do everything from assisting abused and neglected children to taking on social causes like marriage equality. The Maidas’ $1 million gift over five years will create more opportunities throughout the state, enabling students to do more good, to build their public service bona fides, and to increase the likelihood they will successfully pursue public interest careers or prioritize pro bono work throughout their professional lives.

Rutgers Law School 2015 graduate Joshua Bauers serves as the inaugural post-graduate fellow at Fair Share Housing Center in Cherry Hill, New Jersey’s premier fair housing advocacy organization. Bauers came to Rutgers Law School at Camden with a background in social work, and was a member of the Association for Public Interest Law while a student. He was deeply involved with various pro bono projects at Rutgers, while working full time and serving as an intern at the Fair Share Housing Center. Bauers recognizes that where a person lives determines many things about his or her life, including educational opportunities, physical safety and other life opportunities.

Kevin Walsh LAW ’99, who was the first person to receive both a Philbrook Student Public Interest Award and, in 2012, a Philbrook Public Interest Award, serves as executive director of Fair Share Housing Center and supervises Josh’s fellowship. According to Walsh, who also was named 2012 Lawyer of the Year by the New Jersey Law Journal, “As we move into a new phase of our work, in which we implement a recent decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court, having Josh on board will result in more homes for lower-income New Jerseyans being available and will help Josh develop as a public interest lawyer.”
The APIL summer stipend program is supported by the spring APIL Auction, which last year raised nearly $25,000, and by Philbrook proceeds. Stipend recipients assist government and public interest agencies working with under-served populations. In 2015, 24 students were awarded stipends ranging from $1,000 to $2,500. Employment sites included the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office (N.J.), Department of Homeland Security (D.C.), Legal Aid of Southeastern Pa., N.J. Office of the Public Defender, and Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York.

One APIL scholarship recipient wrote, “[T]he funding I received from APIL . . . allowed me to take a summer internship that not only taught me a lot about the type of law I am interested in, but also provided me with valuable insight in serving [the immigrant community].” Another wrote, “And while the law was stacked against my clients, the successes felt like great achievements. Not only were we able to beat the odds stacked in the favor of the prison system, we were able to help people who had nowhere else to turn and who had limited resources.”

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- **Community And Transactional Lawyering Clinic** – Robert C. Holmes, Charles I. Auffant
- **Constitutional Rights Clinic** – Frank Askin, Ronald K. Chen, Jeena Shah, Penny Venetis (on leave)
- **Criminal & Youth Justice Clinic** – Laura Cohen
- **Domestic Violence Clinic** – Victoria Chase and Ruth Anne Robbins
- **Education & Health Law Clinic** – Esther Canty-Barnes, Jennifer Rosen Valverde
- **Federal Tax Law Clinic** – Sandy Freund, Cynthia W. Blum
- **Immigrant Justice Clinic** – Joanne Gottesman
- **Immigrant Rights Clinic** – Anjum Gupta
- **Intellectual Property Law Clinic** – John Kettle
- **International Human Rights Clinic** – Penny Venetis (on leave), Jeena Shah
- **Juvenile Justice Clinic** – Sandra Simkins
HYBRID CLINICS

- Advanced Legal Writing: Community Based Practice, with the Mazzoni Center – Jason Cohen
- Human Rights Advocacy & Litigation – Beth Stephens
- Interviewing & Counseling: Community Reentry Practicum – Bill McLaughlin
- Public Interest Research & Writing – Sarah Ricks
- Small Business Counseling – Dennis Talty

PRACTICE EXTERNSHIP AND JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP

Law students receive academic credit while working for various public and private non-profit agencies in civil and criminal legal settings or in state or federal trial or appellate judicial chambers.

THE MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT FELLOWSHIP

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project Fellowship, directed by Jill Friedman, prepares gifted second- and third-year law students to teach a course on Constitutional Law in Camden's high schools. Since the Camden chapter of this national program was established in 2002, fellows have taught hundreds of Camden students about their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution and have served as role models for civic engagement and leadership. Exceptional 2L fellows are selected as Michael Young Scholars and serve as teaching assistants in their 3L years. In addition to classroom teaching, the fellows facilitate a yearlong “moot court pre-law club” for children who live or attend school in Camden, fielding a team in national competition each spring.

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and the student public interest award honorees

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Prof. Sally Goldfarb
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as well as the recipients of the
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GIVE THEM A HAND.

DLA Piper congratulates The Honorable Marsha H. Neifield, President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, recipient of the Mary Philbrook 30th Annual Public Interest Award.

We also join Rutgers School of Law in recognizing tonight’s honoree, Professor Sally F. Goldfarb, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act and the Domestic Violence Program.
Congratulations to the accomplished recipients of the 2015 Mary Philbrook Public Interest Awards

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With special recognition of the exceptional work of Professor Sally F. Goldfarb and the Domestic Violence Program.

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Special thanks to Professor Ann Freedman for pouring her heart and soul into this signal law school event. For 30 years, the Philbrook has provided inspiration for generations of social justice lawyers, each year the “best Philbrook ever.”

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Rutgers Law Professor
On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of VAWA

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only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens.” – Plato

To all those being recognized at the Philbrook Award Celebration

Congratulations and Thank You!
You are a supreme example and inspiration to those of us who
strive to better our community and world.
We thank
our colleagues

Sally F. Goldfarb, Victoria Chase,
Anne Mallgrave & Ruth Anne Robbins

& congratulate

President Judge Marsha H. Neifield
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The 2015 Mary Philbrook
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Thank you for your contributions to the tradition of public interest lawyering at Rutgers Law School.

Professor Sally Goldfarb
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Sincerely,

The 2013 Mary Philbrook Student Honorees:

Maura Burk, Iveliz Crespo, Kiomeiry Csepes, Amanda Dalton, Tiara Greene, Samantha Gross, Maureen Ingersoll, Ragner Jaeger, and Stephen Raab
Thank you to the Rutgers Law School Domestic Violence Program for all you have done to help women and children in our community over the past 20 years. You have made a meaningful difference for many families, saved lives and offered hope for a better life.

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Heartfelt thanks to Professor Ann Freedman, Philbrook founder and inspirer-in-chief, for 30 of “the best Philbrooks ever.” Here’s to 30 more!

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For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly.
— Langston Hughes

Your partner and friend,
Jill Friedman
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Professor Sally F. Goldfarb, the Domestic Violence
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Thank you for your years of service!

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Sally Goldfarb
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Congratulations to OUTLaws member and Past President Ryann Aaron 2015 Mary Philbrook Student Honoree

The Family Law Faculty extend our heartfelt congratulations to The Honorable Marsha H. Neifield, Professor Sally Goldfarb, the Domestic Violence Program and the 2015 Philbrook Student Honorees

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Socialize and network while enjoying a buffet dinner, dessert & open bar. Ticket sales
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We commend your commitment to social justice and your outstanding work in support of the public interest!

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**Frantz Duncan**

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Join the SBA for the 2015 Barristers Ball and many other exciting events throughout the year. Check out the SBA website for event info and ways you can get involved.

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**CONGRATULATES**

Professor Sally Goldfarb and the Domestic Violence Program for their amazing achievements for the Law School and the Camden Community!
Thank you to all of our generous donors who have helped APIL rake up funds in support of Summer Public Interest Stipends!

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The Faculty and Staff of Rutgers Law School honor **Sally Goldfarb** and **The Domestic Violence Program** for their outstanding work advancing social justice and equality and congratulate this year’s recipients of Mary Philbrook Public Interest Awards

**The Honorable Marsha H. Neifield**

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We offer a heartfelt THANK YOU!
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Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to social justice!

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2015 Mary Philbrook Award Recipient

The Honorable Marsha H. Neifeld
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&

All of the 2015 Student Honorees!

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Professor Sally F. Goldfarb

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The Law School’s Domestic Violence Program on its 20th Anniversary

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