

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
AWARD RECIPIENTS
1988 - 2025**

Edward J. Duggan Award for Outstanding Service

	<u>Public Defender</u>	<u>Private Counsel</u>
1988	Brownlow M. Speer Chief Appellate Attorney	Louis D. Coffin Bristol County
1989	Milton L. Wright Attorney-in-Charge Roxbury Defenders Unit	Max D. Stern Suffolk County
1990	Lawrence J. McGuire Attorney-in-Charge Essex County	Kevin J. Reddington Plymouth County
1991	David M. Skeels Senior Trial Attorney Cambridge Office	John H. LaChance Middlesex County
1992	Robert F. Fandel Attorney-in-Charge Plymouth County	Arnold I. Abelow Suffolk Count & Paul V. Donahue Berkshire County
1993	Daniel E. Callahan, III Attorney-in-Charge Lowell Office	Eileen D. Agnes Middlesex County
1994	Carol A. Donovan Appeals Unit	Steven J. Sack Suffolk County
1995	Bruce R. Bono Senior Trial Attorney Boston Office	Robert L. Sheketoff Suffolk County
1996	Geoffrey C. Packard Senior Trial Counsel Cambridge Office	Peter L. Ettenberg Worcester County
1997	Stephanie Page Senior Trial Counsel Boston Office	Janice Bassil Suffolk County

1998	John G. Darrell Senior Trial Attorney Brockton office	John Salsberg Suffolk County
1999	Patricia A. O'Neill Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney	Terry Nagel Hampden County
2000	Mark D. Gagnon Barnstable Office (posthumously)	Stephen Hrones Suffolk County
2001	Gordon A. Oppenheim Attorney-in-Charge Norfolk County	Wendy H. Sibbison Franklin County
2002	Benjamin H. Keehn Appeals Unit	Randolph Gioia Suffolk County
2003	Bruce E. Ferg Cambridge Office	Joseph F. Krowski Plymouth County
2004	William W. Robinson Barnstable Office	Rosemary C. Scapicchio Suffolk County
2005	Christopher S. Skinner Salem Office	Charles K. Stephenson Hampshire County
2006	Michael S. Hussey Attorney-in-Charge Worcester County	Rebecca M. Young Suffolk County
2007	John P. Osler Attorney-in-Charge Cambridge Superior Court Office	James B. Krasnoo Middlesex County
2008	Beverly J. Cannone Attorney-in-Charge Dedham Superior Court Office	Larry Tipton Suffolk County
2009	Nona E. Walker Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney	Jonathan Shapiro Suffolk County
2010	Susan Oker Director Salem District Court Office	John A. Amabile Plymouth County
2011	Carlos D. Brito Director Fall River District Court Office	Peter J. Muse Norfolk County

2012	Alan Rubin Attorney-in-Charge Northampton Superior Court Office	Vivianne E. Jeruchim Suffolk County
2013	Anne Goldbach Forensic Services Director	John J. Barter Suffolk County
2014	Beth Eisenberg Director Special Litigation Unit	Jack Courtney Suffolk County
2015	Denise Regan Senior Trial Counsel Salem Superior Court Office	John H. Cunha, Jr. Suffolk County
2016	John S. Redden Attorney-in-Charge Brockton Superior Court Office	Luke Ryan Hampden County
2017	Joanne Daley Attorney-in-Charge Lowell Superior Court Office	Andrew S. Crouch Middlesex County
2018	Richard D. LeBlanc Attorney in-Charge Pittsfield Superior Court Office	Jeanne Earley Middlesex County
2019	Yolanda Acevedo Attorney-in-Charge Roxbury Office	Lois J. Martin Suffolk County
2020	Nathaniel Green Attorney-in-Charge Pittsfield Office	Jeffrey S. Brown Hampshire County
2022	Craig Tavares Attorney-in-Charge Brockton Office	Dana Curhan Suffolk County
2023	Steven Van Dyke Trial Attorney PDD Malden	Richard J. Farrell, Jr. Supervising Attorney Worcester Bar Advocates
2024	Lynda Dantas Attorney-in-Charge Lowell Office	Collen Tynan Bristol County Bar Advocates
2025	Olivia Mercadante Alexandru PDD Trial Attorney Springfield Office	Debra DeWitt Ahern Lowell Bar Advocates

Thurgood Marshall Award

- 1994 Lisa M. Hewitt
CPCS General Counsel
- 1995 Leslie Walker
CPCS Private Counsel Division Staff Attorney
- 1996 Wilbur G. Hollingsworth, Chief Counsel
Massachusetts Defenders Committee, 1961-1965
- 1997 Attorney Walter B. Prince
Suffolk County
- 1998 Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.
Harvard Law School
- 1999 David J. Hallinan, Executive Director
Essex County Bar Association Advocates, Inc.
- 2000 Attorney Patricia L. Garin
Suffolk County
- 2001 Kristen Gilbert Defense Team: David Hoose, Harry Miles, Paul
Weinberg, Anita Sarro Michelle Drake, Phil Kass & Tom Kirkpatrick
- 2002 Attorney Sam Silverman
Lexington
- 2003 Professor Stanley Z. Fisher
Boston University School of Law
- 2004 Attorney Paul J. Machado
Fall River
- 2005 ACLU of MA: John Reinstein, David Hoose and Bill Newman
- 2006 Attorney Bonnie G. Allen
Springfield
- 2007 Cathleen L. Bennett
Director, CPCS Criminal Defense Training Unit
- 2008 Attorney Arnold R. Rosenfeld
Suffolk County
- 2009 Attorney Martin R. Rosenthal
Suffolk County
- 2010 Frederic G. Bartmon
Hampshire County
- 2011 Andrew Silverman
CPCS Deputy Chief Counsel, Public Counsel Division

- 2012 Willie J. Davis
Boston
- 2013 Sarah Derby, CAFL Director of Social Work
Jessica Edwards, YAD Director of Social Work
Norma Wassel, PDD Director of Social Service Advocates
- 2014 Ann Lambert
Legislative Director
ACLU of Massachusetts
- 2015 Andrew L. Cohen
Director, CAFL Appellate Panel
- 2016 Arnie Lucinda Stewart
Managing Director, Public Defender Division
- 2017 Derege B. Demissie
Cambridge
- 2018 Nancy T. Bennett
Boston
- 2019 Don Bronstein
Director of Criminal Appeals, Private Counsel Division
- 2020 Andrea C. James
Founder, Families for Justice as Healing
- 2022 Theresa Coney
Racial Equity Trainer
- 2023 John P. Warren
Attorney, Private Counsel Division
- 2024 Carlos Brito
Attorney-in-Charge, Public Defender Division
New Bedford
- 2025 Adrian Angus (posthumous)
Criminal Defense Legal Training Attorney
Carol A. Donovan Award for Exceptional Advocacy
- 2008 Beth Eisenberg
Director Special Litigation Unit
- 2010 Stephen Maidman
Hampden County
- 2016 Barbara Kaban
Director Juvenile Appeals (ret.)

- 2017 Lisa Kavanaugh
Director, Innocence Program
- 2018 Wendy Wayne
Director, Immigration Impact Unit
- 2019 Kate Frame Essex County
- 2020 Radha Natarajan Middlesex County
- 2022 David Hirsch
- 2023 Patrick Levin
Appeals Attorney, Boston
- 2024 Carolyn McGowan, PDD Malden
Amy Smith, Criminal Defense Training Unit
David Meade, PDD Lowell Trial Office Investigator
Raquel Calderon, YAD SSA
- 2025 Elizabeth Caddick
Private Panel

Jay D. Blitzman Award for Youth Advocacy

- 1996 Ernest Hughes, Jr.
- 1997 The Children's Law Center
Lynn
- 1998 Tony Vuong
- 1999 Attorney Scott F. Busconi
Southborough
- 2000 Habiba Davis
- 2001 Attorney Kenneth J. King
Boston
- 2002 Second Thoughts Program
- 2003 Attorney Jenny C. Chou
Roxbury
- 2004 Robin Dahlberg
Lael E.H. Chester
Samuel Williams
- 2005 Attorney Patricia A. Downey
Plymouth

2006 Moacir Barbosa
Laurie Jo Wallace
Glenn Daly

2007 Attorney Richard J. Bowen
Andover

2008 Attorney Kristyn M. Snyer
Chelmsford

2009 Attorney Nancy M. McLean
Dennis

2010 Attorney James D. Corbo
Braintree

2011 Attorney Helen Fremont
CPCS Roxbury

2012 Attorney Edward P Ryan, Jr.
Lisa Gigliotti
Attorney Jeffrey T. Richards

2013 Maryellen Cuthbert, Lowell
Mona Igram, Attorney-in-Charge, YAD Lowell Office

2014 Alisa M. Rosenthal
Essex County

2015 David B. Paradis
Hampden County

2016 Joe Mulhern
Attorney-in-Charge, YAD Fall River

2017 Laura Chrismer Edmonds
Hampshire County

2018 Ryan M. Schiff
Hampshire County

2019 Robert F. Hennessy, Hampshire County
Merritt Schnipper, Hampshire County

2020 Mara Voukydis
Director, Parole Advocacy, Boston

2022 Patrick Colvario
Suffolk County

2023 Melissa Ellis
YAD Staff Counsel II

2024 Stephanie Stolk Ormsby
Senior Staff Attorney, YAD Springfield

2025 Dana A. Sargent
Juvenile Supervising Attorney

Margaret Winchester Award for Child Welfare Advocacy (2016 – Present); Mary C. Fitzpatrick Children and Family Law Award (1998-2015)

1998 Carol A. Erskine
Worcester

1999 Robin L. Stolk
Attorney-in-Charge
Springfield CAFL Office

2000 Leslie A. Donahue
Amesbury

2001 Claudia L. Bolgen
Woburn

2002 Dorothy M. Storrow
Greenfield

2003 Michael F. Kilkelly
Malden

2004 Thomas A. Sebestyen
Pittsfield

2005 Anita Baas Sullivan
Wakefield

2006 Amy Karp
Director, CPCS CAFL Training Unit

2007 Joan K. Katz
Royalston

2008 Lisa Van Gordon d'Errico
Northampton

2009 Beverly A. Swetcky
Springfield

2010 Kathleen M. McCaffrey
Attorney-in-Charge
Salem CAFL Office

2011 Brian Dunn

Boston

- 2012 William A. Comeau
Leominster
- 2013 Margaret Winchester
Attorney-in-Charge
Worcester CAFL Office
- 2014 Toiya Taylor
Boston
- 2015 Jeannie M. Rhinehart, Springfield
Kally Walsh, Springfield
L. Mark Watkins, Shutesbury
- 2016 Christine M. Bonardi
Boston
- 2017 Sarah E. Schooley
Amherst
- 2018 Ann Balmelli O'Connor
Worcester
- 2019 Carol Rosensweig
CAFL Trial Panel Director
- 2020 Michael Greenberg (posthumous)
Hampden County
- 2022 Bryan Clauson (posthumous)
Hampden County
- 2023 Michael S. Penta
CAFL Appellate Panel
- 2024 Cristina Freitas
Debbie Freitas
CAFL Panel
- 2025 Katy Krywonis
CAFL Legal Training Attorney, Boston

Paul J. Liacos Mental Health Advocacy Award

- 1998 Stan Goldman
Director, CPCS Mental Health Litigation Unit
- 1999 Robert H. Weber
Newton
- 2000 John G. Swomley
Boston

- 2001 Mark J. Gillis
Boston
- 2002 Michael F. Farrington
Quincy
- 2003 Laura A. Sanford
Lexington
- 2004 Sondra H. Schmidt
Hingham
- 2005 George B. Crane
Pittsfield
- 2006 Alice Whitehill Wiseberg
Boston
- 2007 Debra Beard-Bader
Attorney-in-Charge
CPCS Alternative Commitment Unit
- 2008 Margaret L. Lunevitz
CPCS Mental Health Litigation Unit
- 2009 Kerry L. Kotar
Manchester
- 2010 Nadell Hill
Adams
- 2011 Eric Tennen
Boston
- 2012 Larni S. Levy
Director, CPCS Alternative Commitment & Registration Support Unit
- 2013 Mary Beth Senger
Supervising Attorney, Brockton Mental Health Litigation Division Office
- 2014 Catherine J. Hinton
Boston
- 2015 Antoinette L. Hall
Boston
- 2016 Robert D. Fleischner
Northampton
- 2017 Brandon L. Campbell
Salem

- 2018 Karen Owen Talley
Brockton
- 2019 Debra Kornbluh
Brookline
- 2020 Devorah Anne Vester
Northampton
- 2022 Nancy Golden
Norfolk County
- 2023 Miriam Ruttenburg, Esq.
- 2024 Shain Neumeier
Staff Trial Attorney, MHL D Worcester Office
- 2025 Tamara Barney
Attorney in Charge, MHL D Worcester Office

Maura Mellen Administrative Professional Award

- 2000 Elizabeth Ann Linfield
Clerk III
- 2001 Peggy McGillivray
- 2002 Elaine Deraney
Administrative Assistant, Salem District Court
- 2003 Rita Caso
Clerk III
- 2004 Dora Figueiredo
Administrative Assistant, Cambridge Superior Court
- 2005 Barbara DeCarli
Administrative Assistant
Brockton Superior
- Judi Higgins
Secretary
Brockton Superior
- 2006 Art Riccio
Database Systems Analyst
- 2007 Curtis Bradford
Accounts Payable Assistant
- 2008 Denise Simonini
Administrative Assistant
- 2009 Jim Terrasi
Chief Auditor
- 2015 Dolly Mele
Administrative Assistant, Private Counsel Post Conviction Unit

- 2016 Judie Flynn
Administrative Assistant, Hyannis CAFL & YAD
- 2017 Jessie Altagracia Brito
Administrative Assistant, Roxbury YAD
- 2018 Bonnie E. Mullen
Administrative Assistant, Boston Administration
- 2019 Sarah Pegus
Program Administrator for the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice
in Springfield, Massachusetts
- 2020 Krystal Cabrera
Supervising Administrative Assistant, Northampton PDD office
- 2022 Robert Ploski
Administrative Assistant III, Alternative Commitment Registration &
Support Unit
- 2023 Torianna Parrish
Supervising AAI, CAFL Springfield
- 2024 Paula Cain
Supervising AAI, PDD Lawrence
- 2025 Natasha Mobley
AAI, YAD Salem

Jane Addams Award for Outstanding Social Service Accomplishments

- 2015 Peg Higgins
Social Worker, CAFL Hadley Office
- 2016 Lauren J. Honigman
Social Service Advocate, YAD Springfield
- 2017 Cynthia Nicholls
Social Service Advocate, PDD Lowell and Salem
- 2018 Norman Beach
Roxbury
- 2019 Kelsey Haggett
Social Service Advocate, YAD Somerville
- 2020 Elizabeth Melo
Social Worker, CAFL Lowell
- 2022 Kristen Dame
Director of Private Social Work Services
- 2023 Raquel Calderon
Social Service Advocate, YAD Lowell

- 2024 Anna Kelly
Social Worker, CAFL Springfield
- 2025 Daniel Tompkins
Social Services Advocate, MHLR Roxbury

Maria Souto/Armand Goyette Investigator Award

- 2015 Kerrie Antunes
Investigator, Salem Superior Court Office
- 2016 Andrew D. Moan
Investigator, Worcester District Court
- 2017 Angel Rodriguez
Regional Supervising Investigator for Hampden, Hampshire Franklin,
and Berkshire Counties
- 2018 Eddie Coren, Jr.
Investigator, Brockton Office
- 2019 Ami Rose Jackson
Investigator, Springfield Office
- 2020 Robert Selevitch
Supervising Investigator, Malden Office
- 2022 Sara Plansky
Investigator, Salem Office
- 2023 Kyle T. Cormier
Supervising Investigator, Southeast Region
- 2024 Merrilea Place
Investigator, Northampton
- 2025 David Kotschenreuther
Criminal Defense Investigator, Middlesex County

Teresa McParland Award for Operational Excellence

- 2019 Karin Doss
Manager, Agency Infrastructure & Operations
- 2020 Jim Flanagan, Director of Infrastructure
Jack Weydt, Director of Applications
- 2022 Karen Souza
Finance Director
- 2023 Kevin S. Ruderman
Recruiting & Hiring Manager

- 2024 AJ Peters
Facilities Director
- 2025 Rajae Menaouar
IT Support Specialist

Community Leadership

- 2022 Allison Cartwright
Managing Director, Public Defender Division
- 2023 Bill Canavan
Founder & Executive Director Baystate Reentry Network
- 2024 Eleanor Wilkinson
Supervising Staff Attorney, Trial Panel Support Unit, Pittsfield
- 2025 Kristen J. Graves
PDD Trial Attorney, Salem

Clarence Earl Gideon Award for Outstanding Public Service

- 2022 Joshua Dohan
Director, Youth Advocacy Division

Emerging Defender

- 2022 Joyce Aceves-Amaya
Trial Attorney, CAFL Springfield

Delano Bailey
Social Services Advocate, YAD Springfield

Tammy Evelyn
YAD and CAFL Panel Attorney, Brockton

Taylor Henley
Trial Attorney, YAD Malden

Rachel Johnson
Trial Attorney, MHL D Brockton

Ambar Maceo-Rossi
Private Counsel Panel Attorney, Boston

Shayla Mombeleur
Trial Attorney, PDD Boston

Yangchen Nangpa
Trial Attorney, CAFL Boston

Kate Parke
Trial Attorney CAFL Hyannis

Brian Pilchik
Trial Attorney, PDD Malden

Reyna Ramirez
Private Counsel Post Conviction Panel Attorney, Weymouth

Paola N. Reyes
Administrative Assistant, PDD Boston

Cristina M. Rodrigues
Trial Attorney, PDD Boston

Anna Rodriguez
Trial Attorney, PDD Lawrence

Katherine Sheldon
Trial Attorney, PDD Framingham

Sarah Spofford
Trial Attorney, YAD Quincy

Lisa Toomey
Administrative Assistant, CAFL Worcester

Jasmine Villaneuva-Simms
Trial Attorney, MHL D Brockton

William Wise, Jr.
CAFL Panel Attorney, Hingham

Allison Wright
Trial Attorney, PDD Holyoke

2023 Lisa Anne Baumbach
Social Service Advocate, CAFL Pittsfield

Jessie Carredano
Trial Attorney, PDD Roxbury

Ryan Cummings
Trial Attorney, PDD Pittsfield

Kelsey C. DeAndrade
Trial Attorney, CAFL Worcester

Cheryl A. Donovan
Private Counsel, MHL D panel

Rosie Kenney
Trial Attorney, PDD Salem

Sarah Laughlin
Social Service Advocate, PDD Boston

Cathleen Mary Lisk
Trial Attorney, PDD Springfield

Catherine McNamara
Trial Attorney, PDD Pittsfield

Eileen L. Morrison
Trial Attorney, PDD Lowell

Maura O'Keefe
Administrative Assistant, PDD Salem

Amanda Pacheco
Social Service Advocate, YAD Fall River

Elizabeth Pardy
Trial Attorney, PDD Roxbury

Melissa Ramos
Private Counsel, Post Conviction Panel

Lauren A. Rose
Trial Attorney, PDD Brockton

Stanley Sajous
Investigator, PDD Malden

2024 Alexandra M. August
Trial Attorney, MHL D Brockton

Sophia Buono
Trial Attorney, PDD Holyoke

Krystal Delacruz, AAI
PDD Lawrence

Mingming Feng
Trial Attorney, PDD Quincy

Kristen Friedel
Private Counsel, New Bedford

Kaitlyn Gerber
Trial Attorney, PDD Boston

Rebecca Hutchinson
Trial Attorney, PDD Malden

Carly Pedersen
AAIII, YAD Lawrence

Katuscia Pierre-Charles
Private Counsel, Boston

Skailer Rei Qvistgaard
Trial Attorney, PDD Holyoke

Flannery du Rivage Rogers
Trial Attorney, PDD Hyannis

Martin M. Ryan
Private Counsel, Somerville

Lauren Simard
Trial Attorney, PDD Springfield

Meaghan Sheridan
Trial Attorney, PDD Springfield

Kara-Jane Walker Gipstein
Trial Attorney, CAFL Salem

2025 Rufus Earl Burgess V
Trial Attorney, PDD Roxbury

Cristina Poulter Carrier
Trial Attorney, PDD Springfield

Kylah Isabelle Clay
CAFL Panel Attorney

Nicole Collins
Trial Attorney, PDD Roxbury

Marc Conforto
Trial Attorney, PDD Fall River

Elizabeth Crisman
Social Services Advocate, PDD New Bedford

Marie Elmidor
Trial Attorney, PDD Lowell

Eric Harrell
CAFL Panel Attorney

Danielle LaChance
Parent Advocate, CAFL Fall River

Lauren Looney
Content Coordinator, Boston

Darrin Sloan
Trial Attorney, PDD Framingham

Jacob Steinmann
Trial Attorney, YAD Worcester

Iashai Stephens
Trial Attorney, YAD Roxbury

Jessica Frazier Vasquez
Administrative Assistant I, PDD Boston

Rebecca Wasserman
Trial Attorney, YAD Roxbury

Chief Counsel Award for Outstanding Service to the Agency

2024 Bill Shay
Director of Audit and Oversight