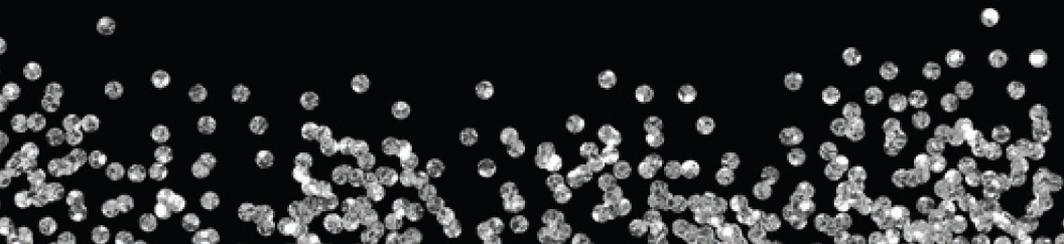




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*An  
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of  
Celebration*

**OCTOBER 4, 2018**



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Shoshana Schiff  
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## **Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award**

Daniel Stolz  
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Kenneth Rosen

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Barry W. Frost, Esq.

## **Presentation of Hugh M. Leonard Award**

Shoshana Schiff  
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Nicole Leonard

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Mark E. Hall, Esq.

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Kenneth Rosen  
Jane Mitnick  
Isabel Balboa

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Sydney J. Darling, Esq.

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Sean Raquet  
Charles Forman  
Nona Ostrove

## **Acceptance of Volunteer Award**

Joshua H. Raymond, Esq.

## **Closing Remarks**

Charles Forman

**The New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation** was created to raise funds from the bankruptcy bar and their associates to assist debtors and other financially distressed individuals. NJBLF is a privately funded, statewide, nonprofit organization committed to reaching out to individuals in genuine need of additional financial assistance. It is our mission to give back to the system in which we work every day.



**The Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association of New Jersey, Inc.** was established to promote the practice of bankruptcy law in the State of New Jersey by increasing collegiality among practitioners and those who provide services to practitioners; foster the relationship of trust and professionalism between the bench, members of the bar and other bankruptcy professionals; provide continuing education to enable practitioners to stay current on trends in the law, develop future generations of bankruptcy practitioners; and help enable the United States Bankruptcy Court of the District of New Jersey to enjoy a reputation of quality, compassion and diligence second to none. The Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association of New Jersey, Inc. was established to promote the practice of bankruptcy law in the State of New Jersey by increasing collegiality among practitioners and those who provide services to practitioners; foster the relationship of trust and professionalism between the bench, members of the bar and other bankruptcy professionals; provide continuing education to enable practitioners to stay current on trends in the law, develop future generations of bankruptcy practitioners; and help enable the United States Bankruptcy Court of the District of New Jersey to enjoy a reputation of quality, compassion and diligence second to none.

# Letter

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support of the NJBLF and the FBBANJ.

I want to congratulate our four Honorees. Each of you is most deserving and an inspiration to all of us.

Tonight is the first step in what we hope will be a long and mutually beneficial relationship between our two organizations. Many of us have dreamed of establishing a partnership between our philanthropy, the NJBLF, and an educational foundation such as the FBBANJ.

As a charity, the NJBLF is limited in terms of the types of programs which it can run. Our goal is to have an organization such as the FBBANJ, with broad based support from the entire insolvency community in New Jersey, provide additional money to the Foundation, so that we can provide greater support to the needy.

We at the Foundation deeply appreciate the support that you've given to us during the past fifteen years. Starting with relatively modest fundraising efforts at the outset, the Foundation now operates with a six-figure annual budget. Over the years, we have given out more than \$600,000 in grants from our various programs. In recent years, our programs have included support for the pro bono programs at Rutgers Law School in Newark and in Camden named in honor of our beloved Judges Wizmur and Stern. We have supported a student intern program at the Center for Social Justice of Seton Hall Law School in conjunction with Volunteers Lawyers for Justice.

As many of you know, our grant program consumes the lion's share of our budget. We have provided grants to hundreds of worthy applicants during the past decade. Let me tell you about some of the people that we have helped in recent years:

A former Marine and City of Paterson Police Officer, who suffered a brain injury, to keep his home.

A 61-year old woman who had a pending disability case. She suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, and recently had a stroke. She lives in low income housing. The neighbor above her had a fire in her apartment and that wiped out the woman's bedroom, bath, etc. Legal Services helped with clothing and some items, but the Board of Social Services denied her application to replace her bed and bedding.

A 50-year old woman with stage three breast cancer diagnosis, coupled with a whole variety of other problems. She needed help with a deposit for an apartment.

A veteran, suffering from recurring episodes of PTSD connected with his service in Vietnam, deal with an overpayment by Social Services which was not his fault.

A grandmother who is a sole caretaker for 5 grandchildren and who is struggling to make ends meet came up short and needed help with rent.

Each year we turn away worthy applicants and sometimes pare down the grants to some successful applicants. Our union with the Association will allow us to expand our grant programs so that the people who come to us from the bankruptcy system and from the clinics will get the support they need.

This evening is also a celebration of our partnership with the Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association and of our fifteen years of service to our community. I want to thank the members of our first Board of Trustees for their efforts in getting the Foundation underway. They are listed in the program. Many of them have provided ongoing support and been devoted to the Foundation during these fifteen years. Finally, it should not be forgotten that the brain child for this organization was Judge Mickey Stern, who with the encouragement of Jim Waldron, Gary Norgaard and a handful of others breathed life into this wonderful concept.

Best wishes,

*Charlie*

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a professional whose many years of service to the bankruptcy community has demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism, leadership and integrity.



## Barry W. Frost



Mr. Frost of Teich Groh & Frost, a bankruptcy law firm located in Lawrenceville, N.J., just celebrated his 40th year as a partner at the firm. Previously, he spent five years as an associate attorney for Gladstein & Isaac in NYC. He has represented clients in all areas of bankruptcy, commercial law and litigation. Mr. Frost and his staff currently serve throughout the state as well as Mercer County.

Acquiring his undergraduate degree at Bradley University in 1969, followed by a JD at New York Law School in 1976, Mr. Frost was admitted to practice by the New Jersey Bar Association, the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, the Southern and Eastern Districts of the U.S. District Court of New York, the New York Bar Association, the Third Circuit of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Bankruptcy Inn of Court:

Mr. Frost authored a 359-page book, "Recent Developments in the Area of Sex-Based Discrimination The Courts, The Congress, and the Constitution," in 1974. He has also contributed a number of professional articles throughout his career and has spent time on the New York Law School Law Review as an associate editor in the mid-1970s. A former officer of the New Jersey State Bar Association's bankruptcy law section, Mr. Frost has also been well-known for his many years serving on the panel of trustees for the U.S. trustee for the District of New Jersey since 1979.

Included in several editions of Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America, Mr. Frost has maintained a high AVVO rating and has been the recipient of an American Jurisprudence Award. Furthermore, Mr. Frost is the proud father of three children.

## Hugh M. Leonard Award

Hugh M. Leonard was an icon in the New Jersey bankruptcy bar. He devoted himself to constantly improving the practice of bankruptcy law. In honor of his legacy this award is presented annually to a person who has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to helping improve the bankruptcy community.



## Mark E. Hall



Mark's practice centers on complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy/reorganization cases. He has extensive experience in restructuring, creditors' rights, bankruptcy litigation and related commercial litigation, including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, financial institutions, secured lenders, unsecured creditors and other parties in interest.

Mark is also a trained mediator, serving on the court-approved Bankruptcy Mediation Panel for the District of New Jersey.

Prior to joining Fox, Mark was a partner at Riker Danzig LLP. He also served as a judicial law clerk and a judicial intern to the Honorable Novalyn L. Winfield, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey. While pursuing his law degree, Mark was editor-in-chief of the Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal and was the graduation student speaker for his class.

Mark recently served as the chair for the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, and as a member of the New Jersey Local Bankruptcy Rules Revision Committee. He currently serves as an officer of the New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section and as vice president of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation. He is also a regular speaker at the Annual Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference.

## Volunteer Award

The Volunteer Award recognizes a professional whose leadership and hard work has demonstrated a devotion to the missions of the Foundation and of the Association.



## Joshua H. Raymond



Joshua H. Raymond is a Partner at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC in Roseland, New Jersey. Mr. Raymond concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate restructuring, bankruptcy, and debtor/creditor rights. Mr. Raymond has represented numerous Debtors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 proceedings. In addition, Mr. Raymond has represented Trustees and Creditors

Committees and has prosecuted and defended numerous preference actions. Mr. Raymond serves as an Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors of GameWear, Inc.

Mr. Raymond also practices in the area of municipal law, in which he represents several municipalities, including The Township of West Orange and City of Linden in all bankruptcy matters.

In 1996, Mr. Raymond was appointed to The Montclair Kimberley Academy Alumni Association. He served as its President from 2004 to 2006.

From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Raymond served as the Public Defender in the Borough of Ringwood, New Jersey.

From 2009 through 2013, Mr. Raymond was selected by the New Jersey Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Ethics to serve on a District Ethics Committee.

In 2013, Mr. Raymond was elected to serve as a Councilman for the Borough of North Caldwell.

From 2014 to 2018, Mr. Raymond organized the "Run on the Reservoir" a 5K race to raise funds for the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation. Mr. Raymond has served on the NJBLF Board of Directors since 2015.

## Future Leader Award

The Future Leader Award recognizes a young professional who exemplifies the principles of both organizations with their commitment to excellence, leadership and service to the bankruptcy community.



## Sydney J. Darling



Sydney Darling is counsel with Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP and practices primarily in the firm's Financial Services & Risk Management group.

She clerked for the Honorable Raymond T. Lyons (Ret.), United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, and focuses a large part of her practice on the representation of creditors, debtors, chapter

11 trustees, liquidating trustees, asset purchasers and other interested parties in federal and state court and out-of-court workouts.

Sydney is an active member of the NJ bankruptcy bar. She serves on the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. She also serves as a board member and VP of Programming for the New Jersey Turnaround Management Association, as well as on several regional and global TMA conference planning committees. Sydney is a board member and Vice Chair/Secretary of the New Jersey network of IWIRC. Sydney is also an active member of the Essex County Bar Association, where she serves as Vice Chair of the Debtor/Creditor section, as well as other industry organizations and committees.

Sydney had been awarded the Super Lawyers Rising Star award for 2016-2018 and is a frequent author and speaker.

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## **FBBANJ & ESSEX COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION November 16, 2018 | 3:00PM**

National Conference Center  
399 Monmouth Street  
East Windsor, New Jersey 08520

Join us for this inaugural Symposium by the Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association of NJ in cooperation with the ECBF. This full day CLE event not only offers relevant and timely education for attorneys and the paralegal staff, there will be information about these dynamic organizations and networking opportunities with the bench and bar.

For more information, visit [www.essexbar.com/events](http://www.essexbar.com/events)

Or contact Wendy Deer at [wsdeer@essexbar.com](mailto:wsdeer@essexbar.com) or (973)622-6207

## **NJBLF Golf & Tennis Classic June 2019**

Maplewood Country Club  
28 Baker Street  
Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

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