

BROOKLYN LEGAL SERVICES
**CHAMPION
OF JUSTICE**
2019 AWARDS

OCTOBER 29, 2019



Brooklyn Legal Services' 2019 Champion of Justice Awards will be held on **Tuesday, October 29** at The Green Building.

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Our Honorees



David Ehrenberg is President and CEO of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BDNYC), overseeing its diverse tenant base and ongoing expansion efforts. Previously, he was Executive Vice President of Real Estate Transaction Services at the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). At NYCEDC, he managed many of the city's priority economic development projects, including an initiative resulting in Cornell's Roosevelt Island campus; the redevelopment of vacant land on the Lower East Side known as Seward Park; the Atlantic Yards project; and hundreds of millions of dollars of programs supporting small businesses after Hurricane Sandy. Previously, he coordinated a microenterprise program at South Brooklyn Legal Services. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, was a Fulbright Fellow in Zimbabwe, and received dual masters from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in Public Policy and Urban Planning.



Candis Tolliver is deputy political director of 32BJ SEIU. She was one of the strongest forces in the fight for a higher minimum wage that gained national attention. Prior to her tenure at 32BJ SEIU, Candis oversaw the New York Civil Liberty Union's New York City police reform organizing efforts and managed NYCLU's statewide organizing portfolio, which included supporting the work and professional development of NYCLU organizers. Candis earned a BA in Political Science from Norfolk State University and a MA in Urban Policy from The New School, and was named one of Albany's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in 2016. Her leadership includes serving on the board of directors of the North Star Fund and Picture the Homeless.

Who We Are

Brooklyn Legal Services stops evictions, preserves affordable housing, helps people access essential public benefits, identifies and redresses discrimination in housing and mortgage lending, empowers victims of domestic violence, keeps homeowners in their homes, supports Brooklyn residents who are LGBTQ or HIV+ in gaining access to the services they need, promotes the rights of immigrants, veterans, and the disabled, protects borrowers from abusive and illegal collection tactics, and ensures proper care and housing for elderly Brooklynites.

Our staff of over 145 passionate, skilled, and highly trained lawyers, paralegals, and support staff represents Brooklyn residents who otherwise could not afford high-quality legal services. In the past year alone, we served more than 22,000 low-income Brooklyn residents. Our client work spans from day-to-day representations in court, to civil rights complaints in state and federal agencies, to complex litigation over many years to make sure Brooklyn's voices are heard and the law responds

to the needs of low-income Brooklynites.

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