



CARPLS GOLDEN GAVEL “VIRTUAL” CELEBRATION

October 1, 2020

CARPLS, Chicago’s premier legal aid provider, to honor Susie Lees, of The Allstate Corporation, with the Golden Gavel Award for her ongoing commitment pro bono and access to justice.

September 3, 2020 - Chicago, Ill. - CARPLS, Chicago’s largest provider of free legal aid will hold its annual Golden Gavel “Virtual” Celebration, on October 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

CARPLS has a singular focus to ensure anyone in need can access legal justice.

With the rise of the shelter-in-place order in March, CARPLS responded by providing uninterrupted hotline services remotely through the Cook County legal aid hotline and the statewide Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network. We are now in the process of expanding our statewide services to include the historic cannabis expungement project, and will continue removing systemic barriers.

Ms. Lees, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel & Secretary of The Allstate Corporation, is being presented the Golden Gavel Award in honor of her significant contributions to provide access to justice for all, and her exceptional pro bono commitment in the legal aid community. Recent past Gavel Award recipients have included Cam Findlay of ADM and Peter Lieb, retired from Aon. The event will be very streamlined and will include a conversation with Susie Lees on her vision of serving others.



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“I am impressed with Susie’s dedication to service and her innovative approach to addressing important community issues. She is a leader for her team and others in the corporate and legal community,” notes Chuck Smith, Golden Gavel Dinner Chair and partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Susie is nationally recognized for her ongoing dedication to addressing key societal issues. She currently serves on The Allstate Foundation Board of Trustees, the Rand Institute for Civil Justice, the Institute for Legal Reform, and the Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. She is also well respected for her leadership in mentoring others to do the same. Early next year, she will retire from Allstate – after more than 32 extraordinary years with the organization.

CARPLS is grateful to its 60+ sponsors and donors for making this year’s event possible. CARPLS also wants to provide special recognition to the following top tier sponsors:

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Cameron Findlay of ADM, Adam Hoeflich of Bartlit Beck, Sean Martin of Baxter International Inc, Shawn Fagan of Citadel, Colleen Batcheler of Conagra, Suzanne Bettman of LSC Communications, and Brett Hart of United Airlines.

Reserve your free virtual ticket and celebrate with us by joining in a toast to our community. Sponsorships and donations are welcome. www.carpls.org/golden-gavel/.

About CARPLS

Serving 1 out of 4 legal aid cases in Cook County, CARPLS is the hub of the legal aid network by providing people with direct access to free attorney consultations. CARPLS resolves 85% of cases in-house and refers 15% of cases to more than 40 legal service partners.

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