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Eileen Travis, Executive Director,
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Remarks by **Adam T. Devine**,
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD PRESENTATION TO:

Roger Juan Maldonado, Partner
Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP

CONVERSATION WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JAMIE RASKIN

Moderated by **Susan Dennehy**, Member,
Lawyer Assistance Program Committee

Remarks by **Robert Klepp**, Member,
Lawyer Assistance Program Committee

EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD PRESENTATION TO:

Gina Passarella, Editor-in-Chief,
The American Lawyer



Roger Juan Maldonado

VOLUNTEER
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Roger Juan Maldonado is a trial lawyer, commercial litigator, and leader of the organized bar with more than 35 years' experience.

Mr. Maldonado represents musicians, publishers, and record labels in litigation to enforce their copyrights and contractual rights. In addition, Mr. Maldonado represents art galleries and artists in litigation and investigations.

He also assists corporate and commercial institutions in litigation involving claims arising from software development/license disputes, lease agreements, and contract disputes. Mr. Maldonado has a great deal of experience litigating, arbitrating, and mediating claims involving employment discrimination, employment contracts, and restrictive covenants on behalf of professionals, partnerships, and corporations. In addition to corporate matters, he litigates state and federal environmental and land use review cases in trial and appellate courts.



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Mr. Maldonado uses his fluency in Spanish to represent the interests of various Hispanic and American businesses, government entities and individuals, as well as to investigate allegations of corporate wrongdoing and discriminatory employment practices. He represents students in federal class actions involving special education services as well as government and commercial creditors with claims in bankruptcy reorganization and liquidation proceedings. Mr. Maldonado advises developers, community groups, and entrepreneurs in litigation involving complex real estate transactions.



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Gina Passarella is editor-in-chief of ALM's Global Legal Brands, including The American Lawyer, Corporate Counsel, The National Law Journal, Law.com International, Legaltech News and China Law & Practice. She led ALM's yearlong reporting project, Minds Over Matters, which focused on mental health and wellness in the legal industry. She continues to focus on that area of coverage along with her traditional focus on the business of law, client relationships, legal tech, global strategy and beyond.

Gina Passarella

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We are pleased to support
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on the occasion of its
**15th Annual Volunteer
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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

We are grateful to the *Lawyer
Assistance Committee* for its important
work in support of mental health and
lawyer well-being.

We would like to recognize Patterson
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About the New York City Bar Association Committee on Lawyer Assistance

The Lawyer Assistance Program Committee is the backbone of the New York City Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP). Established in 1982, it laid the groundwork for a professionally staffed program. From its inception, the committee has been an organization of “lawyers helping lawyers.” It is the basis of a network of attorneys, judges and law students who are committed to helping their colleagues. Committee members support the mission of LAP, participate in educational presentations and interventions, act as monitors in matters referred by disciplinary and character and fitness committees and provide one-on-one peer support. Learn more [here](#).

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During this fraught time, LAP has been helping lawyers as never before. The evidence of our profession’s propensity toward alcohol/substance use issues, depression and mental health disorders, stress, burnout, and gambling and other addictions has been well documented. Providing free, confidential services, LAP remains the only full-service, dedicated and court-sanctioned resource to New York City lawyers for individualized assessment, intervention, supportive counseling, peer support and monitoring during recovery and reentry into the profession. It protects us individually, our clients, and the integrity of the profession as a whole.

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