

Marilyn B. Kunstler Receives The Prestigious American Inns of Court Professionalism Award

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On September 21, 2011, Marilyn B. Kunstler, a Director of the NYWBA Foundation, Inc., was one of three recipients of the Tenth Annual American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Second Circuit. Circuit Chief Judge Dennis Jacobs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Malinda Dunn, Executive Director of the American Inns of Court, presented the award at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse in New York City before a number of state and federal judges in attendance.

The American Inns of Court is an association of judges, lawyers, and in some cases, law professors and law students who organize programs and meet to discuss issues relating to issues of ethics, skills and professionalism. The American Inns of Court Professionalism Awards are awarded each year, on each Federal Circuit basis, to a lawyer or judge whose life and practice are of unquestioned integrity and character and who has upheld the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law. The award was presented, with the participation of the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit, at the Circuit's Judicial Conference.

Ms. Kunstler, along with the other recipients, will also be recognized at the American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence, hosted this year by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC, on November 5, 2011.

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, for which Ms. Kunstler also has provided many years of dedicated service as Treasurer, and now as a Board member, was honored to support her nomination. Her unparalleled exemplary work in private practice, as well her leadership on the Foundation Board and in numerous bar associations, serve as an example for all lawyers. Many congratulations to Ms. Kunstler on this well-deserved honor!