

The Decalogue Society of Lawyers

2020 Awards Presentation

Tuesday, November 17

Welcome

Decalogue President Patrick Dankwa John

Keynote Speaker

Alison Pure-Slovin, *Midwest Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center*

Presentation of Awards

Decalogue President Patrick Dankwa John

Recognition of 25 and 50 Year Members

50 Year Member

Michael Block

25 Year Members

Herb H. Franks, Rabbi Chanoch Bruce Goldberg, Diane S. Israel,

Jordan R. Labkon, Marc J. Leaf, Judge Martin P. Moltz,

Norman B. Padnos

Presidential Citation

Joshua S. Kreitzer

Intra-Society Award

Clifford Scott-Rudnick

Award of Excellence

Diane Redleaf, Family Defense Consulting

Agency Award

Shomrim Society of Illinois, Tamara Margolis accepting

Decalogue Society Award

Debbie L. Berman, Jenner & Block

Hon. Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award

Justice Michael B. Hyman

Presentation of Hebrew University Fellowship Award

Decalogue Foundation President Robert Matanky

Acceptance by Hon. Alan J. Greiman

Closing Remarks

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Keynote Speaker Alison Pure-Slovin



Alison Pure-Slovin, a native Chicagoan, is the Midwest Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, an international, United Nations' accredited Human Rights NGO, fighting against all forms of hate and bigotry. In her tenure, the Center's Midwest Division has created educational partnerships and opportunities for hundreds of thousands of students, community leaders, and business professionals, on the topics of hate, racism, and anti-Semitism. Further, based on the Simon Wiesenthal Center's preeminent Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, Alison has raised millions in private and public to design, build, and implement the Mobile Museum of Tolerance, a state-of-the-art retrofitted 'museum on wheels', to travel around Illinois educating individuals, young and old, on the ramifications and impact of hate and how to build a better and more equitable tomorrow.

Most recently, Alison was appointed to the Skokie, Illinois Human Rights Commission by Mayor George Van Dusen. Furthermore, in 2015, Alison was appointed by then Governor Bruce Rauner to the State of Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission. In the community, Alison was the first and only female President of the Standard Club, one of the longest surviving social, philanthropic, and Jewish-cultured clubs in America. In addition, in 2017, Alison was awarded the The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, Mazzei Award, presented to her for her contributions in the world of public affairs. Internationally, Alison serves on the board of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council, whose mission is to educate people around the globe about Iraqi Christian persecution. Previously, Alison was Midwest Director of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center, one of the largest and oldest hospitals in Jerusalem, a position she held for close to 10 years.

Decalogue Society Award Debbie L. Berman



Trial attorney Debbie L. Berman is co-chair of Jenner & Block's Complex Commercial Litigation, Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants, and Media and First Amendment Practices. In the First Amendment and defamation areas, Ms. Berman has extensive experience in both state and federal courts. In particular, she has defended media and non-media clients in numerous defamation and defamation-related tort cases. Her first-chair litigation experience extends to many areas of sophisticated, complex civil litigation. In addition to her practice leadership roles, Ms. Berman holds key roles in firm leadership as a member of the Management and Finance Committees, Chicago co-chair of the Pro bono Committee, and chair (emeritus) of the Women's Forum Steering Committee.

Debbie also is a dedicated advocate for many civic and charitable causes including chairing the Jewish Agency for Israel's Budget & Finance Operational and Support Units subcommittee, as well as serving as a long-term board member for the Jewish United Fund, the Anti-Defamation League and Homewood-Flossmoor High School District #233, and an active participant (and former leader in many cases) of organizations including BBYO, Brandeis University Alumni Association, the Economic Club of Chicago, the Harvard Law Society of Illinois, and Leadership Greater Chicago among others. The JUF/Jewish Federation honored Ms. Berman with its coveted Davis, Gidwitz & Glasser Award, which recognizes "young leaders who represent an ideal of dedication and service to the Jewish community." A graduate of Brandeis University (summa cum laude, High Honors in Economics, Phi Beta Kappa), she received her law degree, cum laude, from the Harvard Law School.

Hon. Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award Justice Michael B. Hyman



The Illinois Supreme Court assigned Justice Hyman to the Appellate Court, First District, in January 2013. Justice Hyman won the primary and then the election to the Circuit Court. He was retained by the people of Cook County in 2014, and won an elective seat on the appellate court in November 2020.

Justice Hyman has a habit of getting involved in causes he cares about. Some of his many activities are former president of organizations including: the Illinois Judges Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, The Jewish Judges Association of Illinois, and Scribes, the National Association of Legal Writers. He also has served on several boards and bar committees including the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, the ABA Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice (chair), the ISBA Bench & Bar Council (chair twice), the Coalition for Equal Justice (chair), and the Illinois Supreme Court's Equality Committee. He is a long-time member of the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee, and the vice-chair of the Justice Advisory Council of Cook County, an entity under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Board.

Justice Hyman is a frequent lecturer, speaker, and writer on appellate practice, civil procedure, legal writing, Abraham Lincoln, judicial conduct, and unconscious bias and diversity, among other topics. He currently writes a quarterly column in the Chicago Lawyer magazine, Judging History, and a quarterly column in the Illinois Bar Journal, Judging Your Writing. He has been editor-in-chief of the CBA's flagship magazine, the CBA Record, for over 20 years, and writes a column for each issue, Editor's Briefcase. As chair of the Lawyers Conference of the ABA's Judicial Division, Justice Hyman initiated Perceptions of Justice to address issues involving the perceptions of the courts by people of color.

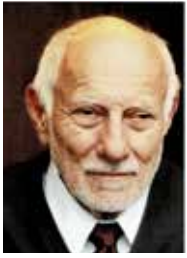
Award of Excellence Diane Redleaf



Called "the conscience of the child welfare system" by the former DCFS director Jess McDonald, Diane L. Redleaf has been a pioneering family defense attorney and a passionate advocate for child protection system policies and practices that protect the rights of all families, especially families in underprivileged communities. Over four decades, Diane has led class action and precedent-setting appellate legal challenges and spearheaded national and multi-state legislative reform efforts on behalf of children and families. In 2005 Redleaf founded the Chicago-based Family Defense Center, which won the Axelson Center's first award for excellence in an emerging non-profit. In 2016, she expanded her national child welfare reform efforts by founding United Family Advocates, a national bipartisan child protection policy advocacy network. Redleaf left Family Defense Center in 2017 to pursue her expanding role in policy advocacy on behalf of families.

Her first book, *They Took the Kids Last Night: How the Child Protection System Puts Families at Risk* recounts stories of families she has represented in her decades-long career as a family defender. Diane's recent articles exposing violations of child and family rights have appeared in the Atlantic.com, the Washington Post, Cato Unbound, and Reason.com.

She has litigated, written, and spoken widely (including multiple CLE programs for the Decalogue Society) on such topics as due process violations in child abuse registers, gender discrimination in the child welfare system, the hidden foster care system, the confusion of poverty with neglect, overbroad child neglect laws and ethics of child abuse pediatric practices.



Hebrew University Fellowship Award Justice (ret.) Alan J. Greiman

Alan J. Greiman served on the Illinois First District Appellate Court for 16 years and was elected by his colleagues as Chair of the Executive Committee for 11 consecutive years. During his tenure as Chair, Alan implemented innovations in the Appellate Court, including a settlement process for litigants, training for Justices, and expeditious resolution of appeals by Justices and public defenders. Before coming to the Appellate Court, Alan served as a Law Motion judge in the Circuit Court and presided over numerous jury trials in the Law Division.

Alan served in the Illinois General Assembly for 14 years, serving as Assistant Majority Leader for 8 of those years. Alan sponsored and passed ground-breaking legislation, including the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, Tort Reform Act of 1986, Illinois Administrative Procedures Act, right to public employee collective bargaining, legislation protecting newsrooms from unreasonable searches, “no-fault” divorce in Illinois, anti-apartheid limitations on public pension funds, and more.

Alan lives in Chicago with his wife, Julie Hamos. He raised 6 daughters and now has 5 sons-in-law, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



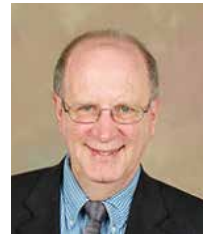
Agency Award Shomrim Society of Illinois

Founded in 1959, the Shomrim Society of Illinois is a fraternal organization of Jewish First Responders from Chicago and surrounding areas and is a member of the National Conference of Shomrim Societies.

The first Jewish police officer in North America was Asser Levy, a Portuguese Jew who lived in Recife, then the capital of Dutch Brazil before emigrating in 1654 to New Amsterdam. He was denied citizenship and had to wage several legal battles before winning the right to serve as a Burgher Guard, manning the settlement’s stockade, and finally in 1657 receiving citizenship. He was our nation’s first Shomer.

The Shomrim Society promotes religious spirit as well as fraternal relations, friendship, understanding and cooperation among members. Its sister organization, The Shomrim Society of Illinois Endowment Fund, a 501(c)(3) corporation, provides education grants to children of first responders. www.shomrimillinois.org

Intra-Society Award Clifford Scott-Rudnick



Clifford Scott-Rudnick has been a lawyer in Illinois for over 40 years with membership in the Chicago, Du Page, Illinois, and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the Center for Professional Responsibility Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association of Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA). He is the director and past president of the Land Trust Council of Illinois; serves as president of the South Suburban Estate Planning Council.; and is chair of the Land Trust Committee, a subcommittee of the Real Estate, Trust and Estate Section of the ABA. Prior careers include union organizing, labor law and workers compensation practice, and bank trust officer.

Cliff was a full-time Assistant Professor at The John Marshall Law School from 2009 to 2018 and was an Adjunct Professor there for 25 years before that, teaching courses in Professional Responsibility, Law Practice Management for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners, Trusts and Estates, and Legal Writing.

Cliff received his BA from Knox College, and his JD from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law.



Presidential Citation Joshua S. Kreitzer

Joshua Kreitzer is Senior Associate Attorney at The Law Offices of Marc J. Lane. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, has previously served as recording secretary and treasurer of the Society, and is one of the co-editors of The Decalogue Tablets. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of The Decalogue Foundation.

Josh is Decalogue's super-volunteer - when he says he will do something, it gets done. He is an active member on numerous committees: Judicial Evaluation, Legislation, Continuing Legal Education, Events, and Against anti-Semitism and Hate. He also led Decalogue into the virtual world, creating our first online newsletter and has continued to advise on technological improvements.

Josh is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law (J.D.), the University of South Florida (M.A.), and Harvard University (B.A.).

AWARDS

Hon. Charles E. Freeman Judicial Merit Award

The Charles Freeman Judicial Merit Award is given to those judges who exemplify the highest ideals of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and of the legal profession by promoting diversity and inclusivity in the legal professions and for outstanding achievement in the judiciary.

Decalogue Society Award

The Decalogue Society Award is presented to individuals who, through their actions and achievements, exemplify the core principles of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. As America's oldest Jewish bar association, the Society exists to bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession, to maintain vigilance against public and private practices which are anti-social, discriminatory, anti-Semitic or oppressive, and to work with other groups and minorities to help protect the legal rights of all.

The Award of Excellence

The Decalogue Society of Lawyers' Award of Excellence is presented to attorneys who bring increased dignity and honor to the legal profession by, among other things, rendering useful community service or participating in worthy movements for the public welfare.

Agency Service Award

The Agency Award recognizes those special individuals, who tirelessly work to effect change in the laws of our country, to help those who are less fortunate, to right perceived wrongs, and to strive with all their being to make justice a reality for all. The deeds accomplished by the recipient of this Award truly exemplify the Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam – literally "Repairing a Broken World." Through their actions we know that we too can help make the world a better place, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Hebrew University Fellowship Award

In 1968 the Decalogue Foundation established the Decalogue Perpetual Fellowship Fund, which provides an endowment for annual fellowships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. Each year, the fellowship is named in honor of a member who has made significant contributions of his or her time to Decalogue.

Intra-Society Award

The Intra Society Award is presented to members of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers who have devoted significant time and energy to augment various functions of the Society, who promote Decalogue's good reputation in the legal community and elsewhere, and who, through their actions, exemplify the Jewish ideals of tzedek (justice), limud (learning), and kavod (respect).

Presidential Citation

The Presidential Citation is given annually to one or more individuals who have helped to improve the Decalogue Society of Lawyers through their innovative thinking and actions or who have made some notable contribution that enhanced the Society or furthered its goals and objectives.

Jenner & Block applauds
Partner **Debbie Berman**
for her service to the legal
and Jewish communities.

Congratulations to Debbie for
being honored with this year's
Decalogue Society Award, and to
the others being recognized as well.

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but reproduces itself, generation after generation
after generation, in ever-changing forms,
and today, as in the past, it calls for the bravest
and the best.*

Justice Benjamin Nathan Cardozo

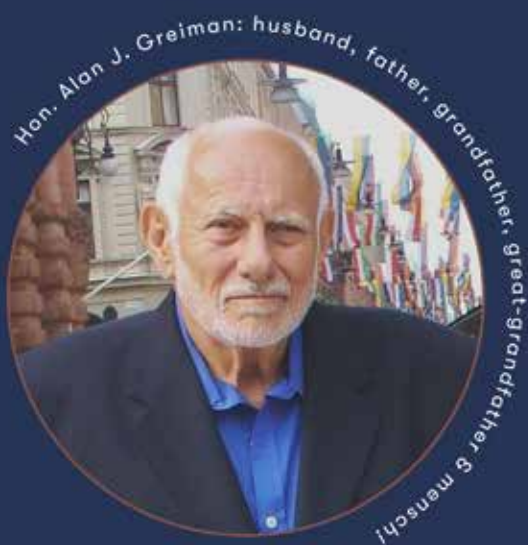
**With love to
Justice Michael B. Hyman**

**Leslie Hyman,
Rachel and Brad Thompson,
and Dr. David and Elise Hyman**



IT'S OUR TURN TO KVELL OVER YOU!

Mazel Tov on being Honored with the Hebrew University Fellowship Award



Our promise to you – we will continue to tell the stories you have shared with us. From the day of your bar mitzvah to your honesty and courage about your best case/worst case as a judge, we couldn't be prouder of you today and every day.

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“You are a sky full of stars and you light up the dark.”

Debbie:

**Congratulations on being recognized
with the Decalogue Society Award!**

“Justice, justice, you shall pursue, that you may live and inherit the land
that the LORD your God is giving you.” (Deut. 16:20)

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*for receiving the
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on his receiving
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Your Loving Brother, Daniel J. Hyman

Mazel Tov

to the very Honorable Alan J. Greiman,

former Chief Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District,
on his receipt of the Hebrew University Fellowship Award

From your friend and protege,

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Congratulations to all award recipients.

Barbara Meyer

(and celebrating the birth of my great niece Hannah Leora Wolovick)

**Congratulations
Debbie!**



We are so proud of you, Mom!
Love,
Melinda and Louie

TO “BIG AL”

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
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FROM BEN

*Congratulations
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**two of my very favorite judges
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