

Attorney Ellen Freyman to be honored at the 90th annual National Conference for Community and Justice, Thursday, June 8

Honored for her leadership and promotion of inclusive community values

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Each year, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) honors members of the community who demonstrate leadership qualities and exemplify the core values and mission of the organization. On Thursday, June 8, Attorney Ellen W. Freyman, <u>Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.</u> shareholder, will be recognized for her demonstrable efforts and significant contributions to the local community.

NCCJ was founded in 1927 in response to religious divide in the country at the time. The goal of the organization and its prominent founders — including social activist, Jane Addams, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Charles Evans Hughes — was to bring together diverse populations to combat social injustice — a mission perpetuated to this day.

Attorney Freyman, a resident of Longmeadow, concentrates her practice in all aspects of commercial real estate: acquisitions and sales, development, leasing and financing. She has an extensive land use practice that includes zoning, subdivision, project permitting, and environmental matters. Attorney Freyman is a graduate of the Western New England University School of Law (1988) and Pennsylvania State University (1977).

One of the most highly-awarded attorneys within the Pioneer Valley, she has been recognized or awarded by: the Professional Women's Chamber (Women of the Year, 2012); Ad Club of Western Massachusetts (Pynchon Award, 2012); Springfield Leadership Institute (Community Service Award, 2011); Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly (Top Women of Law Award, 2010); the Reminder Publications (Hometown Hero Award, 2010); and BusinessWest Magazine (Difference Makers Award, 2011).

The award will be presented to Attorney Freyman at the Annual Human Relations Award Banquet, Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

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