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8th Annual NJISJ Social Justice Gala

The Dinner Co-Chairs of New Jersey Institute for Social Justice proudly announce our 8th Annual Gala on June 6th at 6PM at Nanina's in the Park. NJISJ will honor three exceptional individuals who truly personify law in service of social justice: Susan L. Blount, Esq., Senior Vice President & General Counsel, Prudential Financial; the Chairman, Linda A. Willett, Esq., Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey; and Melville D. Miller, Jr., Esq., President and General Counsel, Legal Services of New Jersey.

NJISJ Chair John J. Farmer, Jr., Esq., praised the two corporate honorees saying, "On the heels of a recession that was in part driven by an ebb in corporate responsibility to working and middle class families. Today, we honor two corporate citizens that exemplify that admission to the bar comes with a call to serve as social justice advocates." Cornell William Brooks, Esq. followed that sentiment by addressing Mr. Miller's lifelong commitment to the community: "Mr. Miller's four decades of exemplary service speak eloquently as to not only his character, but also the character of the just society he envisions for New Jersey. NJISJ owes "De" a special debt of gratitude as his service as a Founding Board Member laid the foundation for our 14 years of serving the urban regions of New Jersey."

Each of our esteemed honorees has made a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable families in our New Jersey community. Each honoree is a champion in the fight to make our state a safer, healthier, and more just place to live. In 1999, our founders, Alan and Amy Lowenstein, envisioned an organization capable of identifying and attacking the most damaging and imbedded social justice challenges facing New Jersey's impoverished residents. Each year we gather hundreds of advocates, community partners and members of the business community to honor and continue the legacy of Alan and Amy Lowenstein by recognizing a group of honorees whose work exemplifies the values on which NJISJ was

founded.

The gala evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 6PM at Nanina's in the Park, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony, and concluding with a celebratory dessert party. We invite everyone to join us for our annual gala and a special evening.

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