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William Leahy, Executive Director
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Dear William:

As Chair of the Committee on Mandated Representation of the New York State Bar Association, I am pleased to inform you that your Organization has been selected as a recipient of the 2017 Award for Outstanding Achievements in Promoting Standards of Excellence in Mandated Representation.

This award acknowledges those individuals or organizations that have demonstrated consistent adherence to the highest professional standards in providing mandated representation, have engaged in innovative efforts to improve the overall quality of mandated representation, or have promoted steps by the legislature, executive branch or judiciary to ensure the provision of high quality mandated representation.

The award will be presented during a luncheon ceremony to be held in conjunction with a free continuing legal education program on Family Court representation at the New York State Bar Center, One Elk Street, Albany, New York on Friday, June 9, 2017. We invite you and two members of your office to be present when you receive the award. Kristen Wagner, Esq., staff liaison to the Committee and Director of the Department of Pro Bono Services, will be in touch with you about the details.

At your earliest convenience, please provide us with a high resolution color photograph of your staff and a description of your work so that we may include it in the program brochure and other media releases about the award recipients. The photograph should be in jpeg format and may be emailed to ebencke@nysba.org.

Please accept my personal congratulations. I am familiar with your organization's work and know that the award is richly deserved.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Kossover