









# President Judge Marsha H. Neifield, Madrid, Picker to be Honored Dec. 5

Chancellor-Elect Mary F. Platt, a litigator at Fineman Krekstein & Harris P.C., will outline her plans for 2018 at the Association's Annual Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 5, which begins at 12 p.m. at the Hyatt at The Bellevue. Broad and Walnut streets.

Also at the luncheon, President Judge Marsha H. Neifield of the Philadelphia Municipal Court will be presented with the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award, and the PNC Achievement Award will be presented to both Alfonso Madrid, of the Law Office of Alfonso Madrid, and Bennett G. Picker, senior counsel at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP.

The Brennan Award recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service.

President Judge Marsha H. Neifield has implemented pioneering case management techniques and been a leader in the administration of

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#### Date:

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017

## Time:

12 p.m.

#### Location:

Hyatt at The Bellevue Broad and Walnut Streets Grand Ballroom

## Cost:

Tickets are \$65 for members, \$90 for non-members, \$55 for YLD members and public interest & government members. Judges are complimentary. A special rate of \$25 for law student is also available.

justice. In addition to harnessing new technologies and solutions to address court inefficiencies, she has started and maintains the Domestic Violence Court. She works to empower victims and hold first-time misdemeanor offenders accountable while providing them with treatment and rehabilitation. President Judge Neifield also created and presides over Project Dawn Court, a problem-solving court established as an alternative justice and rehabilitation program for commercially exploited women in Philadelphia.

The PNC Achievement Award honors significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice.

Alfonso Madrid, of the Law Office of Alfonso Madrid, has consistently represented clients of the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project for the last 10 years. For two years, he served as supervising attorney for CBAP's bankruptcy clinical program at Temple University Beasley School of Law. This was a commitment of 100 hours, requiring close supervision of a law student for 12 hours a week for the entire academic year. Madrid also was a loyal member of the CBAP board of directors for four years.

Bennett G. Picker, senior counsel at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been a pioneer in the field of alternative dispute resolution. He has changed the ADR landscape regionally, nationally and internationally. Picker also has worked tirelessly for more than 30 years to promote diversity in the legal profession. As Chancellor in 1986, he created the Philadelphia Bar Association's first diversity initiatives, the Women in the Profession and Minorities in the Profession Committees. A champion of merit selection and judicial reform, Picker was one of the signers of the charter creating Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

The Association also will honor, Lizzy Wingfield, the winner of the 2017 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg "Pursuit of Justice" Legal Writing Competition.

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