

## Maryland Carey Law Announces 2018 Alumni Honors Award Winners

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law is proud to announce the award winners to be honored at the 2018 Alumni Honors Banquet as part of Maryland Carey Law's annual **Alumni Weekend event April 12-14**.



**John B. Frisch '83** is the winner of the 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award, honoring a Maryland Carey Law alumnus/a who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community.

Frisch is chairman emeritus of Miles & Stockbridge. In February, Miles & Stockbridge celebrated Frisch's 15 years as chairman and chief executive officer and 35 years with the firm. Under Frisch's leadership, the firm has been championing key recruitment, retention and promotion efforts toward becoming a more diverse and inclusive firm; sharpening its values-based culture and client focus; and deepening its civic involvement. He remains with the firm and continues to help drive these very important strategic objectives.

Frisch is a longstanding, active member of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors. A devoted civic leader, Frisch serves as chairman of Visit Baltimore, a director of the Downtown Partnership for which he previously served as chairman, and a director of the Greater Baltimore Committee. He also was recently elected to the Dickinson College Board of Trustees. Frisch is a past director of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, B&O Railroad Museum and Well for the Journey.



**Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum '87** is the winner of the 2018 Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award, presented to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering ideals of public service in the law.

Managing Partner of Brown, Goldstein & Levy, Krevor-Weisbaum is a passionate advocate for individuals with disabilities and their families who confront barriers in education, high-stakes testing, employment, housing, and accessing state and federal services and supports as well as representing parents with disabilities in child protection proceedings and other family law matters. In addition to that advocacy work, she also represents non-profit and for-profit entities that provide supports and services to individuals with disabilities and the elderly.



**The Honorable Barry G. Williams '87** is the recipient of the Mary Ellen Barbera '84 Judicial Excellence Award, presented to an alumnus/a who exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence, displays extraordinary courage, energy, and tenacity in the handling of controversial and difficult cases as well as embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant.

Judge Williams's path to the bench included clerkships with The Honorable Arrie W. Davis in the Baltimore City Circuit Court and former Chief Judge Robert M. Bell (when he was sitting on the Court of Special Appeals). Following these clerkships, he worked for the State's Attorney Office for Baltimore City before joining the Department of Justice. Appointed to the Baltimore City Circuit Court's 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in 2005, Judge Williams represented the Baltimore judiciary on the national stage as the presiding judge of the six police officers charged in connection to the death of Freddie Gray.



**Michelle N. Mendez '08** will receive the Rising Star Award, recognizing a recent graduate whose exemplary contributions of service and leadership, either professionally or at Maryland Carey Law, have brought credit to the graduate and this institution.

Mendez has devoted her entire legal career to serving the immigrant population through her non-profit work. She is a Managing Attorney at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., where she manages the Defending Vulnerable Populations Project. Since leaving law school, she has received the Rotary International Paul Harris Award in 2014 for her commitment to helping others through volunteerism and service and the 2015 American Immigration Lawyers Association's Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award, in part because of her leadership on Maryland's special immigrant juvenile status law. In addition to those awards, she was also named a "Very Important Professional in MD" by The Daily Record in 2014 and as one of 25 "Women to Watch in 2017" by the Baltimore Sun. Mendez is currently a Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School teaching the Asylum Advocacy in Times of Crisis Seminar and serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law assisting with the Immigrant Rights Clinic.

Alumni Award Honorees are selected each year by members of the Alumni Board Awards Committee and confirmed by the Alumni Board. Award winners will be honored at the Alumni Honors Banquet on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Westminster Hall (**tickets are available**) as part of **Alumni Weekend 2018**.