



## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

# **2021 MIKE LIONE ACCESSIBILITY AWARD**

**MAY 20, 2021**

**THE WILSHIRE GRAND HOTEL WEST ORANGE, NJ**

**Call for Nominations for the Mike Liono Accessibility Award is now open.** The award is given to an individual or organization nominated by the public, who has performed exemplary work as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations. The award is presented each October at an event sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Law Project, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Mike Liono was a long time member of the Community Health Law Project's (CHLP) Board of Trustees, and a recipient of a 1988 Ann Klein Advocate Award. An executive with New Jersey Bell and Verizon, Mike retired as a well-regarded and respected innovator for those corporate giants. Mike served as the eyes and ears of the company in terms of services to persons living with disabilities. He was a leader in an advocacy group for Verizon employees with disabilities, and instrumental in the company's creation and expansion of its telephone services to persons with hearing impairments. Until his passing in 2013, Mike was a strong advocate of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its enforcement particularly its accessibility provisions. Mike served on many organizational boards including the CHLP. We are grateful to Verizon, who has agreed to be the permanent sponsor of this award.

The award is presented annually to an individual or entity that has performed exemplary work as an advocate for accessibility on behalf of persons living with disabilities. Individuals, associations and corporations may submit a nomination for an individual or organization noted for their distinguished service in promoting opportunities, rights or services for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations in New Jersey. Often a nominee is credited for specific projects, advocacy initiatives or programs that benefit a segment of the disability and or vulnerable populations in the community.

Nominations should enumerate your nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations and should explain why you or your organization believe your nominee is worthy of the Mike Liono Accessibility Award.

If your nominee is selected, we will encourage you to make a commitment of ticket sales and the purchase of congratulatory ads in the award journal in support of the Community Health Law Project. We also ask you to provide assurance that there are other individuals or organizations that concur in your recommendation and that they will support both the nomination and the event. They are encouraged to write letters of support as well.

**Send nominations by October 17, 2020**  
Community Health Law Project  
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<b>Nominee:</b> _____
<b>Company:</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____
<b>Address :</b> _____
<b>Phone:</b> _____ <b>Fax:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____
<b>Nominator:</b> _____
<b>Relationship to nominee:</b> _____
<b>Company:</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>Phone:</b> _____ <b>Fax:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____

**Summary of nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations:** *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

**Explanation of why nominee is worthy of receiving the Mike Leone Award:** *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

**Other supporting information:** *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

*Please mail letters of nomination by October 17, 2020*

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