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## Russell Yankwitt Co chairs Record Breaking Fundraiser for the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

*Sold Out Event Raised More Than \$550,000*



**White Plains, NY** (April 25, 2019) Russell Yankwitt, managing partner of White Plains, New York-based law firm Yankwitt LLP, recently co-chaired the annual Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) Equal Access to Justice dinner that raised an unprecedented \$550,000.

Yankwitt also serves on the LSHV board. Yankwitt's co-chair for the LSHV event was fellow LSHV board member Christopher Cabanillas of Cabanillas & Associates, P.C. Among Yankwitt's numerous volunteer's positions are co-chairing the annual Federal Bar Council Winter Bench & Bar Conference trip in Maui, HI, that was attended by 200 attorneys and their families and serving on the Executive Leadership Committee of the Westchester County Light the Night walk that raises money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The 14th annual Equal Access to Justice dinner was emceed by baseball legend Bobby Valentine and honored John Flannery, regional managing partner of Wilson Elser's White Plains office, Julie Kinch, senior vice president & chief legal officer at Heineken USA, and Mastercard's Law, Franchise & Integrity Group.

The record-setting event, which sold out for the third year in a row, was held at the Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook and gathered almost 500 businesses and individuals in support of LSHV's efforts to provide free civil legal services to children and families

throughout the Hudson Valley.

Event partners and supporters included DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP and Mastercard Incorporated International, who were the Presenting Sponsors. In addition, the event received support from: Diamond Sponsors - Boies Schiller Flexner LLP; Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; and Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP; Platinum Sponsors - Cabanillas & Associates, P.C.; HEINEKEN USA; Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP; PepsiCo; Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP; and Yankwitt LLP; and Gold Sponsors - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; Collier Halpern & Newberg, LLP; FUJIFILM Holdings America Corp.; Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP; and MBIA Inc.

LSHV is the only provider of free, comprehensive civil (non-criminal) legal services to low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families who cannot afford an attorney when their basic human needs are at stake. This includes urgent legal needs such as: domestic violence (orders of protection, child custody, etc.), housing emergencies (eviction and foreclosure prevention), healthcare, children's law and advocacy, disability and benefits, elder law, consumer fraud and more. Founded more than 50 years ago, LSHV serves the seven counties of the lower and mid-Hudson Valley (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan), maintaining a staff of 145 individuals - including 90 attorneys and 30 paralegals - working across 10 offices throughout its service area.

### **About Yankwitt LLP**

Founded in 2009, Yankwitt LLP is an elite trial and litigation firm based in White Plains, New York. With one of the largest litigation teams in Westchester County, Yankwitt LLP represents businesses and high-net-worth individuals in their litigation across a broad range of matters. The firm routinely handles complex cases in Westchester on behalf of national law firms and often serves as trial counsel for other local law firms on their high-stakes matters. Yankwitt LLP also holds the distinction of being the only law firm in New York with attorneys who have clerked for every federal district court judge in Westchester County.