Richard C. Glazer to Receive Hon. Louis H. Pollak Champion of the Public Interest Award from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation

PHILADELPHIA – August 7, 2017 - The Philadelphia Bar Foundation will honor Richard C. Glazer, a founder of Cozen O'Connor and a guiding force behind the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, with the Honorable Louis H. Pollak Champion of the Public Interest Award. Mr. Glazer will receive the award at the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s Access to Justice Benefit on November 4, 2017 at the Mütter Museum, from 7 PM – 11 PM.

“Temple University and the Beasley School of Law applaud the achievements of alumni, like Richard C. Glazer, propelling the legal community forward,” says Temple University Provost JoAnne Epps. “Along with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Temple strives toward building a stronger commitment to service. Though few of us are likely to achieve Richard’s level of public service, I hope this year’s Honorable Louis H. Pollak Champion of the Public Interest Award honoree will inspire other attorneys and individuals to step up and provide for the greater good.”

Richard C. Glazer was a member of the working group that transformed the idea of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project into reality. He is a founder of Cozen O’Connor, one of the 100 largest law firms in the United States, where he served as Regional Managing Partner and Department Chair from 1972 to 2003. His lifetime commitment to supporting programs and causes that advance the public interest, as well as his groundbreaking work on behalf of the Innocence community, make his recognition with the Pollak Award particularly fitting.

"For the many years I've been involved with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, and now as President, I've seen how important engagement by the legal community is to providing access to justice for those underrepresented or unrepresented,” says Thomas A. Brophy, President of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and CEO of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C. “Richard Glazer sets an example to expect the best of ourselves and our profession, an example so important to the organizations the Bar Foundation supports."

The Honorable Louis H. Pollak Champion of the Public Interest Award is presented by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation on special occasions to a lawyer who has been a true champion of the public interest legal
community. More information can be found at http://www.philabarfoundation.org/grants-and-awards/awards/honorable-louis-h-pollak-award.

Past recipients of the award include Lawrence J. Beaser, Esq., a partner at Blank Rome LLP who received the award in 2016, and Robert C. (Bob) Heim, a partner at Dechert LLP who received the inaugural Pollak Award in 2014.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation invites you to celebrate Mr. Glazer’s accomplishments at the Access to Justice Benefit. The event will be held on Saturday, November 4 at the Mütter Museum, 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia. Register NOW for tickets and sponsorships.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is the philanthropic hub of the legal community and is the only foundation solely dedicated to strengthening Philadelphia’s legal services system. The Bar Foundation’s philanthropy for justice is the embodiment of the Philadelphia legal community’s commitment to the fundamental principle of equal access to justice for all people. The Foundation works to strengthen the legal aid and pro bono systems, remove barriers to justice for individuals and families facing poverty, abuse, and discrimination, and support system-wide capacity-building, providing unrestricted grants, technical assistance, fellowships, and awards.

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