



NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

A resolution honoring David Lazarus and his service to the Community Health Law Project

WHEREAS, In 1976 the Community Health Law Project was established by the New Jersey State Bar Association and designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a legal aid society, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project, a statewide nonprofit advocacy and legal organization, has spent 40 years fulfilling its mission to provide legal and advocacy services, training, education and related activities to persons with disabilities and, in certain issues, to organizations representing their interests, with an emphasis on those most vulnerable and needy, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project provides legal representation and advocacy services to low-income people with disabilities throughout the state; helping more than 75,000 individuals with issues like Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income matters, and educates thousands of practitioners of law, health and social work, as well as consumers and families, through conferences, and special programs since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project is unique in that it specializes in services exclusively for people with disabilities, although its areas of expertise cover the entire range of civil law, and

WHEREAS, that legal service has been overseen for decades by David Paul Lazarus, director of litigation, who has ably and nobly led a staff of attorneys, advocates and paralegals in representing individuals living with disabilities, as well as other vulnerable populations, and

WHEREAS, he has served an instrumental role in reforms concerning conditions and rights of individuals living in rooming and boarding houses throughout the state, has specifically helped draft a legislative restructuring of state laws related to those facilities; helped draft a measure to allow people discharged from psychiatric facilities to expunge commitment records; and was involved in changes to the state Law Against Discrimination to include those with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, he was recently integral to the requirement that all new multifamily Mount Laurel housing units be adaptable for use by people with disabilities, and

BE IT RESOLVED, David Lazarus leaves a tremendous legacy in New Jersey, having protected the rights and entitlements of persons living with disabilities through compassionate and zealous advocacy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Bar Board of Trustees, on behalf of its over 18,000 members, honors, recognizes and offers congratulations to him for his efforts on behalf of so many who would not have otherwise been able to access the courts to address and remedy injustices.

I, Domenick Carmagnola, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2016. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this 17th day of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Domenick Carmagnola", is written over a horizontal line.

Domenick Carmagnola