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Manhattan Legal Services (MLS) fights poverty and seeks racial, social, and economic justice for low-income residents of Manhattan by providing free legal representation, systemic advocacy, and community education. 85% of the people served by MLS live on less than $15,000 a year, and face such daunting crises as loss of housing, barriers to employment, illegal debt collection, denial of essential government benefits, and precarious immigration status. In addition to living in poverty, the people served by MLS belong to Manhattan's most disadvantaged populations including people living with HIV, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, survivors of domestic violence, immigrants, and the unemployed. By working with community residents and providers to identify the pressing issues that impact their communities and finding systemic solutions, MLS advocates bring about lasting change for Manhattan's most vulnerable residents.

Our Honorees

Patrick Shilling is a Managing Director and Head of Americas Litigation at UBS Group AG. He leads a team of approximately 20 lawyers and paralegals and oversees all of UBS's non-employment litigation in the Americas. Prior to joining UBS, Patrick was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. From 2002 to 2003, Patrick clerked for the Honorable Peter K. Leisure in the Southern District of New York and from 2005 to 2006, he clerked for the Honorable Joseph M. McLaughlin in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Patrick is a 1999 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a 2002 graduate of Fordham University School of Law (Summa Cum Laude).

Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners was founded in 1997 in response to the financial disenfranchisement of Washington Heights, beginning as a credit union serving the local Latino immigrant community. Since then it has grown independently as a nonprofit and social enterprise, partnering with a multitude of institutions with strong ties to financially underserved populations and continually innovating its services for those settings. In 2013, Mayor Bloomberg named Neighborhood Trust one of New York City’s most innovative and data-driven nonprofits leading the fight against poverty.

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