



## MEL M. IMMERGUT

### John J. McCloy Memorial Award

MEL M. IMMERGUT is the former Chairman of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, having served in that role from 1995 to 2013. He has been a partner in the firm's Corporate Group since 1980. Both as an individual and through his law firm, Mr. Immergut has supported the Fund for Modern Courts for many years and has served as the Chair of the McCloy Memorial Awards Committee. His partner, John J. McCloy, for whom the McCloy Memorial Award is named and who Mel knew well, served as Chair of the Fund and Committee for Modern Courts from 1961 to 1978.

Mr. Immergut has extensive experience in a wide variety of corporate governance, board advisory and transactional work, including M&A transactions, financing transactions and leveraged leasing. He is responsible for, among other clients, the firm's representation of Anheuser-Busch, Astoria Financial, Cushman and Wakefield, MasterCard, NASCAR, Sovereign Bancorp, Tyson Foods and William E. Simon and Sons.

He serves as a Trustee and Past-President of the American College of Investment Counsel, a Trustee of The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc. and past President of The Billfish Foundation. Mr. Immergut is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. He serves as Vice Chairman and as a Trustee of the Legal Aid Society. He is a member of the Columbia Law School Dean's Council and the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors.

Mr. Immergut also serves as a member of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation Advisory Council, the Partnership for New York City and the Council on Foreign Relations. Additionally, he is a member of the United States European Command Advisory Panel and a former member of the United States Southern Command Advisory Panel. Mr. Immergut is Vice Chairman and a Trustee of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, and serves on the Defense Business Board of the United States Department of Defense. He is a recipient of The Jewish Theological Seminary Simon H. Rifkind Award and the Legal Aid Society's Servant of Justice Award. Mr. Immergut received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. and M.B.A. from Columbia University.

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## HELAINÉ M. BARNETT

### Career Public Service Award

HELAINÉ M. BARNETT has devoted her entire professional career to the provision of legal aid to the poor and in the pursuit of equal access to justice. She was appointed President of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in January 2004, the first legal aid attorney to serve in that position, and retired, as its longest serving president, after six years. LSC was created by and is funded by Congress. Its mission is to promote equal access to justice in our nation and to provide high quality legal assistance to low-income persons. As President, she was responsible for providing federal grants and oversight to 137 legal aid programs with over 900 offices serving every state throughout the country. Under her leadership, LSC focused on enhancing the quality of legal services and issued the groundbreaking Justice Gap Report documenting the unmet civil legal needs of low-income Americans.

Before joining LSC, Ms. Barnett spent 37 years with The Legal Aid Society in New York City, the last ten of which she headed its multi-office Civil Division where she was responsible for the overall management and supervision of all aspects of the operation and legal work of the Civil Division. Among her accomplishments, she created and assumed direct responsibility for the Society's Homeless Family Rights Project and mobilized its 9/11 disaster assistance response.

Since returning from Washington D.C., Ms. Barnett has been teaching a seminar at the New York University (NYU) School of Law that she developed on Access to the Civil Justice System and was appointed in 2010 by New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to Chair his newly created 31 member statewide Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York. The Task Force has issued comprehensive reports in 2010, 2011 and 2012 documenting the unmet need for civil legal assistance, the resources necessary to meet that need and non-monetary recommendations to help narrow the justice gap.

Ms. Barnett has held leadership positions in the American Bar Association (ABA), serving on its Board of Governors representing New York State and on its Executive Committee and as the ABA Representative to the United Nations, and at the New York City Bar Association, where she was an officer, a member of its executive committee and continues to represent it in the ABA House of Delegates. She was also appointed to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, where she served for six years. She is a recipient of numerous awards, including the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement, the NYU Law School Alumni Achievement, and the New York State Bar's Gold Medal and has published several law review articles on access to justice. Ms. Barnett is a graduate of the NYU School of Law and Barnard College.

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