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### **Mintz to Receive the Lawyers Clearinghouse Pro Bono Excellence Award**

*Boston-based law firm recognized for commitment to serving communities in need.*

BOSTON—Legal services nonprofit Lawyers Clearinghouse has selected Mintz as the recipient of its 2020 Pro Bono Excellence Award, in recognition of the firm’s longstanding dedication to pro bono service. The award will be formally presented to Mintz at the Clearinghouse’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on September 24.

The Clearinghouse chose to honor Mintz this year after over two decades of partnership, during which the firm has: staffed numerous legal clinics to provide civil legal assistance to homeless and very-low income individuals and families; helped create a model for engaging more in-house attorneys in pro bono; collaborated with the Clearinghouse on the Clinic in a Box program; and conceived of the Access to Justice Fellows Program--now operated by the Clearinghouse--which the firm continues to fervently support.

“This award is long overdue and Mintz is so deserving,” said Clearinghouse Executive Director Maribeth Perry. “We’re truly grateful to Mintz for everything the firm has done over the years to support our work. The firm’s belief in us, and the commitment of the Mintz attorneys who have volunteered with us, has enabled the Clearinghouse to grow and thrive while effectively serving nonprofits and people in need.”

Created to acknowledge the contributions of the Clearinghouse’s pro bono volunteers, the Pro Bono Excellence Award is presented annually to legal professionals, law firms, or in-house departments that go above and beyond for their community. Last year, the Clearinghouse presented the award to Jim Kelleher, Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer at Liberty Mutual Group.

#### **About Lawyers Clearinghouse**

The Lawyers Clearinghouse was founded in 1988 by the Boston Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association to connect nonprofit organizations working to promote affordable housing and alleviate homelessness with pro bono legal assistance provided by volunteer attorneys. Since then, the Clearinghouse has expanded the scope of its services to include educational workshops for nonprofits and lawyers, legal clinics for the homeless at shelters in the Boston area, a CORI sealing and expungement program, and the Access to Justice Fellows Program to engage retired lawyers and judges in pro bono pursuits. Learn more at [www.lawyersclearinghouse.org](http://www.lawyersclearinghouse.org).

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