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Press Release

MVLS Director of Project HEAL Receives Daily Record's Leadership in Law Award

Founded in 1981, MVLS is the largest pro bono provider of legal services whose over 3,000 volunteer lawyers provide free civil legal assistance to low-income residents and community-based nonprofits throughout Maryland. Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law) is a medical-legal partnership and special project of MVLS.

Baltimore, MD, September 19, 2012: Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service is pleased to announce that Maureen van Stone, Esq., M.S., Director of Project HEAL at Kennedy Krieger Institute has been awarded *The Daily Record's* 2012 Leadership in Law Award. Ms. van Stone provides legal services to children with disabilities who are receiving treatment at Kennedy Krieger Institute and is the Associate Director of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities. She joined MVLS in 2005 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Since then she has successfully lead efforts to expand education-related legal services to children with disabilities statewide.

The Daily Record created the Leadership in Law Awards program in 2000 to recognize outstanding professional achievement, community service and mentoring within Maryland's legal community.

"To be considered for *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Awards, individuals must have devoted time and energy to bettering the legal profession as well as the communities in which they live and work. They also must have mentored future professional and community leaders," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of *The Daily Record*. "We applaud each of the winners for embodying all of those characteristics."

A distinguished panel of judges reviewed the applications and selected 24 winners from 79 nominees, who will be honored Nov. 15 at a reception and dinner at The Hotel at Arundel Preserve. Winners also will be profiled in a special magazine included with the Nov. 19 edition of *The Daily Record*.

Sponsors of *The Daily Record's* 2012 Leadership in Law Awards include Special Counsel, Comcast Business Class, Ellin & Tucker, Epsilon Registration and VPC, Inc.

For more information about *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law, visit www.thedailyrecord.com.

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