

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD #LAW4THEPEOPLE 2023 AWARDS CELEBRATION



Tribute Journal

December 5, 2023



We honor our comrade and friend Karen Jo Koonan
for her service with us on the Board of the
National Lawyers Guild Foundation.

Karen Jo was wise, calm and spot on. She listened
before she spoke – She heard before she made
assumptions.

Karen Jo was an invaluable member of the
Foundation. She was a comrade who always showed
up to do the work.

We miss her greatly.

Karen Jo Koonan Presente !!

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Program

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00 PM-9:30 PM

- 7:00 PM Welcome by Suzanne Adely, NLG President
- 7:15 PM Presentation of Daniel Levy Award to Florida Immigrant Coalition
- 7:25 PM Presentation of Carol Weiss King Award to Laura St. John
- 7:35 PM Presentation of C.B. King Award to Charlie McKeown
- 7:45 PM Karen Jo Koonan Tribute
- 8:00 PM Presentation of Karen Jo Koonan Award to Jess Fuller
- 8:10 PM Presentation of Ernie Goodman Award to Armen H. Merjian
- 8:25 PM Presentation of Law for the People Award to
Community Movement Builders
- 8:40 PM Testimonials
- 9:30 PM Program Concludes

*Note: all times are listed in ET

Welcome Letter

Dear NLG members and allies,

Welcome to the 2023 Virtual #Law4ThePeople Awards Celebration!

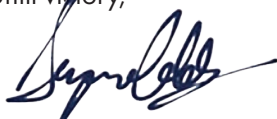
2023 has been a momentous year of transition and transformation for both the Guild and for the world. After more than three years since the initial COVID-19 lockdowns, officials announced the end of the pandemic despite continued increases in infections and death, especially in marginalized communities. As society struggled to readjust to what once was in this “post-pandemic” world, many understand that things would never return to the way things were and, for better or for worse, things could not and should not.

For the Guild, this is a call to support the movements that are building the world anew. The time is ripe now, more than ever, for us to forge into reality this just and joyful world that the Guild has been fighting for throughout our 86 years of existence. We refuse to succumb to the relentless state-sanctioned murder of our Black and trans siblings and the exorbitant profit-driven plunder of our colonized communities. Our rivers will continue to run dry and our forests will continue to burn if we do not answer this resounding call for radical change. The sharpening contradictions in society crystallize the need for a unified fight against oppression and it is only the most courageous that can take up this fight. Luckily for the Guild, we are filled with courageous people.

This year we are honoring those on the frontlines of fighting for this new world: Community Movement Builders, Armen H. Merjian, Jess Fuller, Charlie McKeown, Laura St. John, Florida Immigrant Coalition, the Alliance for Global Justice and Emily Yozell. We also honor Karen Jo Koonan (1945-2023), who blazed the trail which brought legal workers from key racial and social justice movements of the modern era into the NLG. Karen Jo embodied the political and legal leadership which made the NLG the movement resource it is today and we are proud to rename our annual Legal Worker Award the Karen Jo Koonan Award to uplift her legacy.

Despite the “end of the pandemic”, this year has brought overwhelming loss. From Bill Goodman to Holly Maguigan and Tortuguita in Atlanta to the thousands named and unnamed in Gaza, our ancestors and martyrs alike whisper dreams of this new world to us as we slumber. The world’s rumblings are beckoning us all awake, ready to materialize our abolitionist aspirations. May this year’s awardees inspire us to continue the struggle for justice and as we mourn, let us remember what labor organizer Mary “Mother” Jones said, “Honor the dead and fight like hell for the living!”

Until victory,



Suzanne Adely, NLG President and JML Santiago, NLG Interim Executive Director

Law for the People Award

Community Movement Builders



Founded in 2015, **Community Movement Builders** (CMB) is a Black member-based collective of community residents and activists rooted within Black working-class communities in Atlanta and across the country. Serving Black working-class and poor Black communities, they have chapters in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Sacramento, Los Angeles, New York, Delaware and Newark.

CMB emerged out of a need to respond to encroaching gentrification, displacement, and over-policing. CMB organizes to bring power to Black communities by challenging existing institutions and creating new ones that our people control.

CMB organizes with marginalized Black communities to build people power and alternative grassroots institutions. Their work includes cop-watches/safety walks, stabilization funds, mutual aid through our liberation programs, organizing against police brutality, and cultivate economic opportunities through establishing food co-ops.

CMB's mission is to serve as an effective catalyst for and organizer of movements and initiatives that stabilize the community and advance the goals of indigenous and future residents. Their vision is to create stable Black communities by creating a network of integrated community institutions driven by neighborhood needs; a community that is safe, attractive and supportive of its youth; a food oasis where sustainable agriculture undergirds a healthy lifestyle; stable affordable housing anchored through a community land trust; community organizing grounded in creating and controlling political, social and economic institutions/positions that bring power to neighborhood residents and to the longevity of a working-class Black community.

Each year the National Lawyers Guild gives the Law for the People Award to an individual or organization whose work embodies the values that our membership holds dear. Previous recipients include Walter Riley, Standish Willis, Jan Susler, Judith Berkan, and Jim Lafferty.

Ernie Goodman Award
Armen H. Merjian



Armen H. Merjian, Senior Staff Attorney/Legal Director at Housing Works/HIV Law Project, is one of the nation's leading HIV/AIDS and civil rights attorneys. For over three decades, Armen has conducted impact litigation on issues involving HIV/AIDS, homelessness, public benefits, disability, gender, and housing discrimination. He has litigated numerous landmark cases, including *Hanna v. Turner* (establishing the right of unhoused New Yorkers living with AIDS to same-day placement in emergency housing, the first ruling of its kind in the United States); *Hernandez v. Barrios Paoli* (eliminating the onerous eligibility verification review for tens of thousands of indigent New Yorkers living with AIDS); *Henrietta D. v. Bloomberg* (the largest welfare/ADA case in U.S. history, establishing that the failure to provide reasonable accommodations is an

independent form of disability discrimination in the Second Circuit); *Melendez v. Wing* (striking down the denial of SSI "invisibility" for recipients of public assistance); *Bumpus v. New York City Transit Authority* (finding 40,000 Transit Authority workers not exempt from City Human Rights Law, and ruling that gender identity protections do not violate the First Amendment); *Short v. Manhattan Apartments* (the first trial challenging source of income housing discrimination in New York), and *Wilson v. Phoenix House* (finding drug treatment program subject to the human rights law and its transgender protections).

Armen is a co-author of the national treatise on AIDS, AIDS and the Law, a member of the ABA's national committee on HIV/AIDS, and a contributing author of the NLG's *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*. He is also the author of 20 law review articles on human and civil rights and has published in the nation's top-ranked law journal in five different areas: human rights law, poverty law, law and public policy, immigration law, and criminal law. An executive editor at Bender's called his article on asylum "a must read for all immigration law students," while his article on ethics and international arbitration has been cited and used on at least five continents.

Ernest "Ernie" Goodman (1906-1997) of Detroit was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild and an influential civil rights and First Amendment lawyer. Each year the Ernie Goodman Award is awarded to a Guild lawyer who, within the past several years or currently, is engaged in legal struggle against financial, political, or social odds to obtain justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless, or persecuted. The Goodman Award is given by the National Lawyers Guild Foundation.

C.B. King Award

Charlie McKeown

Charlie McKeown is a 2023 graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was president of the NLG student chapter. Before law school he was an activist in Chicago, volunteering for the Community Bond Fund and the Coalition to End Money Bond. He was also a member of Black and Pink Chicago, where he provided correspondence, companionship, and re-entry services for LGBT+ prisoners. During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, he was an investigator in a class-action lawsuit against Cook County Jail over inhumane conditions of confinement.



As a law student, he interned for Georgia Capital Defenders office and participated in UGA Law's Criminal Defense Practicum. He also spent three semesters assisting the Practicum director in a mandatory life-without-parole trial, which resulted in a full acquittal for their client. He also lent support to the Defend the Atlanta Forest movement, joining in jail support and legal coordination efforts for jailed activists. Along with NLG members from across the South, he organized legal observation and Know Your Rights trainings in solidarity with Forest Defenders.

Charlie currently serves on the legal committee of the International Campaign to Free Kamau Sadiki. Kamau Sadiki is a veteran of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army, now wrongfully held as a prisoner of war in Augusta, GA. Charlie also works on the Prisoner Support Committee of the Black Alliance for Peace Solidarity Network. He is now a public defender in Georgia, where he lives with his wife and newborn son.

The C.B. King Award is given to an NLG law student in honor of Chevene Bowers King (1923-1988), one of the country's most prominent and courageous civil rights lawyers. For over 30 years, he practiced law in Albany, Georgia, where he was a major figure in the civil rights movement. C.B. King was also a great teacher who taught several generations of law students and young lawyers how to practice law with a commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised, and the oppressed.

Honoring
Karen Jo Koonan



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On June 5, 2023, we said goodbye to the indomitable Karen Jo Koonan. Karen Jo was a trailblazer at the legendary Bar Sinister law collective, the National Jury Project, and the NLG San Francisco-Bay Area Chapter, all of which informed her bold leadership as the first legal worker to serve as national NLG President. Throughout her life, Karen Jo embodied the political and legal leadership which made the NLG the movement resource it is today.

In honor of her life and legacy, the annual NLG Legal Worker Award is now the Karen Jo Koonan Award. We hope that creating this space to celebrate her life will inspire us all to carry her memory forward.

Karen Jo Koonan Award

Jess Fuller

Jess Fuller is a dedicated, anti-authoritarian community and labor organizer turned legal coordinator. Over the last decade, Jess has been central in facilitating legal support at Standing Rock, the U.S./Mexico border, student-labor coalitions, and most recently in the Stop Cop City movement in Atlanta. As a frontline legal worker, Jess has organized defendants from mass arrests, worked with attorneys from all over the country, and provided logistical support to build defendant-centered legal teams.

At Standing Rock, Jess helped coordinate the Pro Hac Vice program with the Water Protector Legal Collective to provide representation to the over 800 arrestees from the movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline. There, she facilitated collective defense by providing legal information to defendants and coordinating movement attorneys' legal strategies. Jess's consistent work from the direct-action campaign to the courtrooms gave attorneys crucial context, while she served as a reliable point of contact for Water Protectors.



After defeating most of the political prosecutions in North Dakota, Jess moved to Tijuana to support Unaccompanied Minors migrating to the United States. When the 2018 migrant caravan arrived to the U.S.-Mexico border, migrants were routinely blocked and threatened by U.S. and Mexican officials with deportation or arrest. In response, Jess worked to train volunteer attorneys to accompany minors to demand their rights during the height of Trump's repression at the border. By the end of her tenure, she supported over 120 minors from over 12 countries to successfully enter the United States and went on to train partners in Arizona to expand the program.

Starting in February 2023, Jess has been working with the Civil Liberties Defense Center to find representation for defendants related to the Stop Cop City movement. Jess is honored to be a part of the tradition of radical legal workers organizing in solidarity with movements that are bravely and boldly fighting the imperialist, colonial police-state.

The annual Karen Jo Koonan Award is given to an NLG legal worker member who teaches, leads, and learns alongside others in the fight for social justice and liberation. This award honors a legal worker who embodies the selfless and principled leadership of Karen Jo Koonan (1945-2023).

Debra Evenson "Venceremos" International Award

Alliance for Global Justice

The mission of the **Alliance for Global Justice** is to achieve social change and economic justice by helping to build a stronger, more unified grassroots movement. AfGJ recognizes that the concentration of wealth and power is the root cause of oppression requiring us to work together across ideologies, issues and communities. The Alliance nurtures organizations seeking fundamental change in international and national conditions that disempower people, create disparities in access to wealth and power, poison the earth, and plunder its resources.



The AfGJ supports locally-based grassroots organizing by sharing political analysis, mobilizing for direct action, monitoring the centers of corporate and government power, expanding channels of communication, and sharing skills and infrastructure.

One of AfGJ's early activities was to act as fiscal sponsor and one of the primary organizers of the April 2000 IMF/WB demonstration in Washington, DC, one of the three major actions of what was then called the anti-globalization movement. That same weekend, AfGJ organized a meeting of Latin America solidarity organizations that became the Latin America Solidarity Coalition.

In the intervening years AfGJ has participated in the formation of many coalitions including the Stop CAFTA coalition and the Act Now to Stop War & End Racism (ANSWER) Coalition. Nicaragua solidarity is one of AfGJ's core projects and they are also one of the primary organizations in the Honduras Solidarity Network. AfGJ acts as fiscal sponsor to over 90 economic, social justice and human rights projects around the world that do not have their own tax-exempt status.

Former Guild President Debra Evenson (1942-2011) was one of the visionary architects of Cuba's legal system, and a staunch defender of the country at home. The award is presented by the International Committee in recognition of brave work to extend justice beyond borders.

Emily Yozell

Emily Yozell joined the NLG during law school at Northeastern 46 years ago while working at a Guild summer project against police abuse in Denver's Chicano community. She is originally from Boston and maintains her membership in the Massachusetts chapter and has lived and worked in Latino communities in the US, Puerto Rico and Central America, being based in Latin America for most of her legal career.

Her Guild work has included coordinating numerous fact-finding and legal solidarity delegations and projects in Cuba and Central America. Emily has advocated in diverse international human rights and environmental cutting edge litigation establishing precedents before the Inter-American HR system and national fora in defense of the human right to clean potable water and territorial and resource disputes on behalf of indigenous, tribal and afro-descendent communities in Central America.

Her work with law students, younger lawyers and training of community leaders to organize to defend and exercise their rights has been a rewarding priority for her. She is also active in the global network of Environmental Lawyers Alliance Worldwide (ELAW) and the Costa Rican chapter of the AAJ.



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Daniel Levy Award

Florida Immigrant Coalition

Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) is a hub for a bold, agile, and strategic social movement that both protects Florida immigrants, and advances their success and wellbeing. We are a statewide coalition of more than 70 member organizations, and over 100 allies united for the fair treatment of all people, including immigrants.



We were formally incorporated in 2004, but our history dates back to 1998. Since then, we've been led by our diverse and dynamic membership, consisting of grassroots and community organizations, farmworkers, youth, advocates, lawyers, union members, and more. Our goal is simple: To build a better world where everyone can thrive, regardless of background. We believe in the power of unity and work hard to make it through our unique power-building model. We understand that our strength comes from the people who stand with us, and that's why we're proud to have members throughout Florida.

During our journey for social justice, we fomented the rise of immigrant youth and witnessed the blossoming of an intergenerational movement to protect and uplift immigrant rights. Directly led by the communities we serve and deeply invested in participatory practices, FLIC has centered the needs and aspirations of those disproportionately impacted by inequality.

Our mission is to grow the connection, capacity, and consciousness of communities to strengthen pro-immigrant power in Florida. Our vision is to create a Florida that is a true home for immigrants and all people. Our work exists in the intersection of love and justice, and being a part of FLIC means to stand for the equitable world that we aspire and deserve. We move closer to our vision when we build a world in which individuals have the right to live, love, and labor without fear.

The National Immigration Project of the NLG (NIPNLG) created the Daniel Levy Award in 2002, to honor the memory and work of Daniel Levy. Daniel Levy was a former staff attorney of the National Immigration Law Center who passed away at the untimely age of 48. He was a member of NIPNLG and a tireless advocate on behalf of immigrant and civil rights. Each year, the NIPNLG recognizes an organization or team that exemplifies Daniel Levy's creative, collective and socially conscious work style.

Carol Weiss King Award

Laura St. John

Laura St. John is the Legal Director at the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project and has played a pivotal role in the organization's growth and its unwavering commitment to providing legal and social services support for those detained in ICE custody in Arizona.

She holds her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from New York University. Laura joined the Florence Project as a Staff Attorney in March, 2011. Those early years involved many early-morning Know Your Rights presentations before Court, late evenings visiting clients sitting on the floor of the local jail's rec yard (because that was where ICE legal visits took place), and lots of driving to and from remote detention centers. As Managing Attorney, Laura and the staff she supervised were some of the first attorneys appointed as counsel, at government expense, representing individuals under the Franco-Gonzalez injunction. With over a decade of experience representing individuals living with serious mental health conditions, Laura is recognized nationally for her expertise in working with clients with diminished capacity.



As Legal Director, Laura oversees all legal and social services programs and advocacy efforts. She represents clients in removal proceedings before the agency and before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She also supervises the Florence Project's Ninth Circuit practice, as well as its federal court litigation, and policy and media outreach. Laura has tackled numerous critical issues from litigating lack of access to counsel in detention, to challenging unjust border closures, to family separation, where her appearance in 2018 on All In With Chris Hayes was considered a watershed moment in prompting public outrage over zero tolerance policies.

The Florence Project has grown significantly during her tenure, yet, the pressing need for legal representation and social services undeniably remains. For Laura, it is the privilege and honor of her lifetime to serve her clients and to work alongside her talented and dedicated colleagues, as we strive for a future where no one ever needs to face an immigration judge alone.

NIPNLG awards the Carol Weiss King Award annually for excellence in the pursuit of social justice through organizing, litigating, and teaching. The award has honored dozens whose work has significantly advanced human and civil rights for all. Prominent U.S. lawyer Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) specialized in immigration law and the defense of the civil rights of immigrants, and was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild.

Tribute to Karen Jo Koonan *by Carlin Meyer*



Karen Jo was the Bar Sinister law collective's 1975 "loan" to the national office of the NLG ---and a gift to me. Our lifelong friendship began in the tumultuous period of transformation of the NLG from a predominately white male, lawyer-dominated alternative bar association to a broader and more inclusive activist legal organization. The Vietnam war had just ended; the FBI was infiltrating, killing, and jailing members of the Black Panther Party, and the justice department was hauling activists of all stripes before grand juries . The NLG was trying to defend activists on these and many other fronts, while coping with the hair-splitting sectarianism of many members (KJ and I were not immune from criticism). The left wasn't great at united fronts and compromise then and as these tensions continue now, we feel the loss of Karen Jo's leadership.

KJ was unique in that her politics, principles were clear from the young age of 16 when she went to Mississippi to fight for voting rights. Joining the peoples' movement to protect voting and civil rights workers was more important to her than a college degree, much less a law license. Nevertheless she was the first legal worker to be elected national president of the NLG, and also served as San Francisco chapter president (not to mention her presence on the Chapter Board and the National Foundation). She knew how to talk with, and more importantly listen carefully and non-judgmentally (for the most part) to people of all stripes. She could bring people together and cajole

them toward a concrete plan or solution (“What’s your point? Where is this leading? What’s your goal?”). Many of us can still hear echoes of her uninhibited peals of laughter, which could lighten the mood amid tense battles over everything from the food to be served at national conventions to the NLG’s positions on international affairs.

At the national office, we sometimes called her “Susie Stalin” for her laser focus on getting things accomplished and forging compromises to do it. At our first convention as national office staff we were challenged by a walkout of members over support for the farm workers and Cesar Chavez, at a time when the Farmworkers Union was reporting undocumented workers to the INS because they were being used to bust union drives. At the same time others threatened to and did quit over a resolution supporting the Palestinians (yes, back in 1975!). KJ chaired much of that convention — no easy task — defusing much of the tension by combining sternness with self-deprecating humor.

KJ went on to become a preeminent and highly sought after jury consultant, first with the National Jury Project and then via her own consultancy. She helped secure countless progressive wins in court and her frequent response to someone’s story — “I had a case once....” — became a family mantra. KJ, a dancer in her youth, always believed that art and culture were a necessary form of and complement to political work. She was always up for a trip to a museum, dance concert, movie, or jazz performance, and several generations of NLGers own works by her beloved dad Joe Zirker.

No tribute would be complete without a mention of her children Camisha and Taima and grandchildren Suhayla, Aysia, Sakina, Nasira and Neisha, to whom she was devoted -- hosting, caregiving, and kvetching (as appropriate) along the way. And many of you count yourselves part of her extended family of mentees – several spoke at her memorial about the ways in which her life-guidance altered the course of their lives.

KJ loved to travel; she wanted to see every U.N. designated Heritage site, and she had a roster of travel buddies she persuaded to join her on one or another trip. We managed Turkey, Argentina, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, South Africa and several others - sleeping on floors of friends made on other journeys and joining other NLG folks on tours. And KJ traveled with others: Marci Seville, Susie Kaplan, and many more. And she hosted folks she met in these countries when they came to the U.S.; she was a terrific San Francisco tour guide. KJ leaves a giant hole in the universe at a time when her light-hearted laughter and skill at reading people and forging compromise are so desperately needed. She is and will continue to be sorely missed.

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Congratulations to Laura St. John, the Florida Immigrant Coalition, and all the honorees for your much-deserved recognition.

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2023 recipient of the Debra Evenson
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Cutting-edge international human rights and
environmental lawyer whose work spans borders,
from the United States to Costa Rica to
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We also salute the **Alliance for Global Justice**, our fellow 2023 Evenson award recipient, and all Guild awardees for their commitment to people's law and people's struggle!

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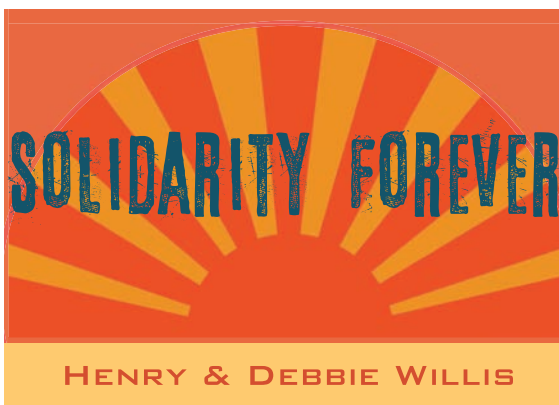
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Congratulations

Laura St. John,
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contributions to the movement!

- The National Immigration Project



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