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Drinker Biddle Partner Paul Nittoly Receives Douglas S. Eakeley Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. – Paul G. Nittoly, a partner in the Florham Park office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, received the Douglas S. Eakeley Award November 17, 2009, at the Fourth Annual Arts & Eats for Justice Awards Gala. Paul was honored for his outstanding pro bono service at the event at the Montclair Art Museum, benefiting the Volunteer Lawyers for Justice (VLJ).

Created in 2007 by the Legal Services Foundation (LSF) of Essex County, the Douglas S. Eakeley Award recognizes members of New Jersey's legal community who, throughout their careers, have dedicated themselves to increasing the provision of free legal services to those in need. Douglas S. Eakeley, for whom the LSF award is named, is a former Rhodes Scholar and graduate of Yale Law School, who served as First Assistant Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. In 1993 he was appointed by President Clinton to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, which he chaired until April 2003. In 1980, Eakeley became a trustee of Essex-Newark Legal Services Project and helped organize the Legal Services Foundation of Essex County. He chaired New Jersey's state support center, Legal Services of New Jersey, from 1981 to 1990.

LSF honored Paul with the award for his service to both LSF and VLJ, as well as for his service to the community at large, including his 15 year pro bono representation in litigation that resulted in the renovation and restoration of the historic Old Essex County Courthouse in Newark. Paul served as vice-president of LSF for two years and then as President for another two years. The award recognizes Paul for his "ever-constant" ongoing commitment to LSF and VLJ, and that through his exemplary leadership and involvement LSF has moved forward.

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