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NLS Announces 60th Anniversary Evening

Nationally Recognized Attorney Kenneth R. Feinberg to Headline Celebration; Former University Presidents Ken Gormley and Mark Nordenberg and U.S. Magistrate Judge Maureen P. Kelly Among Distinguished Honorees at October 6, 2026 Celebration Dinner

PITTSBURGH, PA, AUGUST 12, 2026 — Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) will commemorate six decades of advancing equal access to justice with its 60th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, beginning with a reception at 5:30 pm at the UPMC Club at Acrisure Stadium.

Expected to draw more than 500 leaders from the legal profession, judiciary, business community, government, philanthropy, and nonprofit sector, the celebration will honor NLS's 60-year legacy of service, recognize distinguished champions of justice, and highlight the essential role civil legal aid plays in strengthening communities throughout Western Pennsylvania.

The celebration will feature Kenneth R. Feinberg, the nationally recognized attorney, mediator, and author whose career has made him one of America's foremost experts in conflict resolution and public service. Feinberg has administered some of the nation's most significant victim compensation programs, including those established following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, the Virginia Tech tragedy, and the Boston Marathon bombing.

The evening will also mark the inaugural presentation of the Neighborhood Legal Services Founders' Award. The Founders' Awards will be presented jointly to Ken Gormley, Chancellor and former President of Duquesne University and nationally respected constitutional scholar, and Mark A. Nordenberg, Chancellor Emeritus and former Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. The awards recognize their extraordinary leadership, commitment to public service, and enduring contributions to the legal profession, higher education, and the pursuit of justice.

The Honorable Maureen P. Kelly, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, will receive the Honorable R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. Legacy of Justice Award, recognizing her distinguished career and longstanding commitment to equal justice and civil legal aid. A former President of Neighborhood Legal Services and longtime leader, volunteer, and advocate for legal aid, Judge Kelly has devoted decades of service to strengthening access to justice in Western Pennsylvania and across the Commonwealth.

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Other special guests include Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday.

More information about the 60th Anniversary Celebration, including sponsorship and ticket information, is available at nlsa.us/60years/.

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About Neighborhood Legal Services

Founded in 1966, Neighborhood Legal Services is a nonprofit civil legal aid organization serving low-income individuals and families throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence counties. NLS provides free legal representation, advocacy, and education in civil matters involving housing, family safety, domestic violence, public benefits, consumer protection, elder law, and other essential legal needs, ensuring that justice is accessible to everyone, regardless of financial circumstances.

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