Frank J. Murray Inn of Court Selects Veterans Legal Services Co-Directors As Co-Lawyer of the Year

Boston, Mass. (September 26, 2019) Veterans Legal Services (VLS), the primary provider of free legal services to low-income military veterans in Massachusetts, is proud to announce that its co-directors, Anna S. Richardson and Sarah E. Roxburgh have been selected as Co-Lawyer of the Year by the Frank J. Murray Inn of Court (the Inn).

“I am deeply honored by this recognition and humbled to be included in the esteemed group of past award recipients,” said Sarah Roxburgh, Co-Executive Director & Chief of Operations at VLS. “But more importantly, this recognition will help VLS increase awareness around its essential work for our veterans.”

VLS services hundreds of Massachusetts’ veterans’ civil cases annually, meeting with veterans on-site at the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home, the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Greater Boston Stand Down for Veterans, New England Center & Home for Veterans, and the Norfolk County Veterans Treatment Court.

“For the past eleven years, I have been working to respond to veterans’ urgent legal needs and advocate for them here at home,” said Anna Richardson, Co-Executive Director & Chief Counsel at VLS. “I am grateful for this recognition, and will continue to work with VLS’s talented staff in fulfillment of the mission of VLS, where we believe that no veteran should remain homeless or without hope due to a lack of legal representation.”

The Murray Inn, named after the late Superior Court and U.S. District Court Judge Frank J. Murray, is a chapter of the American Inns of Court. Its mission is to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. Each year, the Inn has selected a judge, lawyer, and clerk to honor as Judge, Lawyer, and Clerk of the Year, each of whom exemplifies the goals and principles of the Inn.

“We are utterly thrilled to honor two outstanding lawyers in Anna and Sarah this year,” said Brian Haney, Chair of the Inn’s Awards Committee. “Anna and Sarah truly exemplify the ideals of the Inn and they serve as wonderful and worthy role models for other practitioners in Massachusetts and beyond. We look forward to highlighting the selfless and critically important work they provide on a daily basis to some of the most deserving clients there are, and to honoring their impressive accomplishments.”
The Inn will present the awards at its annual banquet and awards ceremony on October 2, 2019. Additional award recipients include Judge of the Year: Hon. Thomas A. Connors, Norfolk Superior Court, and Clerk of the Year: Richard Muscato, Jr., Suffolk Superior Court.

**About Veterans Legal Services:**
Veterans Legal Services (VLS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization offering free and accessible legal services to low-income military veterans in Massachusetts. VLS is often the only resource for low-income Massachusetts veterans with critical needs, and the organization works to ensure their stable housing, economic security, and healthy families. For more information, please visit [www.veteranslegalservices.org](http://www.veteranslegalservices.org).

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