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### The Philadelphia Bar Foundation Presents

*Kelly J. Gastley, Esq. and David Keller Trevaskis, Esq. to each receive 17<sup>th</sup> annual award*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA (August 3, 2020)** – The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is pleased to announce that Kelly J. Gastley, Esq., Managing Attorney at Philadelphia VIP, and David Keller Trevaskis, Esq., Pro Bono Coordinator at the Pennsylvania Bar Association, are the recipients of the 2020 Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award which recognizes public interest attorneys who have dedicated their careers to the fight for equal access to justice.

Kelly J. Gastley, Esq., currently serves as the Managing Attorney for Philadelphia VIP, one of the Bar Foundation's nonprofit partners. Gastley has dedicated her 15-year career to public interest work at VIP, securing representation for individuals, families, and organizations in need, including developing VIP's Tangled Title Project to stem the tide of Philadelphia's affordable housing crisis. She has served on the City Council Working Group that overhauled Philadelphia's real estate tax collection process for owner-occupants as well as the Philadelphia Bar Association's Fraudulent Conveyance Task Force. She tirelessly advocates with judges, policymakers, and public officials on behalf of homeowners. It is estimated that Gastley has protected thousands of families in Philadelphia from homelessness. As Managing Attorney, she leads VIP's legal team in recruiting, training, and supporting hundreds of volunteer attorneys.

David Keller Trevaskis, Esq. is a champion of access to justice, pro bono service, and public interest work. The first and only full time Pro Bono Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association since he was hired in 2001, Trevaskis coordinates civil legal aid services and clinics for thousands of Pennsylvanians in need each year. During his tenure at the PBA and previously at Temple Law, Trevaskis developed and implemented transformative youth educational programs in hundreds of Pennsylvania schools. An activist for conflict resolution through non-violence, he designed and launched Project PEACE (Peaceful Endings through Authorities, Children and Educators), a peer mediation, anti-bullying, and youth court program.

Established in 1979 as the Louis D. Apothaker Award, this honor memorialized the legal accomplishments and community work of the late Louis D. Apothaker, a past president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. The award, which was renamed in 2005, continues to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the pursuit of equal justice in our region. David Keller Trevaskis, Esq. is receiving the Philadelphia Bar Foundation award as a special tribute in honor of Louis Apothaker's widow, Cathy Apothaker, who contracted COVID-19 and passed away in April of this year.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation's 2020 award recipients will be honored at the Access to Justice Awards Benefit on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This annual event celebrates Philadelphia's public interest community, civil legal aid organizations, and the businesses that partner with the Bar Foundation to support the vibrant and essential civil legal aid system. In addition to presenting the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award to Kelly J. Gastley, Esq. and David Keller Trevaskis, Esq., the 2020 Pro Bono Award of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation will be presented to Comcast NBCUniversal and Dechert LLP.

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### **About the Philadelphia Bar Foundation**

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation believes in a Philadelphia community in which everyone has equal access to justice. Through programs, grants, and partnerships, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation removes barriers to justice, engages the community in support of civil legal aid, and builds system-wide capacity in order to strengthen the provision of quality legal services and to ensure that all individuals understand their rights to equal justice under law. [www.philabarfoundation.org](http://www.philabarfoundation.org)