

ABOUT THE LIZ PADILLA EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD:

This award honors Liz Padilla, a graduate of Cornell Law School, who joined Access Justice Brooklyn as a Pro Bono Coordinator/ Staff Attorney in December 2004. In June 2005, Liz was tragically killed in a road accident when she was biking to work. Liz approached each day with excitement, eagerly seeking opportunities to give back to her community, especially to those most in need of a helping hand. This award is dedicated to honoring her legacy of kindness and generosity, and is given to an attorney who has demonstrated a commitment to the public service throughout their legal career, either by choosing a career in public service or by making pro bono work a priority. This award seeks to recognize an attorney who is attuned to the changing legal climate and has gone above and beyond by responding to the most pressing legal needs of the community.

AWARD RECIPIENT:



James A. Maleady has practiced law in a variety of legal settings for the last thirty years. The last ten years, he has been the principal of his office. He believes that lawyers serve their client's interests and must work tirelessly to advance them. He addresses the uniqueness of every matter and recognizes that every problem requires its own solution. There are no typical cases with normal answers as each case involves a significant event in someone's life and deserves to be treated with dignity and importance. He works relentlessly to obtain the best outcome whether through trial or settlement.

An Attorney and Counselor for the last thirty years, James has practiced extensively in all Courts in New York State. He started at two general practice firms helping individuals with a variety of legal issues. He was an Associate with Lian Malapero & Prisco, LLP, where he wrote appeals, performed trial preparation and handled a caseload. From there in 1998, he went to Bosco Bisignano & Mascolo, LLP to assist injured Plaintiff's prosecute their claims. Through the next fourteen years, James grew as an attorney handling matters for the firm in all New York City counties and became the firm's face in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. He fought vigorously from the beginning of each claim to its conclusion. In 2011, James began his own general practice. He has assisted individuals in a variety matters including Plaintiff's personal injury, family law litigation, civil litigation, and estate matters. His work in a variety of New York State Courts has advanced his clients' interests and protected their rights. James also has a demonstrated longstanding commitment to giving back to his community, volunteering with legal service organizations including Access Justice Brooklyn, and working tirelessly to reach the best outcomes for his pro bono clients.