

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:



Access Justice Brooklyn presents the Liz Padilla Memorial Excellence in Public Service Award to Rachel L. Kaylie. Rachel exemplifies the spirit of this award through her unwavering dedication to her clients. Rachel was recommended as a volunteer by a long-time Board member, taking her first pro bono bankruptcy case with Access Justice Brooklyn in February 2020. Since that time, Rachel has taken nine pro bono bankruptcy cases, including those for a number of Spanish-speaking bankruptcy clients.

Rachel Kaylie started in private practice in 1996. Her practice was based in Manhattan, New York. She began handling bankruptcy and personal injury. Also, she handled family law. Because she wanted to help children, she worked as a law guardian at the [Family Court for the Children's Law Center in Brooklyn](#). Following that, Ms. Kaylie went back to the private sector so she could handle personal injury cases as a litigation attorney.

As a result of working for other firms for years, she started her own law firm. Consequently she can help her community. Above all, her goals are to provide quality representation. As a result she offers individualized attention. Most noteworthy, her legal services reflect the high standards she demands of herself and those in her practice.

With a J.D. law degree from the [New England School of Law](#) in Boston (1994) Rachel Kaylie was admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Washington D.C. Before that, she earned her bachelor's degree in 1990 from [Brandeis University](#), with a major in Political Science and a minor in Spanish.

As a result of her community work, Ms. Kaylie belongs to many groups. First of all, she is a member of the [Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#). Also, she belongs to [BNI](#).

Likewise, she is a member of the [Brandeis University Alumni Association](#). While mentoring law school students and younger attorneys, she helps them with substantive and procedural legal



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matters. Therefore she is involved in the business community while active in the legal community.