

# 2018 Vanguard Awards

**Van•guard** (noun)

*A group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas*

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

**11:30 a.m. reception • 12:00 p.m. lunch**

**Standard Club • 320 S. Plymouth Court • Grand Ballroom**

*Together we will honor the individuals and institutions who have made the law and legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at large.*

**2018 Honorees:**

**Maryam Ahmad**

*The Chicago Bar Association Honoree*

**Hon. Samuel Betar III**

*Arab American Bar Association of Illinois Honoree*

**Dorothy Capers**

*Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. Honoree*

**Rep. Kelly Cassidy**

*Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago Honoree*

**Veda Dmitrovich**

*Serbian Bar Association Honoree*

**Raja Gaddipati** (posthumous)

*Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago Honoree*

**Hon. Shelvin Louise Marie Hall**

*Cook County Bar Association Honoree*

**Alejandro Menchaca**

*Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois Honoree*

**Dennis Mondero**

*Filipino American Lawyers Association Honoree*

**The Office of Accessibility & Education Outreach, Supervisor Marta Almodovar**

*Advocates Society Honoree*

**Pedro Soler**

*Puerto Rican Bar Association Honoree*

**Hon. Shelley Sutker-Dermer**

*Decalogue Society Honoree*

**Hon. Neera Walsh**

*South Asian Bar Association of Chicago Honoree*

**Hon. Diane P. Wood**

*Women's Bar Association Honoree*

**Gary Zhao**

*Chinese American Bar Association of Greater Chicago Honoree*

**\$70 per person**

\$700 for table of 10

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