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Michael van der Veen  
Via email to [mtv@mtvlaw.com](mailto:mtv@mtvlaw.com)

Dear Michael:

I'm writing to share the exciting news that van der Veen, O'Neill, Hartshorn & Levin has been selected by Philadelphia VIP as a finalist for The Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award in the small firm category. This year's Brennan Awards recognize those individuals, law firms, and corporations with the most significant increases in volunteer service with VIP from 2019 to 2020, considering both volunteer attorneys engaged and clients served.

Thanks to your law firm's dedication of time and effort, clients received high-quality representation on critical legal issues. We are deeply grateful to you for being an access to justice hero.

VIP will announce the winners of the Brennan Awards during our annual Awards Night (details below). At each year's Awards Night, we honor and celebrate the volunteers and other partners who provided outstanding service to our clients and to VIP over the prior year. This year, our event will be conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 crisis; we hope you will tune in for this year's event:

**When:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Please visit: [phillyvip.org/annual-awards-night/](https://phillyvip.org/annual-awards-night/) to register for our virtual event

On behalf of VIP's Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and, most importantly, the individuals and families we serve, thank you for partnering with us and making a difference. Congratulations again and we look forward to seeing you on September 17.

With thanks,

Rida Haq  
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