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# Legislator Browning Honors Laurette Mulry 2017 “Brehon of the Year”



Legislator Kate Browning, right, issues a proclamation to “Brehon of the Year”, Laurette Mulry.

**Sayville, NY** – The Brehon Law Society of Suffolk County is modeled after the Brehon Law Society in the City of New York which was founded in 1978. The society takes its name from the body of ancient Celtic law that defined and governed legal relationships on the island of Ireland. Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) honored Laurette Mulry for being selected as “Brehon of the Year” at Land’s End in Sayville.

From earliest times, Brehon law was distinguished by its egalitarianism and by its respect for fundamental rights and liberties. Every year the lawyers and judges that make up this distinguished membership pay tribute to an individual that shares and promotes their goals. Laurette Mulry graduated from Touro Law, Magna cum Laude with a Juris Doctor Degree. In 2005, Laurette was offered a position at Touro Law as an Adjunct Professor. She was then hired at the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County as a Staff Attorney for the Senior Citizens Division. She quickly began to climb the ranks and became the Staff Attorney for the District Court, Attorney for Administration, Deputy Attorney in Charge, and presently Attorney in Charge of the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County.

Laurette Mulry has served as a member of many different Councils and Advisory Boards such as the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Suffolk County Bar Association Pro Bono

Foundation, New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Advisory Board, Chief Defenders Association of NY, various subcommittees, and more. Laurette Mulry was also the Recording Secretary of the 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc. She played a vital role in fundraising, which attributed to the success and completion of the memorial in Central Islip.

“It was with great pride that I presented a proclamation to Laurette Mulry in recognition of her years of service to Suffolk County and the Brehon Law Society,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “Having been raised in Belfast during the “Troubles”, and now having the honor to represent thousands of Suffolk County residents as an American citizen, I appreciate all that the Brehon Law Society does to protect, defend, and extend human rights. Laurette Mulry has embodied these principles throughout her career.”

Motivated by the Irish experience in America, the society provides their members with a social and cultural outlet, and serves as a useful networking tool for lawyers in Suffolk County that have affiliations with Ireland. Membership in the Brehon Law Society of Suffolk County is open to all who support its programs and objectives, and they welcome into their group all who do so.

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