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Adjunct Professor and prominent litigator Jerry Cohen has been selected for the Massachusetts Bar Foundation's 2015 Great Friend of Justice Award.



BOSTON, March 2, 2015: Burns & Levinson partner and **RWU Law Adjunct Professor of Law Jerry Cohen** is the recipient of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation (MBF)'s **2015 Great Friend of Justice Award**, presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary passion for justice, consistent with the Foundation's values and mission of increasing access to justice.

"Jerry's passionate commitment to pro bono work exemplifies the spirit and values at the heart of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation," said MBF President Robert J. Ambrogi. "In addition to his intellectual property law practice, he volunteers his time to countless organizations, task forces, and committees focused on increasing access to justice for those most in need."

A former MBF president, Cohen mediates with *JAMS*, Inc. (formerly Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services), and volunteers with the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and the *Massachusetts Law Review*.

A longtime adjunct professor at Roger Williams University School of Law, Cohen is teaching Patent Law this semester.

Most notably, Cohen has provided pro bono representation to four Guantanamo detainees, all of whom have been released over the last 10 years.

“Congratulations to Jerry on this honor, of which he is very deserving,” said Burns & Levinson managing partner David Rosenblatt. “His dedication to pro bono work and the community are something all of us in the practice of law should aspire to emulate.”

Cohen will receive this award at the Foundation’s Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at the Social Law Library in the John Adams Courthouse in Boston.