

WHEREAS: Stephen Oleskey was appointed to the board of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC) in 1995 by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and was chair from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS: Stephen Oleskey was critical in creating the Equal Justice Coalition-- a partnership between MLAC, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association to broaden the support and increase resources for civil legal aid; and

WHEREAS: Stephen's commitment to social justice has made a significant difference in the lives of people across Massachusetts, the country and the world; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Stephen Oleskey on being honored by the Spirit of Mediation and his commitment to advocacy, social justice, public service, and pro bono legal services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution onto Stephen Oleskey on behalf of the entire City Council.

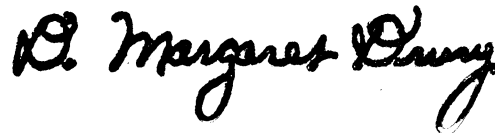
In City Council September 22, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", written in a cursive style.

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

September 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that Stephen Oleskey, Partner of the WilmerHale law firm's Litigation and Controversy Department, will be the keynote speaker and the recipient of the Community Peacemaker Award at the Spirit of Mediation annual gala for his longstanding career in advocacy, social justice, and public service, and for his nationally recognized pro bono legal counsel for Guantanamo detainees, and many other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: Stephen Oleskey has been co-lead counsel since 2004 in the case of Boumediene v. Bush, a federal habeas corpus suit challenging the imprisonment of six men from Bosnia in Guantanamo Bay since January 2002 without charge or trial. The United States Supreme Court ruled on June 12, 2008 that the Guantanamo Bay detainees are constitutionally entitled to habeas corpus; and

WHEREAS: Stephen Oleskey has a forty-year commitment to pro bono legal work. In recognition of this commitment, the American Bar Association awarded him the 2007 Pro Bono Publico Award for his outstanding pro bono work, both in his individual practice and as an advocate for pro bono services at WilmerHale and throughout the legal community; and

WHEREAS: In 2004, WilmerHale awarded him its John H. Pickering Award for Pro Bono Activities for his "exemplary dedication to the provision of pro bono publico legal services"; and

WHEREAS: Stephen Oleskey also has received the Boston Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award "for exemplary commitment to public service and outstanding advocacy on behalf of low-income citizens of Massachusetts," and the Greater Boston Legal Services' Dow-Gardner-Landrum Award "for outstanding commitment to legal services for the poor"; and

**RESOLUTION #9**

Congratulations to Stephen  
Oleskey on the occasion of being  
the keynote speaker and receiving  
the Community Peacemaker Award  
at the Spirit of Mediation annual  
gala

**Councillor Decker and entire  
membership**

**In City Council  
September 22, 2008**

**ORDER ADOPTED**