Gina Torielli Receives Barbara R. Smith Award from Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit

Dykema, a leading national law firm, announced that Gina Torielli has received the Barbara R. Smith Award from Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit for her role as a member of the Grand Bargain Mediation Team for the City of Detroit Bankruptcy. She and other team members were honored during the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's Awards Luncheon on May 18, 2015 at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The Barbara R. Smith Award is given in recognition of those individuals who have made a significant community contribution to the Southeast Michigan region. The annual luncheon recognizes the volunteers, employers, trainees, leaders and businesses that are dedicated to putting Metro Detroit residents back to work.

Torielli is a Senior Counsel in Dykema's Ann Arbor office. Her practice focuses on taxation and public finance, and in that capacity she has advised many nonprofit organizations and governmental entities on issues relating to tax exemption, tax-exempt financing and state and federal tax issues.

Beyond her practice, Torielli is very active with community organizations. Earlier this year, she was also awarded the United Way of Washtenaw County's Volunteer of the Year award for her role serving as the organization's volunteer site coordinator and trainer for its IRS-sanctioned Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. She is also a board member of the Solar Circle, a non-profit organization which promotes solar power in Tanzania.

Goodwill works to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping people in need reach their full potential through learning and the power of work.

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