

The National Federation of the Blind Honors Dan Goldstein



We are proud to announce that Dan Goldstein, a founding partner at Brown, Goldstein & Levy, received the Kenneth Jernigan Award at the National Federation of the Blind's annual convention in July in Orlando.

The Kenneth Jernigan Award was inaugurated in 2011 and named for the beloved teacher, civil rights advocate, and past president of the NFB. This award is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the blindness community, either through their participation in or partnership with the NFB. It has been given to only one other

individual since its inauguration.

Mark Riccobono, President of the NFB, commented "Blind Americans have made progress during the past thirty years due to the skill, imagination, heart, and commitment of Dan Goldstein and his work with the NFB. Presenting Mr. Goldstein with the Kenneth Jernigan Award is more than an expression of appreciation for his legal work on behalf of blind people. It is an acknowledgement that he has come to understand in everything he does that blindness is not the characteristic that defines blind people or their future, and he has made it his personal mission to spread that understanding as broadly as he can through his active participation with the NFB."

Thirty years ago, Dr. Jernigan met Dan and hired him to represent the NFB. This set in motion a relentless campaign to make real a declaration made by the founder of the NFB, Dr. Jacobus tenBroek, that the blind have "The Right to Live in the World." Today, both the law and the actual lives of blind people reflect that right more strongly than was true during Dr. tenBroek's time.

Dan responded to this heartfelt honor, saying, "For 30 years, the NFB has entrusted me with exciting and meaningful work that brings me joy every day. I have learned so much from my mentors in the NFB and been so supported by my friends in the blind community. I should have been thanking them for the extraordinary honor of representing them, not receiving an award."

Congratulations to Dan!

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