

# Catherine van Kampen Recognized for Her Outstanding Public Service at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards

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On Saturday, June 2, 2018, BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen was honored in Trenton, NJ, as the Medalist in the Ambassador Category at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards for Outstanding Public Service, in recognition of her extensive international humanitarian and pro bono work on behalf of refugees from the Middle East. The Jefferson Awards, issued by the Jefferson Awards Foundation in Washington, D.C. and started by Former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, are among the highest civilian awards for volunteerism issued by the United States Senate.

In addition to her work at BLB&G, where she focuses on class action settlement administration, Ms. van Kampen volunteers her personal time to several justice, human rights and humanitarian causes, including the plight of Yezidi women and children in Iraq and Syria. She currently serves on the Board of the *Free Yezidi Foundation* and assists the *Yezidi Emergency Support* and the *Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation* with medical and healthcare initiatives in Iraq. In the United States, Ms. van Kampen donates clothing, school and sports equipment as well as financial support to newly arrived Yezidi immigrants and university students through YAZDA.

Earlier this spring, Ms. van Kampen was honored by her high school alma mater, Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, which added her to its prestigious Distinguished Alumnae Gallery in recognition of her humanitarian and pro bono efforts on behalf of women and children afflicted by war.