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## An Open and Shut Case

*Sen. Martinez named Touro Law Center's Elected Official of the Year.*



**Photo** (left to right): Elena B. Langan Dean and Professor of Law at Touro Law Center presents the 2025 Elected Official of the Year Award to New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez. [Click here](#) for a downloadable high-resolution version of this photo.

**GARDEN CITY, NY** - Touro Law Center held its 2025 "With Liberty & Justice for All" celebration on Thursday, April 24 at the Garden City Hotel, and the verdict is in: New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez was named this year's Elected Official of the Year.

"At a time when our justice system is facing unprecedented challenges to its integrity, I am honored to be recognized as a champion for its defense," said Sen. Martinez. "Democracy cannot exist in the absence of justice, and Touro Law Center helps uphold that principle by instilling the values of fairness and equity in the future legal leaders it is preparing. I am grateful to Touro, and to all of the honorees, for their continued leadership in protecting these values and upholding equal justice for all."

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The “With Liberty & Justice for All” celebration is Touro Law Center’s signature annual event, raising funds for student scholarships and honoring leaders whose work reflects the values of justice, service and community. Along with Sen. Martinez, this year’s honorees included **Guercio & Guercio LLP**, Law Firm of the Year; **Cherice P. Vanderhall Wilson, Esq.**, recipient of the Paul S. Miller Award; **Gateway Investments LLC**, Corporation of the Year; **Neil Fang, Esq.**, recipient of the Dean’s Medal; and **The Honorable Mark D. Cohen**, recipient of the Builders Award.



**Photo:** New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez and honorees of Touro Law Center’s “With Liberty & Justice for All” Celebration pose for a photo on April 24, 2025. Click [here](#) for a downloadable high-resolution version of this photo.