

Pashman Stein's CJ Griffin Named 2022 Recipient of ACDL-NJ Whipple Award

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Pashman Stein Walder Hayden is pleased to announce that partner CJ Griffin has been named the 2022 recipient of the Honorable Lawrence A. Whipple Memorial Award by the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (ACDL-NJ). The prestigious award is named in memory of Judge Whipple and is presented annually to a member of the bar who exemplifies professionalism, dedication to, and passion for the law. Griffin was presented with the Whipple Award at the ACDL-NJ's Annual Installation of Officers Gala on May 12.

Griffin is a partner at Pashman Stein and director of the firm's Justice Gary S. Stein Public Interest Center, which is dedicated to a broad range of public interest impact litigation and appellate advocacy. The Stein Center's mission is to help to advance social, racial, and economic justice; protect civil liberties and constitutional rights; and promote an open and transparent government. Under Griffin's direction, the Stein Center has been involved in nearly every recent public interest case before the New Jersey Supreme Court and has secured victories with landmark court rulings providing for greater police transparency and advancing the rights of the criminally accused.

"CJ is an exceptional appellate advocate and has made tremendous strides for social justice through her thoughtful and tenacious work leading the Stein Center, and we are lucky to have her as a colleague," said Pashman Stein managing partner Michael S. Stein. "We are immensely proud of CJ's commitment to excellence and for her being the third Pashman Stein attorney recognized by the ACDL-NJ with this significant award." Firm partners Joseph A. Hayden, Jr. and Justin P. Walder previously received the Whipple Award.

“I am so honored to be among those who have received the award in the past, including Joe Hayden and Justin Walder,” said Griffin. “I share this award with so many at the firm - over the last two years our team has collectively spent more than 6,000 hours representing ACDL-NJ in more than 40 cases. This work, and award, has made abundantly clear what we already know: that teamwork is our strength and that our shared passion for justice fuels us.”

Established in 1985, the ACDL-NJ was formed to support criminal defense lawyers as they represented their clients and to protect and ensure individual rights guaranteed by the New Jersey and United States Constitutions.

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