

SCOTT GILBERT, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF GILBERT LLP, RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PHILANTHROPIC AWARD

Law firm counters down economy, continues giving to less fortunate at levels disproportionate to its size

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Washington, D.C. – B'nai B'rith International has named Scott D. Gilbert the recipient of its *Commitment to Justice Award* for his unwavering dedication to philanthropy, pro bono work and leadership in helping people and communities. Only a handful of honorees have received the decades-old award that's given on special occasions to select individuals. Mr. Gilbert received the award on **Wednesday, May 13, 2009** at a cocktail reception and dinner event which kicked off at **6 p.m.** in **Union Station's Columbus Club** and **East Hall**, respectively.

Nearly 300 people attended the event, including some of the individuals and organizations who have received pro bono services from Mr. Gilbert's D.C.-based law firm, Gilbert LLP.

Guests and the media were treated to a showcase of motorcycles and learned how they contribute to the law firm's charitable culture.

The global voice of the Jewish community, B'nai B'rith International is the most widely recognized Jewish humanitarian, human rights and advocacy organization. With members in 50 countries, B'nai B'rith mobilizes volunteers to improve the quality of life in communities around the world, promoting the values of the organization in areas of community service, disaster relief, youth education, public action and health awareness.

"Giving has never being a cliché to me or our firm; it has always being a fundamental part of my life," said Scott Gilbert, founder and chairman of Gilbert LLP. "As a matter of fact, when I founded our firm, my mantra was 'do well, have fun and *give back*' and that spirit resonates daily because, thankfully, we're continuing to do very well and are having fun while giving back to the community."

Mr. Gilbert is recognized as one of the most prominent legal experts in insurance recovery and is widely acknowledged as one of the field's most important innovators. He has long been on the forefront of high-profile initiatives, settlements, and litigation, representing clients in a variety of complex liability and insurance disputes.

"The road for happiness for so many is paved with the good works of Scott Gilbert," said Moishe Smith, president of B'nai B'rith International who said, "He has successfully used his legal skills to help the vulnerable."

Gilbert LLP devotes at least 10 percent of the firm's hours to providing free representation to people and organizations in need. As of April 2009, the firm had already exceeded the 10 percent mark and also received an award honoring its pro bono work from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Gilbert's brother, Harvard University professor and author of the New York Times Bestseller, *Stumbling on Happiness*, Daniel Gilbert, provided the keynote speech at Wednesday's event.

About Gilbert LLP

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