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CNI's Champion of Freedom Award 2007

William Askinazi

William Askinazi has formed his life around championing worthy causes. He has worked for the public good directly with government officials: He was the Assistant Secretary of Business and Economic Development for Governor Robert Ehrlich's administration, and a nominee for the Maryland House of Delegates, 15th Legislative District, in the 2002 and 2006 campaigns. He has worked with universities, and is an author and frequent speaker on a variety of legal and political subjects on television and for both educational institutions and legal associations.

He is also a tireless Champion of Freedom. His crusade to end child trafficking grows out of a deep conviction that children are sacred. His words convey the depth of his emotion: "Our children embody the hope and the promise of the best that we could not achieve. They reflect the shines of both innocence and naïveté that

we yearn for. They do not yet shoulder the burdens of tasks and schedule, conflicts and politics." William Askinazi's affable personality, combined with a keen intellect and tireless dedication, has made him a formidable force in social change. CNI is proud to recognize his vast contributions.

Askinazi is a well-known personal injury and business attorney with two million-dollar-plus wrongful-death settlements in the past four years. He facilitates domestic and international deal-making, and uses his vast business network and relationships to bring capital resources and intellectual talent to solve strategic partner challenges. Askinazi serves as a skilled Maryland court-appointed arbitrator and mediator for complex commercial, personal-injury, and contractual matters. He is a member of the Maryland, District of Columbia, Connecticut, and US Supreme Court bars.

"By responding to this call for arms, you are...breathing life into a mission to save the earth's children. Life is precious. Life is fleeting. The good that we do for ourselves dies with ourselves. The good that we do for our children is eternal." – William Askinazi