

## **2019 Earl G. Harrison Community Service Award**

### **Theodore L. Hecht**



Theodore L. Hecht, Managing Partner of Schnader’s New York office, is being honored by the Firm with the 2019 Earl G. Harrison Community Service Award. This award recognizes a Firm attorney or staff member who demonstrates an unfailing commitment to helping others and who has set an example for others to follow with regard to volunteering and giving back to the community.

Hecht fully embodies Schnader’s commitment to public service. For more than 20 years, Hecht has volunteered for the Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department. He was an active volunteer firefighter for much of this time, until he retired a few years ago. As an active firefighter, Hecht performed as a first responder on emergency and public safety calls, including fire, motor vehicle accidents, flooding and weather related emergencies, particularly in the evening, early morning and on weekends and holidays. Hecht was further required to complete many hours of continuing training, both in the field and classrooms. Separately, he also continues his long-standing role as the annually elected legal counsel for the Department, on a pro bono basis, advising on a variety of matters including, among others, workplace and personnel issues, corporate governance and statutory compliance. Hecht was awarded the title of “Honorary Chief,” a commendation received by only a few people in the long history of the Department.

In addition, Hecht serves as a member of the Board of Ethics for the Town of Mamaroneck. The five-member Board reviews for conflicts the financial and other disclosures by Town elected officials, employees, board members and other persons engaged in business with the Town, and renders opinions on related ethical issues. Beyond this community service work, Hecht’s pro bono efforts include recent representation of an immigrant crime victim through the U-Visa process.

“Ted’s heartfelt service to his community shows what it really means to be a good neighbor, serving as a model inspiring us all to get involved and enhance the places where we live and raise our families,” said Stephen A. Fogdall, Chair of the Firm’s Pro Bono Committee and Co-Chair of the Financial Services Litigation Practice Group.