

West Hartford Resident and Center for Children's Advocacy Attorney Bonnie Roswig Wins U.S. Attorney's Award

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In recognition of her "superior efforts in the investigation and prosecution of In Re: North Canaan Elementary School," Center for Children's Advocacy Senior Staff Attorney Bonnie Roswig received the US Attorney's Award at a ceremony on June 20, 2018.

Attorney Roswig was recognized for legal work resulting in positive resolution of a case that enforced the national standard for playgrounds, ensuring accessibility for children who have handicaps that might otherwise exclude them from participation.

"This was what many advocates called a landmark case brought and settled under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Attorney Roswig and the Center for Children's Advocacy, on behalf of a parent, alleged that the North Canaan Elementary School failed to ensure that its playgrounds were accessible for children with disabilities. This was the first time the ADA's architectural barrier provisions were applied to a playground," said Assistant US Attorney Ndidi Moses.

The settlement requires North Canaan Elementary School's playgrounds to be fully ADA compliant by August 31, 2019.

The Center for Children's Advocacy is a non-profit law firm that fights for the legal rights of Connecticut's most vulnerable children: abuse and neglect, access and disabilities, racial justice, educational inequities, youth homelessness, access to medical and mental health care. Visit cca-ct.org

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