

# People in the Law

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**AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE** — More than 650 Boston-area attorneys and accountants gathered to hear Boston Globe columnist James Carroll speak at Combined Jewish Philanthropies' dinner for lawyers and accountants at the Park Plaza in Boston. Kenneth A. Sweder, of Sweder & Ross in Boston, was honored with a Community of Excellence Award. From left are: Carroll; CPA Neil D. Krug of Gray, Gray & Gray in Westwood; Sweder; and Harvard Law School Professor Alan M. Dershowitz.

Combined Jewish Philanthropies welcomes you to the

## Lawyers and Accountants Dinner

February 15, 2006

5:30 p.m.

Boston Park Plaza Hotel



**Kenneth A. Sweder** - 2006 Lawyers  
Community of Excellence Award

Kenneth A. Sweder's legal career and community involvement have been an inspiration to the community for more than thirty years. A founding partner of Sweder & Ross LLP, Ken was previously the Chairman of the Litigation Department of the Boston office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. A Boston Business Journal profile described Ken as a "business-savvy litigator," tackling the City's "high-profile cases." These have included Counsel to the Special Investigation of the MBTA and a Lead Counsel in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court case on voluntary prayers in school, amongst others. He is also founding Chairman of the Business Litigation Committee of the Boston Bar Association.

Prior to practicing law, Ken served as Assistant to the President of Brandeis University and Special Counsel of the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs.

As Chairman of the Commission of Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, Ken was the principal author of the 1976 Anti-Arab Boycott bill. He later became regional President of the American Jewish Congress and National Vice President. Ken also chaired the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), and was a Founding Trustee of the Soviet Jewry Legal Advocacy Center. He has been an active Trustee of Facing History and Ourselves.

Ken has a long involvement with the JCRC, ultimately serving as its President. He remains passionate about its work to engage the Jewish community in tikkun olam and the pursuit of social justice. He is a founder and is Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur.

Ken is married to Dr. Gerri L. Sweder, psychologist at Gann Academy. They have two grown children and an expanding family.



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