

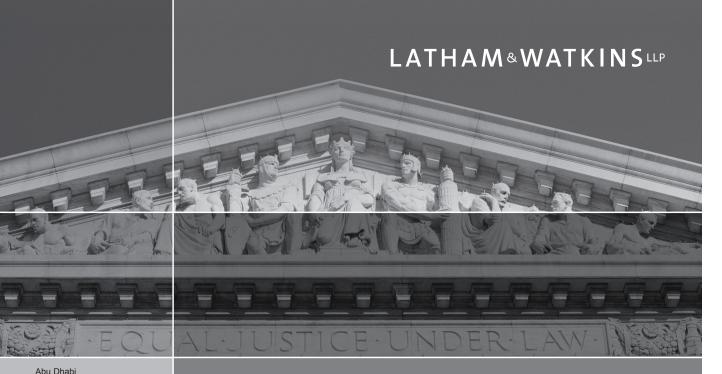


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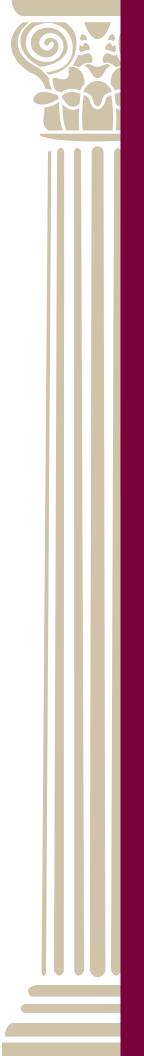
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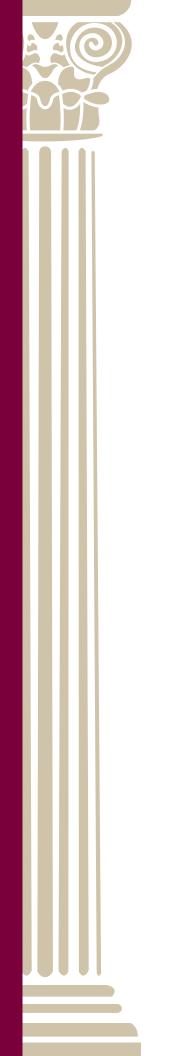
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# Making Justice Tea

Founded in 1932, Legal Aid is the oldest and largest general civil legal services program in the District of Columbia. For more than 80 years, Legal Aid lawyers have been making justice real – in individual and systemic ways – for persons living in poverty in D.C. Every year, our lawyers provide high-quality, zealous representation and engage in systemic advocacy in the areas of family law and domestic violence, affordable housing and eviction prevention, public benefits, and consumer law. This year is also the 10th Anniversary of Legal Aid's nationally-recognized appellate program, the Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project. The generous support of our donors enables us to make justice real for thousands of D.C. residents. On their behalf, we thank you for your support.





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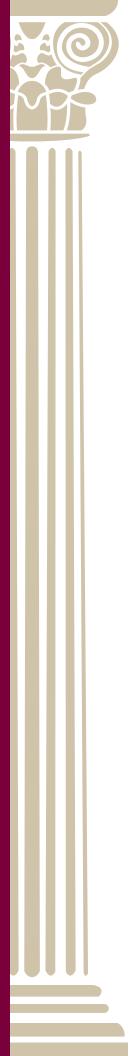
# SERVANT of JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER

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### Tuesday, April 29, 2014

6:00 pm President's Reception **Opening Reception** 

7:15 pm Dinner, Awards Program, & Dessert Reception





**President's Welcome** Deanne M. Ottaviano ARENT FOX LLP

**Executive Director's Remarks** Eric Angel

**Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence** 

**Presentation Honoring** Stefanie A. Doebler COVINGTON & BURLING LLP

> Presented by Arlene Fine Klepper

Servant of Justice Award

Presented by Professor Sarah Barringer Gordon

Servant of Justice Award

Donald P. Salzman SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

> Presented by Michele Roberts

**Closing Remarks** Deanne M. Ottaviano ARENT FOX LLP

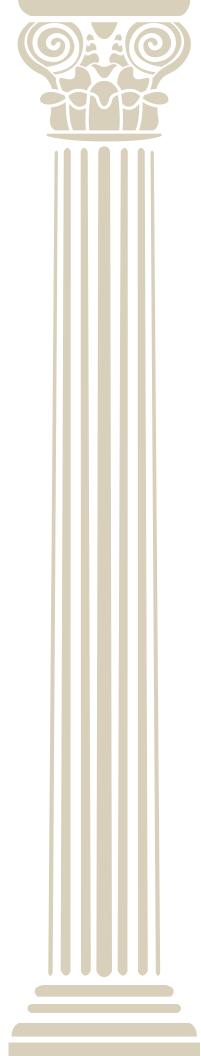
Dinner



### Barbara McDowell

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project POSTHUMOUSLY

> Accepted by Jerry Hartman





### **Champion of Justice**

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For the past twenty-five years, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia has presented the Servant of Justice Award to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated faithful dedication and remarkable achievement in ensuring that all persons have equal and meaningful access to justice. In some instances, such as this evening, the Award has been given posthumously to recognize the contributions of individuals we were unable to honor during their lifetimes.

Tonight's honorees made the struggle for equal justice part of their personal and professional identities through their commitment to and concern for the community of which they are a part. Please join us in expressing our gratitude for their extraordinary contributions to the cause of access to justice in the District and beyond.



# Servant of Justice



### The Servant of Justice Award

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is proud to honor

Barbara McDowell Posthumously

Barbara McDowell was one of the leading appellate advocates of her generation when she came to Legal Aid to serve as the Founding Director of Legal Aid's Appellate Advocacy Project. The Project, which is now named in Barbara's honor, was established in 2004 to pursue an affirmative poverty law agenda before the D.C. Court of Appeals. Barbara was an advocate of extraordinary talent. She combined her powerful intellect and unique skill with a commitment to justice for everyone. She believed deeply that she could make a difference in ending poverty and inequality and used every case as an opportunity to do just that.

During her five year tenure as Director of the Appellate Project, Barbara guided the Project from its initial stages to where it is today: Legal Aid is now known as a leading institutional litigant at the Court and is frequently appointed as amicus in cases of importance to low-income litigants at both the trial and appellate levels.

Prior to joining Legal Aid in 2004, Barbara spent nearly seven years as Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States, in which role she argued eighteen cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and wrote briefs in numerous other cases. Before joining the Solicitor General's Office, Barbara was a partner at Jones Day in the Issues and Appeals Section.

A graduate of George Washington University and Yale Law School, Barbara served as a law clerk to Justice Byron R. White on the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Ralph K. Winter on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Judge José A. Cabranes on the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Barbara spent five extraordinary years at Legal Aid, establishing critical precedent benefiting persons living in poverty in D.C. During her time as Legal Aid, Barbara was awarded the Rex Lee Advocacy and Public Service Award, which is presented annually to a distinguished lawyer who exemplifies the highest accomplishments and excellence in the profession. The award was presented by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.

Barbara died in January 2009 at the age of 56. Her husband, Jerry Hartman, has been devoted to continuing Barbara's good works. He was instrumental in creating the Drinker Biddle Barbara McDowell High Impact Project and is the Founder of the Barbara McDowell and Gerald S. Hartman Foundation. He is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of Legal Aid and is the Founding Donor for The Barbara McDowell Endowment for Appellate Litigation at Legal Aid. Jerry will be accepting the Servant of Justice Award on Barbara's behalf.

# Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project

This year, we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Legal Aid's Appellate Advocacy Project, now named in memory of Barbara McDowell, this evening's Servant of Justice Award honoree. The Project was begun with seed money from the District of Columbia Bar Foundation – which continues to provide generous support – and is envisioned as a resource for the entire community. Since its inception, the Project has benefited from extraordinary legal talent.

In addition to Barbara, noted advocate David Reiser has been heavily involved in the Project from the start. The law firm of Zuckerman Spaeder generously allows David to devote more than a quarter of his time to Legal Aid matters. David has been involved in every aspect of the Project, from case selection and legal strategy to brief writing, moot courts, and oral arguments. In substantial part due to his work with Legal Aid, David was recognized as a Legal Aid Servant of Justice in 2006 and received the American Bar Association's national Pro Bono Publico Award in 2010. The Project's current Director is Jack C. Keeney, Jr., former D.C. Bar President and long-time partner at Hogan Lovells. Jack received the Council for Court Excellence's 2012 Justice Potter Stewart Award.

Barbara McDowell was the Director for the first five years of the Project. During that time, the Project won significant legal victories involving housing, public benefits, domestic violence, and the rights of the poor; benefiting hundreds, if not thousands, of D.C. residents. Some of her most significant wins included rulings that a domestic violence perpetrator is presumed to be less fit for purposes of awarding custody than the victim, see P.F. v. N.C., 953 A.2d 1107 (D.C. 2008); that the domestic relations statute as written gave no rights to third parties and that the court was permitted to give custody to a non-parent only under the neglect or guardianship laws, see W.D. v. C.S.M. 906 A.2d 317 (D.C. 2006), K.H. v. R.H. 935 A.2d 328 (D.C. 2007); and that landlords must respond to reasonable requests for accommodation under the Fair Housing Act from tenants with mental or physical disabilities, see Douglas v. Kriegsfeld Corp., 884 A.2d 1109 (D.C. 2005) (en banc).

The Project continues its work today. Through close work with Legal Aid's practice units and careful monitoring of the decisions of courts and administrative tribunals, the Project strives to identify significant emerging or unresolved issues. We develop cases in the trial court that present priority issues and seek out amicus opportunities in the Court of Appeals to achieve high impact, positive legal change. In appropriate cases, the Project will also file briefs at the trial court level or even in the Supreme Court of the United States. We endeavor to collaborate closely with peer organizations both in setting the agenda and in working on cases. The National Legal Aid & Defenders Association has described the Project as a "model of excellence" to be emulated by other programs around the country.

# Servant of Justice Award Presenters



The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is proud to honor

Donald P. Salzman Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Don Salzman serves as Pro Bono Counsel at the Washington, D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In this role, Don coordinates the pro bono efforts of nearly three hundred attorneys in Skadden's D.C. office, directly supervises many Skadden associates on their pro bono work, and spends a substantial amount of time representing indigent clients on civil and criminal cases in D.C. and other jurisdictions.

A graduate of Allegheny College and the George Washington University National Law Center, Don joined the Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender (OPD) two years after graduating from law school. During his nearly 15 years at OPD, Don tried more than sixty-five felony jury trials and countless misdemeanor cases. While at OPD, Don launched an innovative pro bono collaboration with major D.C. law firms to train their lawyers to represent OPD clients in jury trials. He was also recognized for his work, receiving the Allen Murrell award as the outstanding Maryland public defender. In addition, Don has served as a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center in its Criminal Justice Clinic, and has helped train many Legal Aid and other D.C. legal services lawyers over the years in trial and advocacy skills.

Since joining Skadden, Don has emerged as a leader in both civil and criminal access-tojustice issues in the District. Don has played a critical role in many collaborations with Legal Aid, including Skadden's loaned associate program-in which Skadden lawyers spend six months at Legal Aid working full-time representing Legal Aid clients on housing law cases – as well as Skadden's Pro Bono Children & Families Impact Project – a unique partnership between Skadden, D.C.-based legal services groups, and the in-house corporate legal departments of Cisco Systems, Inc., LivingSocial, and Northrup Grumman Corp., helping survivors of domestic violence achieve justice in the D.C. Courts.

Don is heavily involved in community service. He is Treasurer and Past President of the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project and a former Member of the Washington Council of Lawyers. Don is married to Katia Garrett, who is also a leader in the public interest legal community and is a social justice advocate. They live in the District with their daughters, Garrett (16) and Tait (12), who are D.C. public school students and avid soccer players.



### Professor Sarah Barringer Gordon University of Pennsylvania

Sarah Barringer (Sally) Gordon is the Arlin M. Adams Professor of Constitutional Law and Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania. Her scholarship focuses on the legal history of religion, including the federal campaign against Mormon polygamy in nineteenthcentury Utah, marriage equality among liberal religious groups in the twentieth century, school prayer, wealth and taxation of religious property, and current battles over religious exemptions from state and federal laws. Her books and articles have been published by Harvard University Press, the New York University and University of Pennsylvania Law Reviews, the Journal of American History, and the American Quarterly. She has won the University of Pennsylvania's most prestigious teaching award, as well as teaching prizes from the law school.

Prof. Gordon received a B.A. from Vassar College, J.D. and M.A.R. (Social Ethics) from Yale University, and Ph.D. (History) from Princeton University. She has served as a trustee of Vassar, is a co-editor of Studies in Legal History, published by Cambridge University Press, and has been on the editorial boards of the Law and History Review, the Journal of Mormon History, and Law & Social Inquiry. She is also on the scholarly advisory councils of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, and the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University of St. Louis. Most importantly, she was Barbara McDowell's law school roommate.



Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts is a renowned trial lawyer and a member of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP's Litigation Group. Her practice focuses on complex civil and white collar criminal litigation before state and federal courts and in administrative proceedings. Ms. Roberts has tried more than 100 cases to jury verdicts, representing clients in a wide variety of areas, including products liability, white collar, racketeering, securities regulation violations, Title VII issues, and premises liability. She has been called the finest pure trial lawyer in Washington, D.C. by Washingtonian Magazine.

A graduate of Wesleyan University and Boalt Hall School of Law, Ms. Roberts began her career at D.C.'s Public Defender Service, where she ultimately served as Chief of the Trial Division. She is deeply committed to public service and serves on numerous commissions and boards, including the D.C. Sentencing and Criminal Code Commission and the Board of the Robert A. Shuker Scholarship Fund. Ms. Roberts has had substantial involvement with Legal Aid. She was the Honorary Chair of Legal Aid's Generous Associates Campaign in 2010 and is one of the lead lawyers in Legal Aid's collaboration with Skadden's Pro Bono Children & Families Impact Project providing representation to survivors of domestic violence in D.C.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

# Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence

The Klepper Prize was created through the generosity of Martin and Arlene Klepper in order to recognize attorneys early in their careers who have made significant volunteer contributions to the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia.

This evening we present the Prize to Stefanie Doebler, an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to the mission of Legal Aid through her dedicated pro bono work for the past eight years in Legal Aid's annual project helping lowincome D.C. residents navigate the Medicare Part D drug program.

In 2006, the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit was added to the Medicare program that provides health insurance for millions of individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Since the program's inception, Legal Aid has worked with Whitman-Walker Health and law firms all over the city in a massive undertaking to help low-income elderly and disabled D.C. residents analyze their prescription drug needs and the Medicare plan offerings to make sure that they will be able to get their prescription drugs at a low price and without burdensome restrictions. Last year, through this program, Legal Aid and Whitman-Walker Health staff and volunteers served almost 600 clients who are elderly or struggling with disabilities.

# The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence



The Legal Aid Society of the Stefanie A. Doebler Covington & Burling LLP

Stefanie Doebler is Special Counsel in the health care and food and drug practice groups at Covington & Burling LLP. Stefanie's practice focuses on health care compliance matters for pharmaceutical and medical device clients. She provides advice related to advertising and promotion, fraud and abuse, state law compliance and reporting regulations, interactions with health care professionals, clinical trial conduct and results disclosure, supply chain management, Medicaid price reporting, and other aspects of federal and state regulation of pharmaceuticals, biologics, and medical devices. Stefanie joined Covington in 2006, after having served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Stefanie received a Masters in Public Health and a J.D. from the University of Michigan.

Stefanie has made pro bono work a core part of her personal and professional identity. She has worked on Legal Aid's Medicare Part D Project since its early days in 2006. For over seven years, including this past open season in November and December 2013, she has helped numerous senior and disabled clients navigate the complex Medicare Part D system to ensure that they continue to receive their prescription medications without interruption. Stefanie truly stands out because of her long-standing commitment to this project, the quality of her work, and her exceptional skill and willingness to work with clients who are most in need of help. For her leadership and dedication, Stefanie is truly deserving of this year's Klepper Award for Volunteer Excellence.

District of Columbia is proud to honor

# **Previous Award Recipients**

### Servant of Justice Award

2013

John Payton, posthumously

Paul M. Smith Jenner & Block LLP

2012

James vanR. Springer Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

Susan M. Hoffman Crowell & Moring LLP

20II .....

Brooksley E. Born Arnold & Porter LLP

**The Honorable Thomas E. Perez** Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice

2010

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Florence Wagman Roisman Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

2009 .....

Anthony Herman Covington & Burling LLP

Kurt L. Schmoke Howard University School of Law

2008 .....

Richard L. Roe Georgetown University Law Center

Seth P. Waxman Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

2007

**E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr.** Hogan & Hartson LLP

Sidney White Rhyne

2006

Theodore A. Howard Wiley Rein LLP

David A. Reiser Zuckerman Spaeder LLP

### 2005

Katherine S. Broderick University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

Andrew H. Marks Crowell & Moring LLP

### 2004 .....

Lois G. Williams R. Sargent Shriver E. Clinton Bamberger, Jr. Edgar S. Cahn Jean Camper Cahn, posthumously

### 2003 .....

Peter J. Nickles Covington & Burling LLP

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

### 2002

Samuel F. Harahan Council for Court Excellence

**Douglas G. Robinson** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

2001

**Lynn E. Cunningham** George Washington University Law School

John E. Nolan Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Charles F.C. Ruff, posthumously Covington & Burling LLP

2000 .....

Patty Mullahy Fugere Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Robert N. Weiner Arnold & Porter LLP

1999

Blossom Athey Covington & Burling LLP

Eldon H. Crowell Crowell & Moring LLP

# Previous Award Recipients

### 1998 .....

**Eric H. Holder, Jr.** United States Department of Justice

**Francine Salzman Temko** Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

1997

Peter B. Edelman Georgetown University Law Center

Timothy J. May Patton Boggs LLP

### 1996

### **R. Kenneth Mundy**

Robert L. Weinberg Williams & Connolly LLP

### 1995

Willie E. Cook, Jr. Neighborhood Legal Services Program

David B. Isbell Covington & Burling LLP

### 1994

Charles T. Duncan Reid & Priest

Stephen J. Pollak Shea & Gardner

Janet Reno Attorney General of the United States

### 1993 .....

Justice Thurgood Marshall, posthumously Supreme Court of the United States

**Zona F. Hostetler** O'Toole, Rothwell, Nassau & Steinbach

John H. Pickering Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

1992

Howard C. Westwood Covington & Burling LLP

**D.C. Legal Service Providers** 

### 1991

Augustus L. Palmer Howard University

Barbara M. Rossotti Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

1990 .....

Earl W. Kintner Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC

Charles A. Horsky Covington & Burling LLP

### Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence

### 2013

Warren T. Allen, II

Nicole L. Grimm

Luke A. Meisner Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

### 2012

Jonathan G. Lin Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

20II .....

Aryeh S. Portnoy Crowell & Moring LLP

2010

Randall A. Brater Arent Fox LLP

2009

Julia Judish Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

2008 .....

### Melissa K. Bianchi

Hogan & Hartson LLP



For more than 80 years, Legal Aid has been dedicated to making justice real for persons living in poverty in the District. Though Legal Aid has experienced tremendous growth as an organization in recent years, the need for free or affordable civil legal services in the District remains high among poor and low-income D.C. residents.

Poor persons are far more likely than persons of means to encounter the legal system in cases where the stakes are high. One in three residents living east of the Anacostia River are poor. And when we say poor, we mean it: a single parent with a child making \$16,000 a year is not considered poor by the federal government.

At Legal Aid, our lawyers work each and every day to combat injustice and ensure that as many people as possible have access to a lawyer. Every year, Legal Aid lawyers assist clients in hundreds of matters in the areas of family/domestic violence, housing, public benefits, and consumer law. Legal Aid attorneys also help hundreds of others with legal rights education or referrals and seek systemic and appellate change to better protect the rights of persons living in poverty. In 2013, Legal Aid attorneys were able to provide legal representation and assistance in more than 2,800 matters, directly benefitting more than 7,600 people. Although so much of our work is unquantifiable - you cannot put a price tag on obtaining custody of your child - we were able to provide full representation to more clients than ever in Legal Aid's history - in 974 matters; our quantifiable individual cases alone resulted in almost a million dollars in financial benefits to our clients.

In a city with one of the greatest income differences between rich and poor in the nation, Legal Aid is working to make justice real for D.C.'s most vulnerable residents.

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

**Housing Law:** We represent tenants who need help having serious housing conditions corrected or avoiding unjust eviction. Our housing lawyers also assist public housing tenants to preserve subsidies, fight illegal rent increases, and work to prevent displacement by development.

Family/Domestic Violence Law: We work with victims of domestic violence to ensure their safety and work to achieve family stability through child support and custody cases.

Public Benefits Law: We ensure that the necessary "safety net" benefits and services (including health care, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Unemployment Insurance) are available to all who qualify.

**Consumer Law:** We provide much-needed representation to help poor and low-income homeowners avoid foreclosure and fight foreclosure fraud and assist clients with a variety of small claims and other consumer cases.

"Thanks to Legal Aid, my son Jamal and I are now in a safe, stable family situation." **Carolyn Blount** 

# About Us

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### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

The Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project, described on page 13 of this program, litigates important cases affecting persons living in poverty before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals every year.

Legal Aid has several innovative court-based projects which locate lawyers at the courthouse in order to provide same-day legal services, including temporary representation, to some of the District's most vulnerable residents.

### These projects include:

- the Landlord Tenant Court-Based Project, which addresses the overwhelming need for legal representation of tenants in D.C. Superior Court's Landlord and Tenant Branch;
- the Child Support Community Legal Services Project, which serves some of D.C.'s most vulnerable families in the D.C. Superior Court's Paternity and Child Support Branch;
- the Consumer Court-Based Legal Services Project, which helps low-income consumers in debt collection cases; and
- an office at the Domestic Violence Intake Center at the courthouse in Northwest D.C., which helps survivors of domestic violence get to safety and with other legal needs.

Legal Aid remains committed to ensuring that our services are accessible to our client community. In addition to our Northwest office, we have a critically-important partnership at the Domestic Violence Intake Center at the United Medical Center in Southeast D.C., and a stand-alone office located at the "Big Chair" building in Anacostia.

This past year was the first full year of operation for Legal Aid's newest intake site, at the Friendship Baptist Church (FBC) in Southwest D.C. This is an extraordinary collaboration between Legal Aid, FBC, and the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Kirkland not only provides generous financial support for the project, but also staffs the project with lawyers and paralegals. In 2013 alone, Kirkland lawyers and staff devoted more than 4,500 hours valued at almost \$1.4 million to the cause of making justice real for Legal Aid clients in Southwest D.C.

### **PRO BONO PROGRAM**

Legal Aid endeavors to integrate pro bono into almost every aspect of our program. Our rotating loaned associates who are embedded at Legal Aid from the law firms of Arnold & Porter LLP, Crowell & Moring LLP, Sidley Austin LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, and Steptoe & Johnson LLP provide intensive pro bono service. We receive ethics guidance and a wide range of other legal counsel from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP Special Counsel Julia Judish - our 2009 Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence Honoree.

Volunteer lawyers also spend hundreds of hours each year conducting initial interviews with potential clients at Legal Aid's Northwest office. Kirkland & Ellis LLP has partnered with Legal Aid to staff our Southwest intake site at the Friendship Baptist Church and provide pro bono representation for nearly every client referred from the Southwest site.

Our current figures indicate that volunteers throughout the Washington, D.C. legal community devoted more than 36,000 hours - worth more than \$16.5 million - to support making justice real for our client community in 2013.

The bulk of those hours involve direct representation of clients through Legal Aid's robust Pro Bono Referral Program. Individual cases are screened initially by Legal Aid and then referred to pro bono counsel. Experienced Legal Aid attorneys are available as a resource for volunteers to answer questions, provide sample pleadings, and discuss relevant law and strategy. Every day, Legal Aid's pro bono partners help our client community maintain safe and affordable rental housing, ensure family stability through custody and child support orders, gain protection from abusers, secure safety-net benefits and health insurance, preserve home ownership, and more.

For more information about pro bono opportunities with Legal Aid, please contact Jodi Feldman, Supervising Attorney, by phone at (202) 661-5965 or by email at jfeldman@legalaiddc.org.



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# 20I3Generous Associates Campaign

Generous associates throughout Washington D.C.'s legal community raised a record-shattering \$970,000 from their colleagues and firms! Congratulations to all of our participants.

Legal Aid would like to recognize last year's Honorary Co-Chair:

Lisa Blatt Arnold & Porter LLP

We would also like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of our 2013 Campaign Co-Chairs:

**Thomas Allen** Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Scott Armstrong Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Marc Bohn Miller & Chevalier Chartered

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**Randall Weinsten** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP A spirit of friendly competition has long been the hallmark of the Generous Associates Campaign. The following are the top-contributing firms in each size category:

### 301+ ATTORNEYS

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP \$84,292 Arnold & Porter LLP \$37,899 Crowell & Moring LLP \$34,833 Steptoe & Johnson LLP \$33,693 Hogan Lovells US LLP \$30,782

### 251-300 ATTORNEYS

Latham & Watkins LLP \$84,083 Williams & Connolly LLP \$57,045 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP \$31,655 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP \$25,401 Dickstein Shapiro LLP \$24,045

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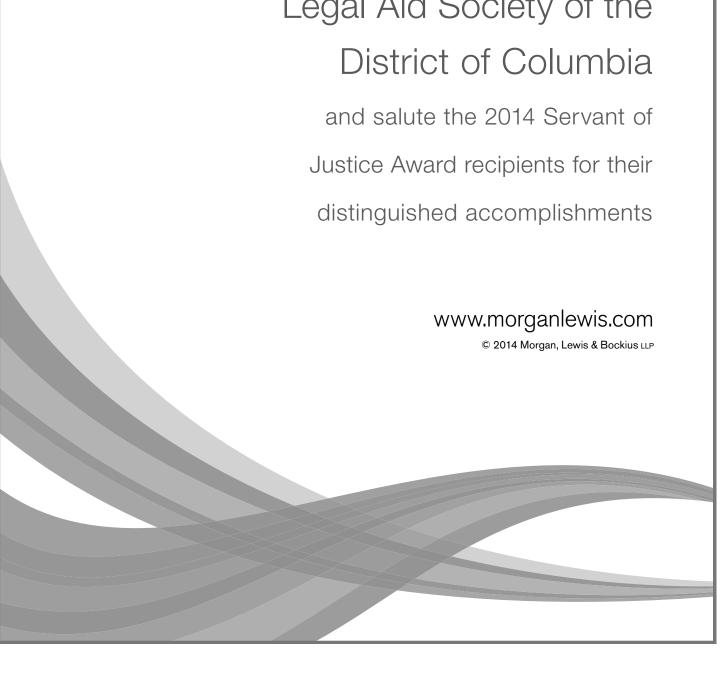
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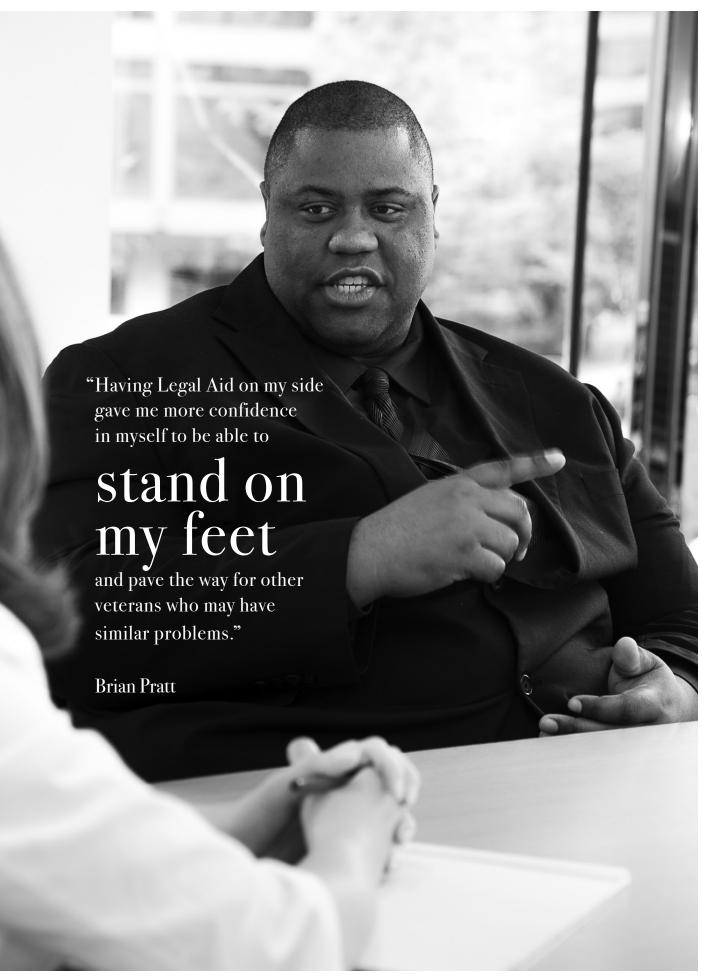
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