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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Pro Bono Awards Luncheon
January 28, 2016

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CLOSING
Shauna Marshall
LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Music by J. Rosamond Johnson
Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers died?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 29th annual celebration of the work we do together to protect, advance, and defend civil rights! Today, we applaud your recognition that “[i]njustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” and we especially commend you for taking action on behalf of others as a result. Thank you for giving of yourself, your time, and your resources to work alongside our team at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights to remove barriers to advancement and full social inclusion for communities of color and low income people.

In some ways, it is ironic that while we have commemorated the 50th anniversary of seminal civil rights laws during the past few years, we have also witnessed significant challenges to civil rights. In our local communities and as a nation, our commitment to justice and equality in education, voting rights, employment, housing, and personal freedom and security, among other areas, is as critical as it has ever been. As evidenced by our award recipients, in the last year we have successfully worked together to confront the inequities in class placement policies in school districts, challenged second-class citizenship, and sought economic justice for all.

Our achievements are a laudable catalyst for the work that remains ahead. This year, as we build on our positive momentum, we continue to be so very proud of our partnership with you and the tremendous network of dedicated advocates, supporters, and friends, who make it possible for us to deliver on our mission for civil rights.

In solidarity and with deep appreciation,

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Pedro Antonio Noguera, Ph.D.

Pedro Noguera is the Distinguished Professor of Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. Prior to joining the faculty at UCLA he served as a tenured professor and holder of endowed chairs at New York University (2003 – 2015) Harvard University (2000 – 2003) and the University of California, Berkeley (1990 – 2000). He is the author of eleven books and over 200 articles and monographs. Dr. Noguera appears as a regular commentator on educational issues on CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio, and other national news outlets.

His most recent books are Excellence Through Equity” (Corwin 2015) with Alan Blankstein, “School for Resilience: Improving the Life Trajectory of African American and Latino Boys” with E. Fergus and M. Martin (Harvard Education Press 2014), and “Creating the Opportunity to Learn” with A. Wade Boykin (ASCD, 2011).

From 2009 - 2012 he served as a Trustee for the State University of New York (SUNY) as an appointee of the Governor. He serves on the boards of numerous national and local organizations including the Economic Policy Institute, the Young Women’s Leadership Institute, The After School Corporation and The Nation Magazine. In 2013 he was appointed to the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society and in 2014 he was appointed to the National Academy of Education.

Dr. Noguera recently received awards from the Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences/Sage for outstanding achievement in advancing the understanding of the behavioral and social sciences as they are applied to pressing social issues, the National Association of Secondary Principals for distinguished service to the field of education, and from the McSilver Institute at NYU for his research and advocacy efforts aimed at fighting poverty.
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Congratulations on another fine year and to all of this year’s awardees.
Professor Shauna Marshall joined the UC Hastings faculty in 1994 as a Clinical Law Professor. Prior to joining the faculty, she spent 15 years working on behalf of the public interest. She began her career as a trial attorney for the US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. Five years later, she joined Equal Rights Advocates as a staff attorney working on impact cases, policy initiatives and mobilizing campaigns on behalf of low income women and women of color. She then spent four years in the Stanford and East Palo Alto community, lecturing in the areas of civil rights and community law practice at Stanford Law School and directing the East Palo Alto Community Law Project. She served as UC Hastings Associate Academic Dean from 2000 to 2002 and as Academic Dean from 2005 until 2013. She is now an emerita professor and will continue to teach in the area of civil rights and community lawyering.
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Scot Fishman
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Why We are Honoring Him

Under Scot Fishman’s leadership, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to economic justice and the financial security of low-income communities and communities of color. In 2015, the firm took on nearly 30 LSE matters, many of which were complex legal challenges. For example, Manatt attorneys assessed legal claims for immigrant café owners against a credit card processing company that took advantage of them. The attorneys advised clients regarding the terms of the agreement and negotiated with the company to prevent overcharging. Mr. Fishman has personally assembled teams of attorneys from different practice groups and offices across the country to provide comprehensive counsel. For a formerly incarcerated client who sought to start a business making healthy granola bars and hiring others with criminal records, Manatt staffed the matter with five attorneys to advise on employment, corporate and intellectual property issues.

Scot Fishman is a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, where he serves as Director of Pro bono. Under Mr. Fishman’s direction, Manatt’s attorneys have taken on a full range of direct legal services cases, large impact litigation, and advocacy projects for a wide range of nonprofit organizations and small businesses. During his first year, Manatt’s pro bono contribution increased by more than 30%. Mr. Fishman also serves on The State Bar of California’s Task Force on Admissions Regulation Reform (Phase II).
KETA TAYLOR COLBY AWARD

**Keta Taylor Colby Award** is presented to attorneys who provide outstanding representation to the poor and under-represented through their involvement in the Second Chance Legal Clinic, which addresses the civil consequences of the disproportionate representation of people of color and low-income affected by the criminal justice program.

**JOLIE-ANNE ANSLEY & CHRISTOPHER YEH**

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*Why We are Honoring Them*

Jolie-Anne Ansley and Christopher Yeh provided outstanding representation on behalf of a client who came to the Second Chance Legal Clinic seeking relief from a driver's license suspension. The attorneys petitioned to have the civil assessment against the client dismissed in order to reinstate his license. When the petition was denied, they did not give up and persisted in their advocacy for the client, which eventually led to the reinstatement of his license. Throughout the process, they were relentless in pursuing the best possible outcome for their client at every turn, and tackled the difficult and often insanely bureaucratic traffic court procedures with exemplary tenacity.

**Jolie-Anne S. Ansley** is a partner at Duane Morris LLP, where she focuses her practice on environmental, water and energy law, representing clients in both judicial and administrative proceedings. An experienced litigator, Ms. Ansley has represented both public entities and private clients in a variety of environmental matters. She represents clients in both litigation and regulatory compliance including CEQA, NEPA, ESA, Clean Water Act, CERCLA and RCRA. With her background in complex litigation, Ms. Ansley also has substantial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a broader array of matters including complex business disputes, insurance coverage actions and bankruptcy proceedings.

**Christopher B. Yeh**, an associate at Duane Morris LLP, focuses on complex business and intellectual property disputes. Utilizing his broad experience in intellectual property, contract, business tort and insurance law, Mr. Yeh has litigated state and federal business disputes at the trial and appellate level on a wide array of matters such as breach of contract, patent, trade secret, unfair competition, insurance bad faith and cyberlaw. He also advises small businesses and start-ups on intellectual property, contract, and corporate matters. Mr. Yeh is a member of Duane Morris’s prestigious Pro bono Committee, and received the firm’s 2014 Duane Morris Pro bono Award. He is also a member of the Pro bono Advisory Committee for Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles.
ANTHONY F. LOGAN AWARD

Anthony F. Logan Award is presented in recognition of the efforts of a community partner who has made an outstanding contribution to civil rights law and our client communities.

EMMETT D. CARSON, PH.D.
Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF)

Why We are Honoring Him

As a result of Dr. Carson’s leadership, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation has been an integral partner in our efforts to end discriminatory education policies and practices in California. In partnership with the SVCF, our 2013 report “HELD BACK - Addressing Misplacement of 9th Grade Students in Bay Area School Math Classes” chronicled the practice of forcing a disturbing percentage of students of color who successfully passed algebra in the 8th grade to repeat it in the 9th grade, thereby forever impeding their progress in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) trajectory. Subsequent to the report’s publication, SVCF took the extraordinary step to develop and pass statewide legislation to require transparent and objective math placement protocols in all California school districts. As a result, SB 359, the California Mathematics Placement Act, was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor last fall. Dr. Carson continues to be a creative, determined and passionate advocate in the fight for equal opportunity and access to quality education for all students.

Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., is the founding CEO of Silicon Valley Community Foundation. An international thought leader in the field of philanthropy, in 2005 he led the unprecedented merger of two community foundations to create SVCF. With a growth in assets from $1.4 billion to over $6.5 billion, SVCF is the nation’s largest community foundation, supporting a wide range of causes in the Bay Area, across the nation and around the world. Dr. Carson has published more than 100 works on philanthropy and is an authority on issues of social justice, public accountability and African-American giving.
The Father Cuchulain Moriarty Award recognizes an extraordinary pro bono contribution to the Lawyers’ Committee Asylum Project.

NADIA FARAH
Law Offices of Nadia Farah, P.C.

Why We are Honoring Her

Nadia Farah has been a fearless and committed pro bono volunteer with LCCR. A skilled and experienced immigration attorney, she takes on difficult and demanding cases with enthusiasm and a fierce dedication to successfully winning justice for her clients. She and her staff’s multilingual abilities allow her to take on a wide variety of clients, working with migrants and asylees in Spanish, Farsi, and other languages. Not only has her personal passion for immigrant justice driven her commitment, but her skill as an attorney has made her extraordinarily successful in obtaining asylum for her many clients.

About the Recipient.

Nadia Farah is the founder and managing attorney of the Law Offices of Nadia Farah, P.C., where she has been practicing immigration and nationality law since 1994. Throughout her decades of practice, Ms. Farah has been dedicated to supporting the rights of immigrants, often offering her services pro bono to those in need. As a native of Iran and former asylee herself, Ms. Farah is passionately committed to defending immigrants from removal processes, assisting family members seeking to rejoin their loved ones, and assisting asylees who look to rebuild their lives in the United States.
Together we make a difference.

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Owner: Lisa Stoy
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