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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

This is our 30th year celebrating our partnership with you and our collective dedication to our mission for justice and equality. Together, we have provided more than $21,500,000.00 in critical legal services to marginalized members of our community in the past year.

Even as we celebrate our victories against racism and discrimination, we recognize that so many in our community face an uncertain future given the increasing tension between law enforcement and residents, inflammatory anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies, and economic strategies that continue to exacerbate the divide between classes. We stand with our clients in the face of these challenges and we are all the more emboldened in our work against racism, bigotry, and bullying because of the progress we have achieved in collaboration with you.

Over the next several years, it is essential that we carry forward our momentum against unequal and demeaning treatment on the basis of race and class, and that we serve as stewards holding the law to account for unconstitutional and inhumane conditions that threaten our basic civil rights.

On behalf of the organization and our clients, thank you for your support and your ongoing commitment to ensure equal protection under law for all.

In solidarity,

Kimberly Thomas Rapp, Esq.
Executive Director
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.
SHAUNA MARSHALL, BOARD CHAIR

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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Congratulations on another fine year and to all of this year’s awardees.
Jake Sorensen is head of the San Francisco Litigation Department for Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. He concentrates on complex commercial litigation, antitrust and securities matters. His diverse litigation practice includes the defense of class actions as well as litigation and arbitration of business disputes.

Mr. Sorensen has substantial experience with international cartel investigations and follow on litigation, including the defense of nationwide direct and indirect purchaser class actions and litigation pursued by state attorneys general and private “opt-out” plaintiffs. He has recently represented clients with respect to alleged cartels involving liquid crystal displays (LCD), optical disk drives (ODD), capacitors, resistors, and passenger air transportation. He has coordinated the response to litigation and investigations by competition authorities around the world, including matters in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. He currently serves as Chair of the Antitrust and Business Regulation Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Mr. Sorensen is also experienced in litigation and investigations involving corporate governance and securities matters and allegations of fraud. He represents corporate clients and their directors and officers in a wide range of industries, from financial services to technology, energy, telecommunications and construction, as well as a leading private university and teaching hospital.

Mr. Sorensen has also represented clients in a number of high stakes contract disputes. He has successfully tried cases before juries, judges and arbitrators. He has also disposed of many cases prior to trial, either by prevailing in motion practice or by obtaining favorable settlements.

He is actively involved in the Bay Area business and legal community. He is Chair-Elect of the Board of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights. He also serves on the Board of the Embarcadero YMCA and on the Advisory Board of the East Bay Community Law Center. At Pillsbury, he serves on the firm’s Partner Compensation and Business Intake Committees, and previously served on the Pro Bono Committee.
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James M. Finberg currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, where he also served as Co-Chair from 1997 to 1998 and 2009 to 2010. He is a partner and litigator at Altshuler Berzon LLP where his practice consists primarily of representing employees in class and collective actions involving workplace discrimination and wage/hour violations, and representing voters in voting rights actions. He has also handled constitutional cases involving issues under both the U.S. and California constitutions.

In addition, Mr. Finberg is currently Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center of San Francisco, and on the Board of the U.C. Hastings WorkLife Law Center. He is a fellow of the American College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and of the American Bar Foundation. He is the author, or co-author, of numerous articles and book chapters on various topics of discrimination and wage/hour law and the use and trial of class and collective actions.

Since 2005, Mr. Finberg has been listed in “The Best Lawyers in America” for labor and employment law. He was named The Best Lawyers 2014 Labor and Employment “Lawyer of the Year” in San Francisco. He has been listed as a “Northern California Super Lawyer” since 2004, and was listed as one of the top 100 Super Lawyers in Northern California from 2005–13. In 2009, he was named a “California Lawyer of the Year” in the field of Civil Rights by California Lawyer Magazine.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys hiking, tennis, kayaking, travel, and cooking. For more information, please visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk or www.altshulerberzon.com.
ANTHONY F. LOGAN AWARD

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

GLIDE Foundation

The GLIDE Foundation recognizes that legal issues permeate many of the challenges facing GLIDE community members, who often have no real opportunity to defend their rights because they are unable to afford legal representation to address immigration, housing, public benefits, employment, and other legal issues. To close the justice gap, GLIDE established the Unconditional Legal Services Clinic to assist those who would otherwise be denied access to justice. In 2015–16, the Clinic served 201 clients in addressing 298 legal matters. For its commitment to justice in action and its collaboration in defending the civil rights of the most vulnerable members of our community, Lawyers’ Committee is honored to celebrate the GLIDE Foundation.

James Lin is the Director of the Center for Social Justice at the GLIDE Foundation, where he has held several roles since joining GLIDE in 2005. Prior to working at GLIDE, James directed the Multicultural Resource Center at Reed College. James is ABD for the doctorate in Germanic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University, has an undergraduate degree, cum laude, in Molecular Biology from Princeton University, and was a DAAD Fellow at the Zentrum für Molekulare Biologie of the Universität Heidelberg in Germany.

Rita Shimmin has been at GLIDE for 14 years. Prior to her role as Executive Director, Rita served as GLIDE’s Vice President of Organizational Integration (VPOI). As VPOI, Rita led GLIDE in the creation of its Core Values Community Cultural Agreements, the foundational philosophies from which every branch of GLIDE functions. Rita also heads the development of staff trainings in the areas of cultural competence, personal transformation, and leadership development. For more information please visit, www.lccr.com/2017-mlk or www.glide.org
The **Keta Taylor Colby Award** is presented to a legal partner who provides outstanding representation to the poor and under-represented through 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 system.

**Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP**

Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass has excelled in its pro bono representation of low income and marginalized individuals. Last year, under Howard Slavitt’s leadership, 27 of the firm’s attorneys represented 16 Second Chance Clinic clients helping to remove barriers to employment and reopen the doors of opportunity for the clients and their families. Among the firm’s outstanding pro bono team, Mark Hejinian excelled in his dedication of time and commitment to access to justice for all.

**Howard Slavitt** is a litigation partner at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP specializing in real estate, trust and estate, and other complex commercial litigation matters. Howard is active in the firm’s pro bono efforts and is chair-person of the firm’s Pro Bono Committee. For more than 20 years, he has provided pro bono services to low-income individuals as a Lawyers’ Committee volunteer. He has also prosecuted pro bono appeals in the Ninth Circuit and the California Courts of Appeal.

**Mark Hejinian**, an associate at Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP, focuses his practice on commercial litigation matters, ranging from consumer class action defense to regional business disputes. He counsels clients in various businesses, including in the telecom, pharmaceutical, and insurance industries. He was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service Award (2014, 2013) by the San Francisco Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Program, and received the Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Services award for public service in 2014. For more information, visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk or www.coblentzlaw.com.
FATHER CUCHULAIN MORIARTY AWARD

The Father Cuchulain Moriarty Award is presented in recognition of an extraordinary pro bono contribution to the Asylum Program.

Shahpour (Shawn) Matloob
Matloob Law Office

At a time when refugees and immigrants, particularly those of color, are increasingly under attack and their security in the U.S. is threatened, Shawn Matloob has been a tireless mentor attorney for more than 30 Asylum Program cases in the last three years. He took his first Lawyers’ Committee case representing “Eduardo,” a refugee from Mexico, in 2000. After filing the initial application, Shawn assisted Eduardo in obtaining a work permit allowing Eduardo to obtain gainful employment and secure housing. Eduardo was eventually granted asylum, and Shawn has been one of the most dedicated attorneys and mentors in the Lawyers’ Committee pro bono network ever since. In 2016 alone, Shawn was an integral part of the legal team in 7 new matters in which our clients sought safety and security. For his outstanding legal advocacy on behalf of Eduardo and so many others in vulnerable immigrant communities, Lawyers’ Committee is pleased to celebrate Shawn and the tremendous positive impact he has had in so many lives.

Shawn is the principal partner at the Matloob Law Office and he has been practicing U.S. Immigration and Nationality law with an emphasis on family immigration and asylum since 1999. He is an Immigration & Nationality Law Certified Specialist. He earned his J.D. with International Law concentration from UC Hastings (1999) and B.A. in Political Science and Near Eastern Studies from UC Berkeley (1996).
Robert G. Sproul, Jr. Award

The Robert G. Sproul, Jr. Award is presented to an exemplary partner who has contributed to the provision of legal services to under-represented communities and marshaled the resources of their firm to defend the rights of the disenfranchised.

Compass Lexecon, LLC

A core focus of the Lawyers’ Committee racial justice work has long been advancing equal educational opportunity for minority and low-income students. Compass Lexecon has been an essential pro bono partner in our ongoing legal advocacy in school districts within the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara. Bret Dickey, Maya Meidan and Jith Jayaratne, and their colleagues at Compass Lexecon, assisted Lawyers’ Committee in analyzing extensive, and often seemingly unwieldy, data provided in response to multiple public records requests to identify student middle and high school placement trends and disparities.

The outstanding expertise of the Compass Lexecon team and their dedicated hours over many months have been instrumental in advancing the legal challenges made by the Lawyers’ Committee to address the discriminatory placement and discipline of students of color and low-income. Together, our advocacy is ensuring that hundreds of students have the right to remain in school and advance in college track high school coursework.

Bret Dickey is Executive Vice President at Compass Lexecon, LLC. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. He has over 15 years of experience applying economic and econometric analysis to complex legal and regulatory proceedings, strategic business decisions, and public policy debates. Dr. Dickey’s research and consulting work has focused on antitrust and intellectual property issues, with a particular emphasis on the health care and pharmaceutical industries, as well on the economics of affordable housing. His research has been published in leading journals and he has testified in federal and state courts and before the U.S. Congress.

Maya Meidan’s areas of expertise include industrial organization and applied econometrics. She has performed extensive empirical analyses related to class action, price fixing, damages and mergers in a variety of industries including consumer products, construction, airlines and telecommunications. She also co-authored a paper on spectrum auctions which was filed with the FCC and published her research in peer-reviewed journals. Prior to joining Compass Lexecon, she completed a post-doctorate at Microsoft Research Labs. Maya has a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University, an M.A. in Economics and a B.Sc. in Mathematics and Economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
JAMES T. CALESHU AWARD

The James T. Caleshu Award is presented to an attorney who has made an extraordinary pro bono contribution to the Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (LSE) program, which provides free business legal services to low-income individuals starting or developing for-profit businesses, and businesses committed to underserved communities.

David V. Sanker
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

David Sanker continues to deliver outstanding pro bono legal services to improve economic opportunities for underserved communities. His support for the LSE program has been unflagging. He regularly staffs the program’s legal advice clinics and advises clients on intellectual property and other business matters. David also leads LSE small business workshops to educate entrepreneurs about the impact of copyrights and trademarks for their businesses. One client had a unique idea for a cycling backpack. With David’s help, the client applied for and obtained a patent for their idea. Similarly, he assisted several other clients with obtaining trademarks for their businesses. David’s passion and expertise has supported asset building and access to a range of goods and services in low-income and minority communities.

Drawing on 12 years of experience in software development, David Sanker, Ph.D. is an associate at Morgan Lewis Bockius LLP who prosecutes patents and represents clients in patent litigation. He has helped clients obtain patents for data visualization software, large-scale database software, and database analytic software, as well as for many other technological innovations. David also handles reexaminations before the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and defends clients from infringement claims before the US International Trade Commission (USITC), the US Federal Circuit, and in federal district courts.
Anthony G. Greenwald, Ph.D.
University of Washington, Professor of Psychology

Anthony G. Greenwald was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2007. He is presently Professor of Psychology at University of Washington (1986–present) and was previously at Ohio State University (1965–86). Greenwald received his BA from Yale (1959) and Ph.D. from Harvard (1963). He has published over 180 scholarly articles, served on editorial boards of 13 psychological journals, and has received three major research career awards — the Donald T. Campbell Award from the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (1995), the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society of Experimental Social Psychology (2006), and the William James Fellow Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Psychological Science (2013). Greenwald provoked modern attention to the psychological self with his 1980 article, “The Totalitarian Ego.” His 1990s methods made unconscious cognition and subliminal perception orderly research topics. In 1995 Greenwald invented the Implicit Association Test (IAT; published in 1998 and surpassing 5,000 scholarly citations in 2013). The IAT rapidly became a standard for assessing individual differences in implicit social cognition. Its method has provided the basis for three patent applications and numerous applications in clinical psychology, education, marketing, and diversity management. The story of the IAT’s development and significance appears in Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People (Delacorte Press, 2013, co-authored with Mahzarin Banaji).
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James J. Brosnahan
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James J. Brosnahan is Senior Trial Counsel and one of the most respected and recognized trial lawyers in the U.S. He regularly undertakes complex cases that are about to go to trial. He has tried, to conclusion, 150 cases and he is named among the top 30 trial lawyers in the U.S., according to Legal 500 US 2013. For more information, visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk/ or www.mofo.com.

Arturo Gonzalez
Morrison & Foerster, LLP, Partner

Arturo González is Chair of the Commercial Litigation and Trial Practice Group. He is a Fellow with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers and an associate with the American Board of Trial Advocates who specializes in high stakes, bet-the-company litigation and trials. Judges have praised his trial skills, with one writing that his “trial advocacy skills were superior” and another describing his trial skills as “phenomenal.” For more information, visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk/ or www.mofo.com.

Kate Kendell
National Center for Lesbian Rights, Executive Director

Kate Kendell leads the National Center for Lesbian Rights, a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. NCLR’s legal, policy, and legislative victories set important precedents that improve the lives of all LGBT people and their families across the country. For more information, visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk/ or www.nclrights.org.

Lateefah Simon
Akonadi Foundation, President

Lateefah Simon stepped into her role as the newly appointed President in August 2016. A nationally recognized advocate for civil rights and racial justice, Lateefah brings over 20 years of executive experience advancing opportunities for communities of color and low-income communities in the Bay Area. Prior to joining Akonadi, she served as Program Director for the San Francisco-based Rosenberg Foundation. For more information, please visit www.lccr.com/2017-mlk/ or www.akonadi.org.
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