



Legal Aid Society
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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend of Legal Aid:

2014 has been a memorable year at Legal Aid—a year of anniversaries, remembrances, and expansions to meet the needs of our client community.

Our 25th Annual Servant of Justice Awards Dinner was our most successful ever. Among other things, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our nationally-recognized appellate advocacy project and posthumously honored the founding director of that project, renowned appellate advocate Barbara McDowell. Overall, with the wonderful support of people like you, we were able to grow our program by almost 10% this past year, adding special projects to respond to the economic distress experienced by our clients.

Even with our expansions—Legal Aid is, by significant measure, the largest general civil legal services program in the District—the need far outstrips our capacity. Persons living in poverty interact with the legal system where the stakes are higher than for people of means. That is where you come in. With your support, Legal Aid *makes justice real*—in individual and systemic ways—for persons living in poverty in D.C. Our representation can keep a family from homelessness or provide desperately-needed personal or economic security.

In this report, you will see the photographs and read the stories of clients with whom we have worked this past year—clients like Maisie Grimes (pictured on the cover) or Thomas Smith (on the right). Their words and stories demonstrate what it means to make justice real for those who need it most. By reading about our clients' struggles and the often life-changing impact of our representation, we hope you will better understand Legal Aid and the importance of our work.

We cannot do this without your support. Most of our budget comes from private donations. Your donation is critical to our ability to continue *making justice real* for our clients.

Thank you,



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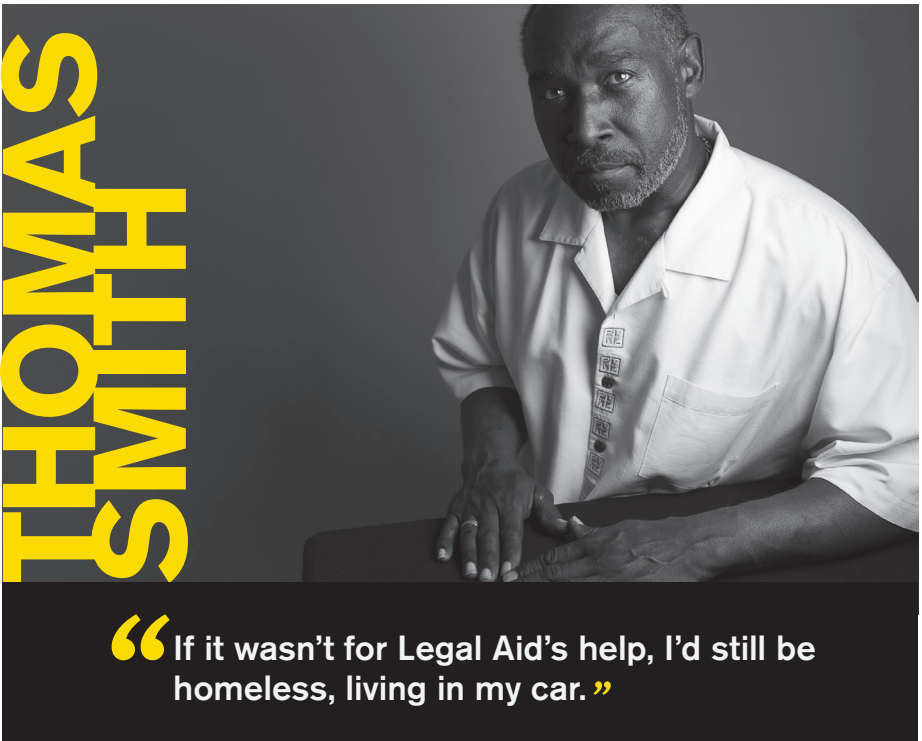


MAKING JUSTICE REAL

Over the last year, Legal Aid has continued *making justice real*—in all of our practice areas—for those living in poverty in the District. 2014 was in many ways a tale of two cities in the nation’s capital. While there was an economic resurgence in some respects—the average income for the top 5% is one of the highest in the nation at over \$530,000—poverty and unemployment remained stubbornly high for many in our client community. One in three residents east of the Anacostia River lives in poverty. And when we say poor, we mean it: a single mother with a child earning \$16,000 a year is *not* considered poor by the federal government. As for income disparity, according to the Census Bureau, the average income for the top 20% is over \$284,000. Yet fully 20% of D.C. households have to survive on an income of less than \$10,000, giving D.C. the fourth greatest income gap among the nation’s largest cities.

That is where Legal Aid steps in—we provide life-changing legal services to those who need it the most. We are proud that this past year, we were able to provide full representation to more clients than ever, resulting in millions of dollars of financial benefit to our clients. In addition, with your help, more clients were represented through our pro bono program than ever. The individuals and families featured in this year’s report are just a few examples of the thousands of people we help every year with their family/domestic violence, public benefits, housing, and consumer law issues. We work to solve problems that involve the most fundamental issues in our clients’ lives. As you will read, we also work to change the systems affecting our clients—knowing that sometimes an appellate ruling, or a regulatory or legislative change, can help hundreds, if not thousands, of our clients in profound and far-reaching ways.

Please subscribe to our blog, MakingJusticeReal.org, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter (twitter.com/LegalAidDC) to learn more.

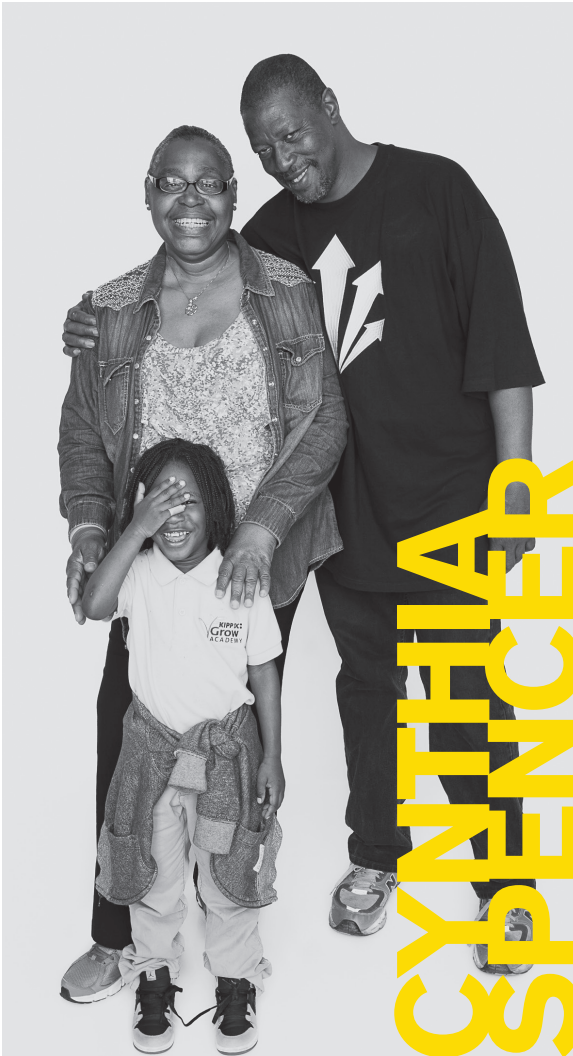


**THOMAS
SMITH**

“If it wasn’t for Legal Aid’s help, I’d still be homeless, living in my car.”

COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid clients often come to us facing a multitude of issues: a grandmother needing help with her prescription drug plan may also be threatened by abusive debt collectors; a survivor of domestic violence who needs to get to safety may also need help obtaining unemployment benefits. With 37 lawyers in five units and five loaned associates on rotation from area law firms, along with numerous volunteer and pro bono attorneys, Legal Aid endeavors to provide holistic services to all of our clients.



“If it wasn’t for Legal Aid,” says Petworth resident Cynthia Spencer, “I would be homeless.”

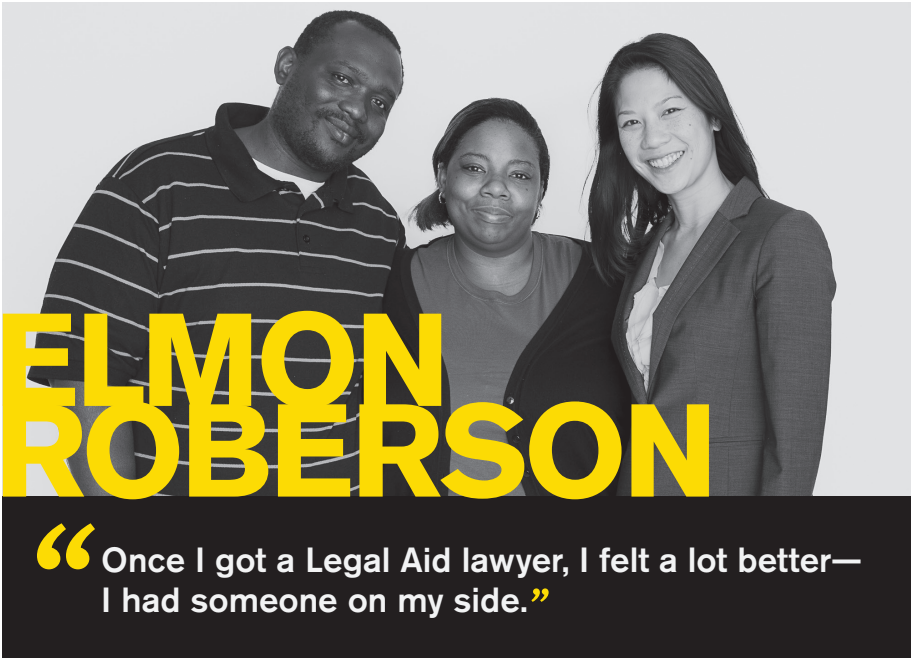
When Ms. Spencer came to Legal Aid, things looked bleak. She was out of a job, living in terrible conditions in her apartment, and facing two suits for eviction, one alleging nonpayment of rent, the other with the landlord claiming she wanted to move into Ms. Spencer’s apartment—which, if true, would be a legitimate basis for eviction. But Ms. Spencer was doubtful—she had seen neighbors evicted improperly in the past. A Legal Aid housing attorney represented her in both cases, eventually demonstrating that the landlord did not intend to live in Ms. Spencer’s apartment after all, and that the rent increases that caused her to fall behind on her payments were illegal. A public benefits attorney then helped Ms. Spencer secure critical health insurance and disability benefits. Threatened with eviction when she met us, Ms. Spencer (pictured with her partner and grandson) now lives in a safe home, works part-time, and receives the social security and medical benefits to which she is entitled under the law.

“Legal Aid is just like family—they stick with you until your case is resolved.”

CONSUMER LAW

Our Consumer Law Unit—our smallest but fastest-growing unit—focuses on preventing foreclosure for low-income homeowners and protecting vulnerable individuals from abusive debt collection practices. Our recently-established Consumer Law Court-Based Legal Services Project, which provides low-income consumers such as Elmon Roberson (pictured below) with same-day representation in court in debt collection matters, has already had a significant impact on the lives of some of the District's most vulnerable residents.

Our impact has perhaps been even more dramatic in the foreclosure context, where we have been involved in legislative, regulatory, and judicial reform to ensure that the foreclosure processes in the District are fair and accessible to homeowners. We participated as amicus curiae in a series of foreclosure cases pending in Superior Court, which has resulted in an innovative court process in which homeowners sued for foreclosure can come to court and request mediation, even in cases of default. This process should benefit hundreds of D.C. homeowners. We are proud of the consumer unit's work protecting the limited assets of some of the District's most vulnerable residents—enhancing our clients' stability and increasing their chance of moving out of poverty.



One morning, Elmon Roberson found himself in a situation out of a nightmare. One moment, he was driving his children to school; the next, he was sitting behind the wheel of his car, dazed, looking out onto the scene of an accident, unable to remember what had just happened. Mr. Roberson soon learned that he had suffered his first petit mal (absence) seizure, which involves a brief, sudden lapse of consciousness. Thankfully, his young children were not hurt, and his condition, while serious, is controllable with medication. Two years later, however, Mr. Roberson was sued for nearly \$10,000 in alleged damages resulting from the accident. The plaintiff claimed negligence. Mr. Roberson came to court to try to explain, but he found the process overwhelming. Fortunately, Mr. Roberson found Legal Aid's Consumer Law Court-Based Legal Services Project. How could Mr. Roberson be negligent if he had no knowledge of his condition before getting into the car that morning? With Legal Aid by his side, a default that had been entered against Mr. Roberson was vacated and the case dismissed, relieving the Roberson family of a crushing financial burden they could ill afford.

HOUSING LAW

Our clients consistently tell us that maintaining safe, affordable housing is at the very top of their concerns. Housing law in the District is fair to tenants but exceptionally difficult to enforce without a lawyer. These cases are often life-changing. In this report, you can read about Cynthia Spencer (page 2), Tamia Foster, and William Owens—all of whom could have been evicted without high-quality counsel.

Our Housing Law Unit—still Legal Aid’s largest practice area—prioritizes same-day representation through our Landlord Tenant Court-Based Legal Services Project; helping D.C. residents with problems with the District’s housing authority; and, in a new, innovative project, bringing affirmative conditions suits to help residents living in homes that are in need of serious repairs.

Like all our units, the housing unit is always on the lookout for systemic solutions to our clients’ problems. Legal Aid serves on numerous access to justice and court committees to improve the system. Among recent reforms is a new court rule that eliminates an unjust \$195 court fee that tenants were required to pay to avoid eviction. This is an example of

a legalistic, technical, unheralded (some might even say “boring”) change that could well save the tenancies of scores of families every year—and will certainly save tenants and rental assistance providers tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Tamia Foster, a working single mother with two young children, came to Legal Aid when her landlord sued her. Her landlord was trying to evict her for running a business out of her home. Her “business,” it turns out, was selling candy bars to her neighbors as a fundraiser for her son’s football team. It may sound frivolous, but the case was no laughing matter to Ms. Foster. Eviction would mean not only the loss of her home, but also the loss of her federal housing subsidy, making it nearly impossible to house her family with her low wages. Fortunately, with Legal Aid’s help, the case ended in a complete victory for Ms. Foster.



**TAMIA
FOSTER**

“My Legal Aid lawyer understood where I was coming from.”



Born in 1935, William Owens has been around almost as long as Legal Aid (which was founded in 1932)—and he has seen a great deal in that time. He served in the army, participated in the March on Washington, and worked as a taxi driver. But nothing prepared him for being hauled into court by his landlord for failure to pay rent, even though, as far as he was concerned, he had been faithfully paying his rent every month. It turned out that in the previous two years, the landlord had twice secretly raised Mr. Owens's rent, without ever notifying him of the increases. When Mr. Owens continued to pay his old rent amount, the landlord sued him for the difference.

Legal Aid represented Mr. Owens. We helped Mr. Owens explain that the rent increases were illegitimate, and that Mr. Owens had in fact *overpaid* rent while the landlord failed to address repair issues in his apartment. We ultimately reached a settlement in which the landlord agreed that Mr. Owens owed no money, withdrew the prior rent increases, promised to complete the needed repairs, and provided Mr. Owens with three months of free rent.

FAMILY LAW



Left to right: Supervising Attorney Stephanie Troyer, Domestic Violence Attorney Julia Eve Preston, Supervising Attorney Tianna Gibbs, and Child Support Attorney Ashley McDowell

Legal Aid’s Family Law Unit works to secure both short and long-term safety and stability for hundreds of individuals each year facing domestic violence, custody, and child support matters. One of the hallmarks of our services is our presence at both Domestic Violence Intake Centers in Northwest and Southeast D.C., which allows our attorneys to be even more responsive and accessible to survivors of domestic violence. We also continue to staff the Child Support Resource Center at the Paternity & Child Support Branch of D.C. Superior Court, through which we provide same-day representation. As you will read, these cases can be life-altering—getting a family to safety or providing much needed economic security for those who need it most.



“ These ladies were amazing. I definitely couldn’t have done this alone. **”**

HENRIETTA BELLO



“ I could not believe my eyes or my ears about the outcome of my case. It’s a good feeling to know that when you really need someone on your side, there’s a place to go.”

When Henrietta Bello’s ex-husband sued her for child support, she was shocked. She knew that her ex-husband earned far more than she did—he has a well-paying job, while she relies on Social Security Disability Insurance, which provides her with financial assistance because a disability prevents her from working full time. Moreover, their son spent the majority of the year at a boarding school (which he was attending on a full scholarship). When home, their teenager split time with both parents equally, making the request for support even harder to understand or justify.

Ms. Bello’s ex-husband had hired counsel to pursue Ms. Bello for child support. Legal Aid guided Ms. Bello through five years of contentious litigation. This included complicated income and public benefits calculations, investigation into Mr. Bello’s income and earning capacity, and aggressive opposing counsel. In the end, Ms. Bello was able to prove, not only that she did not owe support, but that Mr. Bello in fact owed support to her. Ms. Bello, who had never asked for the court to intervene in the first place, achieved a just outcome that allowed her to provide for her son while protecting her limited income. Ms. Bello is deeply proud of her son, now a sophomore at Vanderbilt University.

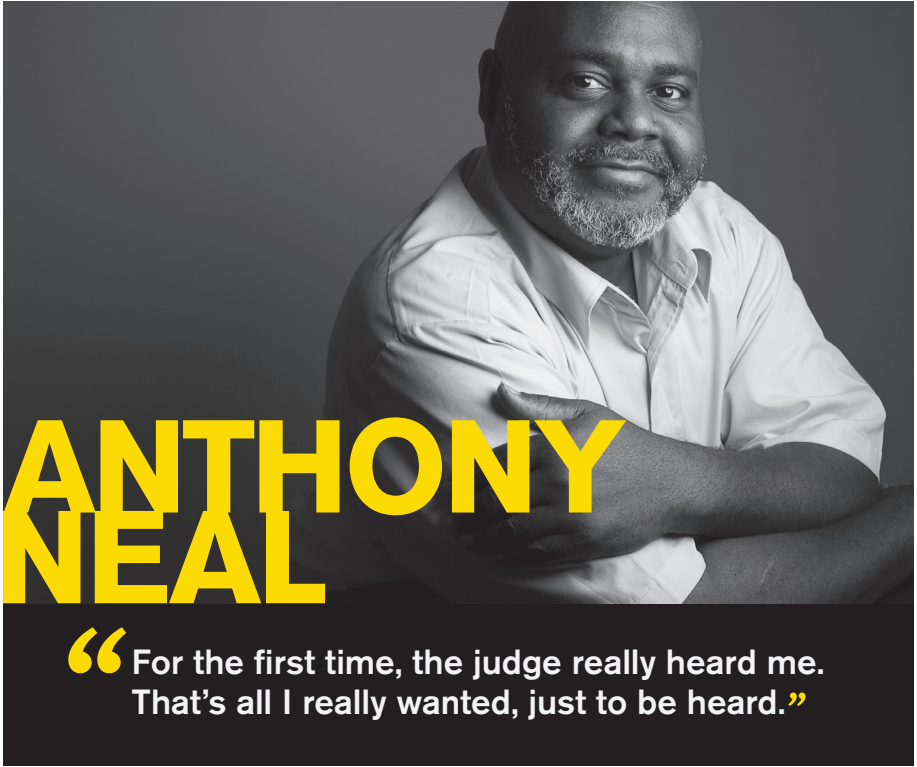
ACCESS TO CRITICAL SAFETY NET BENEFITS

Our Public Benefits Law Unit—the largest in the District—places emphasis on helping D.C. residents gain access to and maximize their options for health care and other essential benefits, such as TANF, unemployment insurance, and Social Security disability insurance. We know we have made justice real for our clients when—because of our intervention—clients receive desperately-needed safety net benefits or medical treatment to which they are entitled under the law. The unit has also continued its Medicare Part D clinics, which every year help more than 150 senior or disabled D.C. residents navigate the prescription drug benefit program.

The unit is also heavily involved in systemic advocacy, from being at the forefront of ensuring that health care reform is enacted in a way that is beneficial to our client community in D.C. to issuing an important report on the barriers to the accessibility of major safety net benefits. Perhaps our most high-profile systemic achievement in the past year was helping domestic violence survivor E.C., whose case is described more fully in our appellate section on the next page. In addition to the court victory, Legal Aid has worked to ensure that the decision has the widest impact possible: attorneys from Legal Aid trained 80 District employees on how to process unemployment insurance claims based on domestic violence. We hope to be involved in similar local and national trainings in the future.



Ms. Grimes came to Legal Aid utterly bewildered as to why she was not receiving unemployment insurance. She had been a licensed practical nurse at a home healthcare agency, providing in-home care to patients with serious disabilities. She was let go from her employment for budget reasons. When Ms. Grimes sought the unemployment benefits to which she was entitled to under the law, she found out that the home healthcare agency had failed to pay unemployment taxes, claiming that she was not an employee but instead an “independent contractor” ineligible for unemployment benefits. At her hearing, Legal Aid was able to establish that her former employer had set her work schedule, controlled her contact with patients, and even required Ms. Grimes to train and supervise other employees of the healthcare agency—proving that she was an employee in all but name. The judge found resoundingly in Ms. Grimes’s favor, a ruling which could well have impact beyond her case.



BARBARA MCDOWELL APPELLATE ADVOCACY PROJECT

In 2014, Legal Aid celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our nationally-recognized appellate advocacy project, named in honor of founding director Barbara McDowell, who argued 18 cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and numerous others before the D.C. Court of Appeals before her untimely death in 2009. Under Barbara’s direction, the project won significant legal victories involving rights of the poor, benefiting hundreds, if not thousands, of D.C. residents. Some of the most significant wins include rulings that a domestic violence perpetrator is presumed to be less fit for purposes of awarding custody than the victim, and that under the Fair Housing Act landlords must respond to reasonable requests for accommodation from tenants with mental or physical disabilities.

This past year we prevailed in a high-impact case on behalf of a domestic violence survivor, E.C., who was denied unemployment benefits after she was fired for reluctantly allowing her abuser onto workplace property after he repeatedly stalked her at work. The District’s highest court issued a decision in favor of E.C., awarding her full unemployment benefits. The decision is the first to interpret the District’s broad statutory protection for domestic violence survivors who seek unemployment benefits, providing survivors with greater access to stable economic resources when fired due to domestic violence, thus increasing their chances of leaving an abusive relationship.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

Every donation to Legal Aid is leveraged many-fold because of the wide-reaching ways we—and, more importantly, our client community—benefit from the extraordinary pro bono contributions of our supporters. Last year, pro bono attorneys provided more than 36,000 hours—valued at over \$16 million—to help make justice real for our client community. We are proud of Pro Bono Director Jodi Feldman, who will be honored this year with the Washington Council of Lawyers’s first ever Legal Services Award.

When Karen Bryant first came to Legal Aid she was at risk of losing the home where she and her disabled sister reside. Unbeknownst to her, the home that she inherited when her mother passed away had been auctioned off in a tax foreclosure sale. Although the mortgage was paid off decades ago and Ms. Bryant continued to pay her property taxes year after year, D.C.’s Office of Tax Revenue had assessed back taxes and penalties, determining that the home was not entitled to receive the homestead deduction after Ms. Bryant’s mother (the then-record owner) passed away—even though Ms. Bryant was the legal heir to the home and had been living there continuously. **Miller & Chevalier’s Andrew Howlett** and **George Hani** (not pictured) helped Ms. Bryant stave off foreclosure—she is now the recorded owner of the home receiving the benefit of the homestead deduction.



“Without my lawyer, I would have lost my house for sure.”

In last year's report, we highlighted an exciting new collaboration with the law firm of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP**, which helped Legal Aid establish a new intake center in Southwest D.C. at **Friendship Baptist Church**. Domestic violence survivor Keisha Jones, a single mother with two children, is but one example of a Southwest resident helped through this collaboration. **Kirkland & Ellis** attorneys **Michael Podberesky** and **Eric Nguyen** successfully helped Ms. Jones obtain custody of her children.



“ My lawyers were understanding that I was a single parent and I also was working and going to school—they were great. ”

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25TH ANNUAL SERVANT OF JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER

On April 29, 2014, Legal Aid recognized **Barbara McDowell** (posthumously) and **Donald P. Salzman** of **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP**, with its highest honor, the Servant of Justice Award. This year's dinner was special in numerous ways—in addition to celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Dinner, we also celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the **Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project**. We had more attendees than ever, and raised a record-setting \$1 million for Legal Aid.

Professor Sarah Barringer Gordon, friend and former college roommate of Barbara McDowell, introduced the award for her late friend. **Jerry Hartman**, Barbara's husband and Legal Aid Board Member, received the award on her behalf. During his speech, Jerry spoke about Barbara and her many contributions to Legal Aid and the cause of access to justice. He also remembered that Barbara “always said, ‘You have to make a fuss to

make a difference.’ That was what Barbara loved about Legal Aid—that it daily makes a fuss for powerless and indigent people in the District of Columbia.”

Michele Roberts of **Skadden** presented the award to her friend and colleague Don Salzman, whom she described as an inspiration and “a true servant of justice because it is an innate quality in him.”

The **2014 Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence** was presented to **Stefanie Doebler** of **Covington & Burling LLP**, who spoke poignantly about how fulfilling her experiences have been volunteering each of the last eight years with the Medicare Part D clinics organized by Legal Aid and Whitman-Walker Health.

Legal Aid thanks all of its supporters, and especially the Dinner Steering Committee, led by **Philip W. Horton** of **Arnold & Porter LLP**, and **Tangela S. Richter** of **Capital One**, the event's co-chairs, for their leadership.



*Jerry Hartman (right) of Drinker Biddle accepted the Servant of Justice Award on behalf of Barbara McDowell (pictured with Executive Director Eric Angel)**



*Skadden's Don Salzman (left) accepted the Servant of Justice Award presented by his colleague Michele Roberts**

*Photography by Jill James

GENEROUS ASSOCIATES CAMPAIGN

In 2014, Campaign Co-Chairs set an ambitious goal of raising one million dollars for Legal Aid. Once again, the hard work and dedication of associates from more than 70 area law firms managed to surpass that goal, raising a record-shattering \$1.2 million. As a component of the Campaign, Legal Aid established the **Outstanding Generous Associates!** listing to recognize non-partner donors whose cumulative giving to the Campaign this year totaled \$250 or more. In addition, the recreational cooking school CulinAerie hosted the second-ever **Generous Associates Campaign CulinAerie Cooking Competition**. This year's competition was won by the amateur chefs at Miller & Chevalier, with Jenner & Block and Paul Weiss coming in second and third, respectively.

Each year, firms compete to earn a top five placement in their size category. The results, in order of amount raised, are as follows:

1–50 Attorneys

Gilbert LLP	\$21,965
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	\$11,115
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP	\$7,760
Weisbrod Matteis & Copley PLLC	\$5,275
Foley Hoag LLP	\$3,650

51–100 Attorneys

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP	\$59,160
Miller & Chevalier Chartered	\$31,280
Reed Smith LLP	\$20,157
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	\$18,746
Bryan Cave LLP	\$18,535

101–150 Attorneys

Dickstein Shapiro LLP	\$20,105
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	\$17,640
Baker Botts L.L.P.	\$14,156
BuckleySandler LLP	\$12,140
Cooley LLP	\$8,879

151–200 Attorneys

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	\$42,854
Mayer Brown LLP	\$32,423
King & Spalding LLP	\$11,940
K&L Gates LLP	\$10,905
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP	\$4,625

201–250 Attorneys

Kirkland & Ellis LLP	\$59,380
Arent Fox LLP	\$24,053
Venable LLP	\$22,941
Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garret & Dunner, LLP	\$1,450
Hunton & Williams LLP	\$125

251–300 Attorneys

Latham & Watkins LLP	\$125,250
Williams & Connolly LLP	\$57,981
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	\$51,050
Wiley Rein LLP	\$43,028
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	\$27,220

301+ Attorneys

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP	\$146,260
Step toe & Johnson LLP	\$33,522
Crowell & Moring LLP	\$30,180
Hogan Lovells US LLP	\$29,829
Arnold & Porter LLP	\$29,700

Legal Aid would like to thank **Skadden's Greg Craig**, 2014's Honorary Chair.

In addition, the Campaign depends on the extraordinary leadership and dedication of its Co-Chairs:

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Adjusted Grants and Contributions	3,317,349
Contributed Services	16,798,489
Special Events	891,981
Investment Income	42,211
Sublease Income	46,446
Total Revenue	21,096,476
Contributions to Endowments	26,250
Total Revenue Less Endowment Gifts and Contributed Services	4,271,737

EXPENSES

Program Services	20,222,511
Management and General	452,264
Fundraising	532,522
Total Expenses Less Contributed Services	4,408,808

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