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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black fur hat and a dark jacket, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right. The background is a blurred city street scene with a building and trees. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“I’m just very grateful that Legal Aid is here to help anyone in need.”

– Maria Fratus,
former Legal Aid DC client

Making
Justice
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Legal Aid DC is the oldest and largest civil legal services program in the District of Columbia. Since the height of the Great Depression, Legal Aid DC staff have been making justice real – in individual and systemic ways – for people living in poverty in DC. Our lawyers provide high-quality, zealous representation and engage in systemic advocacy in family law and domestic violence, affordable housing and eviction prevention, public benefits, consumer law, immigration, and appellate advocacy. The generous support of our donors makes justice real for thousands of low-income DC residents every year.

Welcome to the 34th Annual Servant of Justice Awards Dinner

Since the very first Servant of Justice Awards Dinner on April 30, 1990, the DC legal community has come together each year to celebrate those who have “demonstrated faithful dedication and remarkable achievement in ensuring that all persons have equal and meaningful access to justice.”

Over the last 34 years, your support of this event has helped Legal Aid DC grow to a staff of more than 100, directly helping more than 9,000 people with their legal issues each year and tens of thousands more through our systemic advocacy work.

Thank you for your support and congratulations to our extraordinary honorees. We are proud to stand with Legal Aid DC and all of you as we work to make justice real in DC. Enjoy the evening!

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The Servant of Justice Award

Since 1990, Legal Aid DC has presented the Servant of Justice Award to individuals and organizations who have demonstrated faithful dedication and remarkable achievement in ensuring that all people have equal and meaningful access to justice. Tonight's honorees have made the struggle for equal justice part of their personal and professional identities through their commitment to and concern for our community. Please join us in expressing our gratitude for their extraordinary contributions to the cause of access to justice in the District and beyond.



The Servant of Justice Award

Legal Aid DC is proud to honor

Debo P. Adegbile

WilmerHale

Debo P. Adegbile is a partner at WilmerHale and Chair of the Anti-Discrimination practice. He previously worked at the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund from 2001 to 2014, including as Director of Litigation from 2007 to 2014 and Acting President & Director-Counsel from 2012 to 2013.

He has argued several pivotal civil rights cases at the U.S. Supreme Court and across the nation – including successfully defending the Voting Rights Act before Judge Tatel presiding over a three-judge panel in the DC Circuit in *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Holder*. Mr. Adegbile also served as senior counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary from 2013 to 2014, advising on Supreme Court jurisprudence and civil rights legislation including the Voting Rights Act bill now known as the John Lewis Act. In 2016, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, on which he served for six years. More recently, he led a WilmerHale team in a successful challenge to Georgia's congressional and legislative maps. Among his many roles at WilmerHale, Mr. Adegbile chairs its anti-discrimination practice through which he conducts civil rights and equity audits for clients, imparting the wisdom and experience from his many years of upholding American civil rights and liberties.

Mr. Adegbile is the chair of the Connecticut College board of trustees and the vice chair of the Vera Institute of Justice's board of trustees. From 1995 to 2002, he served as the first president of the board of The Catalog of Giving (now Spark Youth), a nonprofit dedicated to supporting effective youth-serving organizations in New York City. He also served on the board of trustees of Manhattan Country School, an independent school in New York City, for 18 years, including as board chairman.

Mr. Adegbile earned a BA in government from Connecticut College, where he received the Anna Lord Strauss Medal for his college and community service, before going on to earn his JD from the New York University School of Law.



The Servant of Justice Award

Legal Aid DC is proud to honor

Judge David S. Tatel

Hogan Lovells

Judge David S. Tatel is highly regarded as one of the nation's most respected jurists and has recently rejoined Hogan Lovells as a senior counsel after serving on the D.C. Circuit since 1994.

His career spans nearly six decades in public interest law, government service, private practice, and almost 30 years on the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, nearly all in staunch defense of civil liberties. He served as first executive director of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which recently celebrated a landmark 50 years of providing pro bono civil legal counsel, after which he became director of the national Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. In the early 1970s, he helped organize the Legal Services Corporation, which promotes equal access to justice by providing grants for civil legal defense for low-income Americans.

Judge Tatel also led the Office for Civil Rights under President Jimmy Carter, revitalizing that office at a critical time in American civil rights history. He later founded the Education practice at then-Hogan & Hartson, advancing desegregation in school districts in suburban St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, and other cities throughout the country. In 1994, he was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the DC Circuit to succeed former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As a DC Circuit judge, he decided dozens of landmark cases, earning a reputation as one of the most brilliant and fair legal minds in the judiciary. He accomplished most of this after losing his eyesight at age 30.

Among his many civic activities, Judge Tatel co-chaired the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Science, Technology, and Law. He previously served as chair of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Spencer Foundation, as well as on the Board of the Federal Judicial Center and the Judicial Advisory Board of the American Society of International Law. His memoir, "Vision: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice," will be published by Little, Brown on June 11, 2024.

Previous Award Recipients

Servant of Justice Award

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David Dantzic
Latham & Watkins

Karl Racine
Former DC Attorney General

2022

Fatima Goss Graves
National Women's Law Center

Daniel Jarcho
Alston & Bird

2021

Avis Buchanan
Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

John Heintz
Blank Rome

2019

Judith L. Lichtman
National Partnership for Women & Families

Anthony T. Pierce
Akin

2018

Thomas C. Papon
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Abid Riaz Qureshi
Latham & Watkins

2017

Vanita Gupta
The Leadership Conference on Civil
and Human Rights

Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.
Munger Tolles & Olson

2016

Marian Wright Edelman
Children's Defense Fund

Thomas S. Williamson, Jr.
Covington & Burling LLP

2015

Wade Henderson
The Leadership Conference on Civil
and Human Rights

Philip W. Horton
Arnold & Porter

2014

Barbara McDowell, posthumously
Legal Aid of the District of Columbia

Donald P. Salzman
Skadden

2013

John Payton, posthumously

Paul M. Smith
Jenner & Block

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Susan M. Hoffman
Crowell & Moring

James vanR. Springer
Legal Aid of the District of Columbia

2011

Brooksley E. Born
Arnold & Porter

The Honorable Thomas E. Perez
United States Department of Justice

2010

Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
Akin

Florence Wagman Roisman
Indiana School of Law – Indianapolis

2009

Anthony Herman
Covington & Burling LLP

Dean Kurt L. Schmoke
Howard University School of Law

2008

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Georgetown University Law Center

Seth P. Waxman
WilmerHale

2007

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Hogan & Hartson

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2006

Theodore A. Howard
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David A Reiser
Zuckerman Spaeder

2005

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

Andrew H. Marks
Crowell & Moring

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

Previous Award Recipients

Servant of Justice Award

2002

Samuel F. Harahan
Council for Court Excellence

Douglas G. Robinson
Skadden

2001

Lynn E. Cunningham
George Washington University Law School

John E. Nolan
Step toe

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

2000

Patty Mullahy Fugere
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Robert N. Weiner
Arnold & Porter

1999

Blossom Athey
Covington & Burling LLP

Eldon H. Crowell
Crowell & Moring

1998

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

Francine Salzman Temko
Legal Aid of the District of Columbia

1997

Peter B. Edelman
Georgetown University Law Center

Timothy J. May
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1996

R. Kenneth Mundy

Robert L. Weinberg
Williams & Connolly

1995

Willie E. Cook, Jr.
Neighborhood Legal Services Program

David B. Isbell
Covington & Burling LLP

1994

Charles T. Duncan
Reid and 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

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Servant of Justice Award

1992

Howard C. Westwood
Covington & Burling LLP

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1991

Augustus L. Palmer
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1990

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The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence

The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence was created through the generosity of Martin and Arlene Klepper to recognize attorneys early in their careers who have made a significant volunteer contribution to Legal Aid DC. This evening we present the Klepper Prize to Nancy Anderson of Holland & Knight for her extraordinary pro bono contributions to Legal Aid DC's client community.

Previous Klepper Prize Recipients

2023

Josephine M. Bahn
Cozen O'Connor

2022

Matthew Cohen
Aaron Marx
Crowell & Moring

2021

Elliot Weingarten

2019

Emily Goldman
Lance Murashige
Susan Musser
Kaitlin Welborn
Hogan Lovells

2018

Jahnisa Tate Loadholt
Alston & Bird

2017

David Young
Ropes & Gray

2016

Brendan Carroll
Alston & Bird

2015

Daniel L. Russell, Jr.
Covington & Burling LLP

2014

Stefanie A. Doebl
Covington & Burling LLP

2013

Warren T. Allen, II
Nicole L. Grimm
Luke A. Meisner
Skadden

2012

Jonathan G. Lin
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

2011

Aryeh S. Portnoy
Crowell & Moring

2010

Randall A. Brater
Arent Fox

2009

Julia Judish
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

2008

Melissa K. Bianchi
Hogan & Hartson



The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence

Legal Aid DC is proud to honor

Nancy Anderson

Holland & Knight

Nancy Anderson is senior counsel at Holland & Knight. She has worked with Legal Aid's Pro Bono Program since 2016. Over the past eight years, she has zealously represented several clients in pro bono matters as they work to obtain Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. These cases are frequently long and complex but can have life-changing effects for the adults and children who have been improperly denied benefits.

From 2016 to 2024, when Nancy was an associate at Cooley, she took the lead on half a dozen SSDI/SSI cases through Legal Aid DC. She also helped recruit colleagues to take on cases and supported them through the process. In one of her most recent cases, Nancy secured a favorable decision awarding benefits to Angela Beidleman on behalf of her 7-year-old son, Shawn, after representing them at an administrative hearing. Shawn had previously been diagnosed with attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and oppositional defiant disorder (ODD). When Ms. Beidleman came to Legal Aid for help, Shawn was in the second grade and performing below grade level in all subject areas. His diagnoses made it difficult for him to pay attention, maintain focus, and engage with his peers, and Ms. Beidleman was receiving phone calls almost daily regarding his behavior. The SSI benefits that she was awarded will help Ms. Beidleman secure additional resources and support for Shawn.

Nancy is a dedicated advocate for her clients. She has expertly navigated challenging procedural scenarios and the frustrating bureaucracy at the Social Security Administration. She provides competent and compassionate counsel, and she is always ready to help.

Nancy is a graduate of Haverford College and the Washington and Lee University School of Law. In addition to her legal work, she regularly volunteers with Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, which is a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing homeless, neglected and abandoned animals from certain euthanasia and finding them loving forever homes. Volunteers like Nancy are the backbone of Lucky Dog -- supporting animals and people through every step of their adoption process. Thanks to volunteers like Nancy, Lucky Dog is able to rescue thousands of animals each year, provide them temporary housing until adoption, and find them well-matched forever homes.



**“I would,
guaranteed,
100 percent
advise people
to come to
Legal Aid.”**

– Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez,
2024 Partnership Award Honoree

The Partnership Award

Legal Aid DC's Partnership Award honors extraordinary individuals and organizations who have helped advance our mission of making justice real in DC. This evening, we present the Partnership Award to Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez for her efforts to keep her family together and to strengthen their community.

Previous Partnership Award Recipients

2023

Farhana Chowdhury
DVRP and Legal Aid Client

**Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence
Resource Project**

2022

Melinda Gray
Claimant Advocacy Program and Legal Aid
Client

Claimant Advocacy Program

2021

Cynthia Spencer
Member, Legal Aid Community Advisory Council

2019

Tamika Hayes
Legal Aid Client, Homeowner, Survivor

2018

Monica Jackson
Terrace Manor "Organized for Change"
Tenants Association

2011

DC Fiscal Policy Institute

2010

Fair Budget Coalition

2009

Housing Counseling Services

2008

Dr. Rhonique Shields-Harris
Children's National Medical Center

Dr. Gloria Wilder-Brathwaite
Core Health





The Partnership Award

Legal Aid DC is proud to honor

Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez

Former Legal Aid DC Client

Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez immigrated to the United States from Guatemala about 15 years ago, leaving her two small children, Douglas and Kenia, with family to try to provide a better life for them. She started a successful tamale stand in Mt. Pleasant, got remarried, and continued to send money back to Guatemala.

Eventually, Douglas and Kenia were able to join her in DC, but Ms. Alvarez Velasquez struggled to navigate the labyrinthine immigration law system on her own. She sought assistance from Legal Aid DC's Immigrants' Rights Legal Services Project, and her attorney, Julia Ward, helped her clarify her family's immigration status.

Beyond fighting for her family, Ms. Alvarez Velasquez stepped up for her community last year when the Street Vendor Advancement Act went before the Council. The bill proposed eliminating criminal penalties for vending without a license, allowing the mayor to waive unpaid fines and establishing sidewalk vending zones. Decriminalizing street vending was a top priority for advocates in DC. Ms. Alvarez Velasquez, along with her husband German Trinidad (who operates the tamale stand with her), immediately volunteered to testify in front of the Council about their experiences and argue for their right to earn a living without harassment and prejudice. As a result of this advocacy, the Council passed the Street Vendor Advancement Act in April 2023.

Now that their family is together and Kenia and Douglas are on the path to green cards, Ms. Alvarez Velasquez and Mr. Trinidad are hoping to eventually open their own restaurant. Until then, they will continue to operate their tamale stand at the corner of Lamont Street and Mt. Pleasant Street every Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can learn more on their Instagram at [@tamales_mt_pleasant_](#)



The Partnership Award

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Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez

Ex cliente de Legal Aid DC

Magnolia Alvarez Velasquez emigro a los Estados Unidos desde Guatemala hace unos 15 años, dejando a sus dos hijos pequeños, Douglas y Kenia, al cuidado de familiares para tratar de brindarles una vida mejor. Comenzó un exitoso puesto de tamales en Mt. Pleasant, se volvió a casar y continuó enviando dinero a Guatemala.

Eventualmente, Douglas y Kenia pudieron reunirse con ella en DC, pero la Sra. Alvarez Velasquez luchó para navegar por el sistema complicado de leyes migratorias por su cuenta. Buscó ayuda del Proyecto de Servicio Legales de Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Legal Aid DC, y su abogada, Julia Ward, la ayudó a aclarar el estado migratorio de su familia.

Más allá por luchar por su familia, la Sra. Alvarez Velasquez se puso de pie por su comunidad el año pasado cuando el proyecto de Ley de Enmienda de Avance de Vendedores Ambulantes fue presentado ante el Concejo. El proyecto de ley proponía eliminar las sanciones penales por vender sin licencia, permitir que el alcalde condone multas impagas y establecer zonas de venta en la acera. Despenalizar la venta callejera fue una prioridad principal para los defensores en DC y la Sra. Álvarez Velásquez, junto con su esposo, Germán Trinidad (quien opera el puesto de tamales con ella), se ofrecieron de inmediato para testificar frente al Concejo sobre sus experiencias y argumentar por su derecho a ganarse la vida sin acoso y prejuicios. Como resultado de esta defensa, el Consejo aprobó el proyecto de Ley de Enmienda de Avance de Vendedores Ambulantes en abril del 2023.

Ahora que su familia está reunida y Kenia y Douglas están en camino hacia las tarjetas de residencia permanente, la Sra. Álvarez Velásquez y el Sr. Trinidad esperan eventualmente abrir su propio restaurante. Hasta entonces, continuarán operando su puesto de tamales en la esquina de Lamont Street con Mt. Pleasant Street todos los sábados y domingos, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Se puede aprender más en su Instagram, @tamales_mt_pleasant_

Thank You to the DC Council and DC Bar Foundation

Legal Aid DC is incredibly grateful to the DC Council for its continued support of civil legal services in the District through the Access to Justice Grants Program. Administered by the DC Bar Foundation, under the leadership of Executive Director Kirra Jarratt, the Access to Justice Grants Program has been instrumental to Legal Aid DC's growth. For 2024, between funds allocated by the DC Council and its own fundraising, the DC Bar Foundation has funded the following critical projects::

Affordable Housing Preservation Project

Prevents displacement and preserves affordable housing in the District

Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project

Pursues an affirmative anti-poverty law reform agenda by litigating cases that have the potential to influence the law in a manner that will protect and advance the rights of low-income individuals

Child Support Community Legal Services Project

Provides on-site legal services to help parents navigate the family law system

Consumer Law Project

Provides same-day legal assistance to protect DC residents from abusive debt collection

Domestic Violence Representation Project

Helps survivors achieve safety, stability, and independence through legal representation

Economic Security Project

Works to improve economic security for low-income residents by helping access federal and District public benefits

Eviction Prevention in Community Project

Reaches at-risk tenants early to prevent evictions and stabilize housing

Family Law Assistance Network

Provides legal services to DC residents in the Domestic Relations Branch of the DC Superior Court's Family Court

Foreclosure Prevention Project

Protects low-income homeowners from foreclosure in the District

Tenant Protection Project

Represents tenants facing eviction or challenging rent increases, illegal lock-outs, and housing conditions that make homes uninhabitable

Legal Aid's Impact

Legal Aid DC was founded in 1932 with the express mission of providing civil legal services for people living in poverty in our nation's capital. The organization has grown alongside our clients' needs, evolving to tackle the individual and systemic issues facing our most vulnerable neighbors. As our clients fight oppressive and racist systems with strength and resilience, our attorneys and legal staff are right there alongside them.

Legal Aid DC's work is grounded in *making justice real* – making fair and equal access to justice possible – for those in the District who need it the most. We're there when a tenant is unfairly facing eviction. We're there when a client's food stamps are unfairly held. We're there when survivors need to obtain a civil protection order against their abuser. Legal Aid DC is here to help so our neighbors don't face life-altering legal crises alone.

Legal Aid DC served 10 percent more people in 2023 than in 2022, providing full representation in nearly 1,300 cases, in addition to giving advice and brief services for thousands more. All told, our attorneys directly helped more than 9,500 people. Going beyond the individual, our Systemic Advocacy and Law Reform Program saw landmark legislation passed and launched the Community Lawyering Project. Now a person in need can find our staff online, through various hotlines, at our office downtown, our community "Big Chair" office in Anacostia, farmers markets, libraries, and other community sites across the District.



Pro Bono

Legal Aid DC is fortunate to have a robust pro bono network supporting our mission. Attorneys across the city continue to step up and address urgent needs for our client community – but there's always more work to be done and more people who need help. We look forward to strengthening these partnerships, creating new relationships, and growing our pro bono network to help close the access to justice gap in the city.

For more information about pro bono opportunities with Legal Aid DC, please contact Sylvia Soltis at ssoltis@legalaiddc.org.



Brenda Green (left) with her Miller & Chevalier attorney George Hani.

Making Justice Real Giving Circle

Legal Aid established the Making Justice Real Giving Circle to honor individual donors who provide significant financial support to Legal Aid each year. We are delighted to recognize the following people who have given generously to Legal Aid DC last year.

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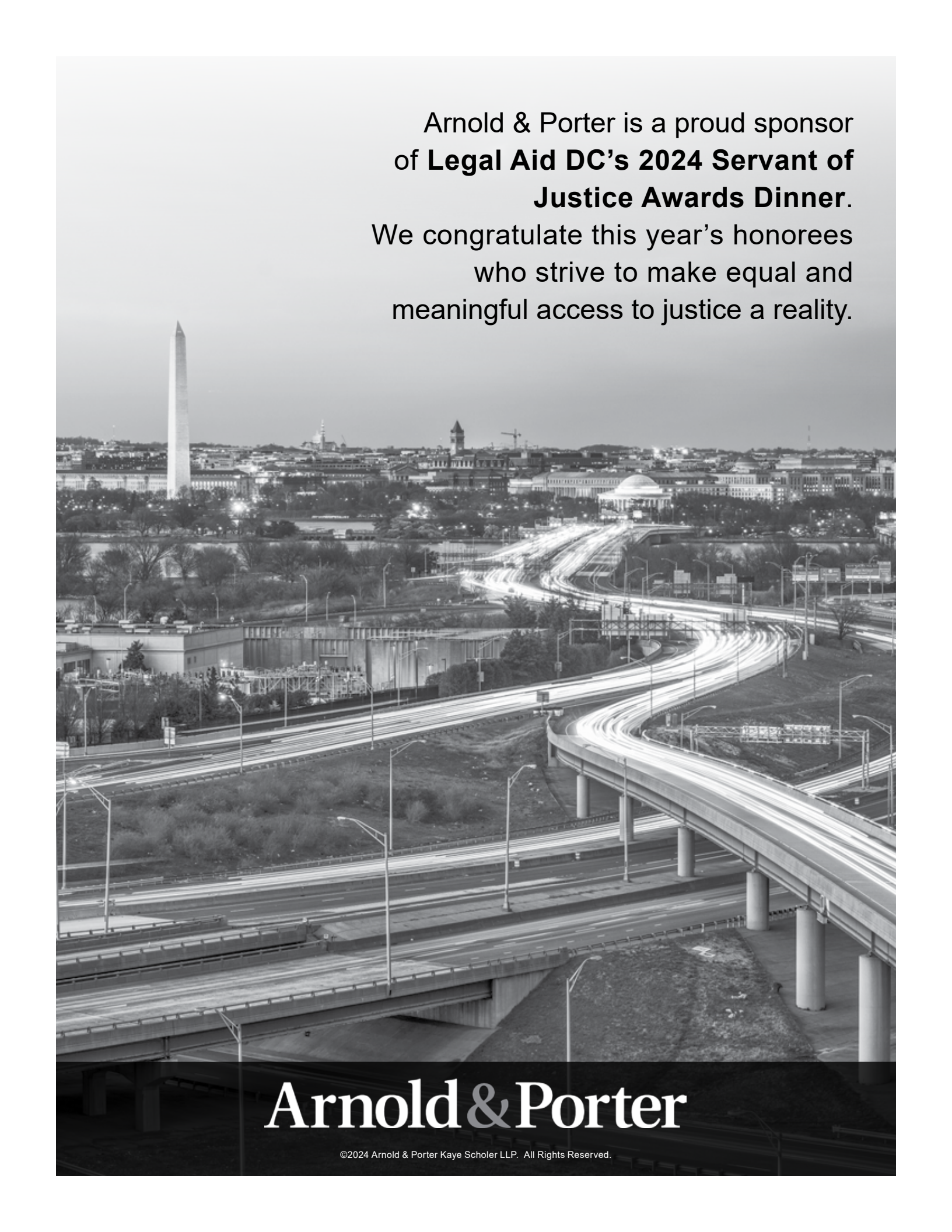
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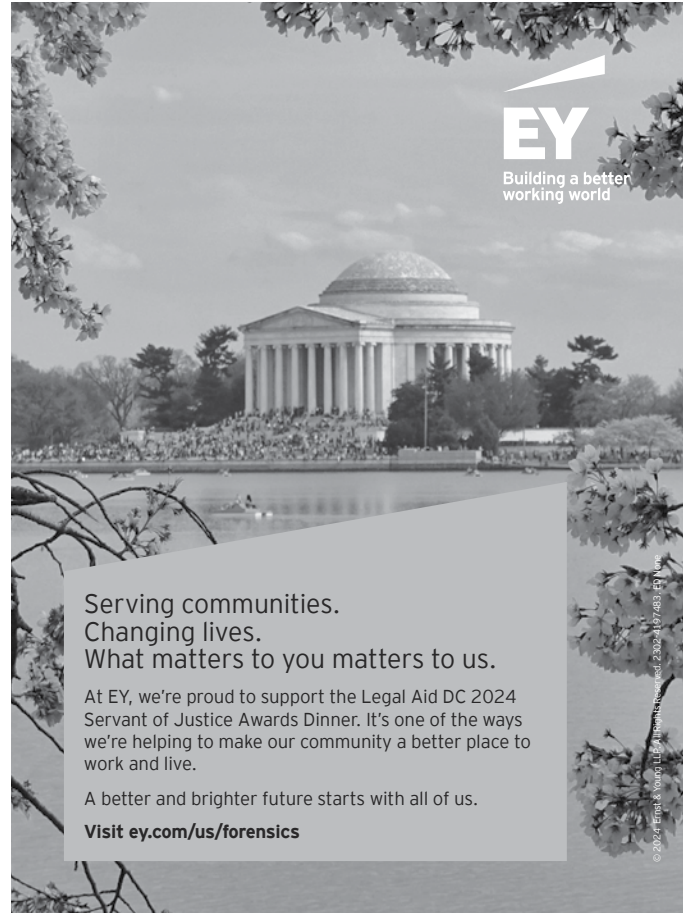
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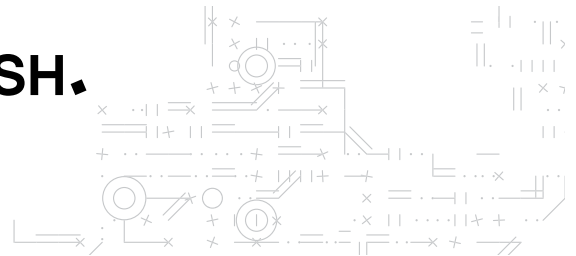
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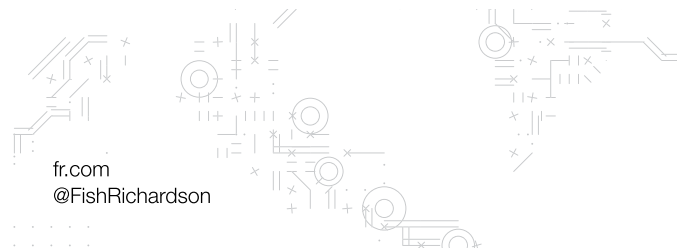
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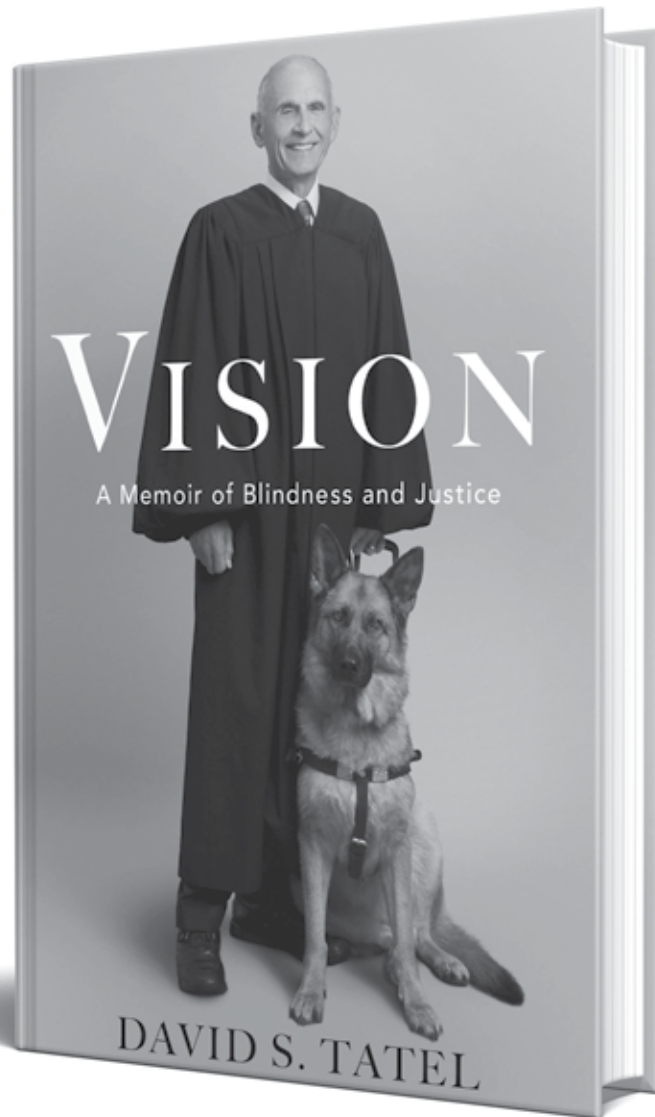
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