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**D.C. ASSOCIATES RAISE MORE THAN \$975,000
FOR LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S
GENEROUS ASSOCIATES CAMPAIGN**

WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 2, 2013 - The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is pleased to announce that its 2013 Generous Associates Campaign raised more than \$975,000 from 68 local law firms, making it the most successful Campaign in history. The Generous Associates Campaign is a fundraising campaign run by law firm associates to raise money for Legal Aid, the oldest and largest general civil legal services program in the District. This year, the Campaign, which was led by more than 170 law firm associates, also garnered a record-breaking number of individual gifts.

Arnold & Porter LLP's Lisa Blatt, Honorary Chair of this year's Campaign, said, "It was incredible to see the enthusiasm of associates, partners, staff, and counsel raising money for Legal Aid and its client community. I am overwhelmed when I think about the lives that will be changed – and the justice served – because of the success of this record-breaking Campaign."

In what could have been a very tough fundraising environment, the law firms of WilmerHale and Latham & Watkins once again led the charge, ending the Campaign raising more than \$84,000 each, with Williams & Connolly LLP raising in excess of \$50,000. Also worthy of special mention are top firms in their respective size categories: Gilbert LLP, Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Mayer Brown LLP, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

"We are so grateful to everyone who participated in this year's record-breaking Generous Associates Campaign," said Eric Angel, Legal Aid's Executive Director. "It is truly extraordinary that D.C.'s generous associates (and partners and others) are able to raise one-fifth of the operating budget for the District's largest general poverty law program."

The Top Firm Fundraising Competition of the Generous Associates Campaign allows firms of all sizes to compete for recognition based on the number of lawyers in their Washington, D.C. office. The final result of the competition is as follows:

1 - 50 Attorneys

Gilbert LLP	\$16,790
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP	\$3,600
Wiltshire & Grannis LLP	\$3,269
Lewis Baach PLLC	\$2,075
Foley Hoag LLP	\$2,030

51 - 100 Attorneys

Miller & Chevalier Ctd.	\$28,070
Dow Lohnes PLLC	\$20,705
Alston & Bird LLP	\$16,985
Reed Smith LLP	\$15,779
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	\$15,534

101 - 150 Attorneys

Mayer Brown LLP	\$20,250
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	\$18,562
Baker Botts L.L.P.	\$13,310
BuckleySandler LLP	\$8,655
Baker & McKenzie LLP	\$3,398

151 - 200 Attorneys

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	\$40,463
K&L Gates LLP	\$10,735
King & Spalding	\$8,214
DLA Piper	\$8,025
Sutherland Asbil & Brennan LLP	\$6,122

201 - 250 Attorneys

Kirkland & Ellis LLP	\$35,833
Arent Fox LLP	\$25,664
Venable LLP	\$22,166
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	\$15,075
Jones Day	\$14,350

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

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

This year, a new component was added to the Campaign, the ability to qualify for a [culinary competition generously hosted by CulinAerie](#), the recreational cooking school located near Legal Aid's main office. Firms which meet a variety of fundraising criteria will be put into a drawing that will enable 10 firms to participate in the cooking competition, scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM at CulinAerie. Details about legal "celebrity" judges will be announced later. The drawing will be held on Monday, August 5th, at Legal Aid and chosen firms will be announced on Tuesday, August 6th.

"On behalf of Legal Aid, but more importantly, on behalf of our clients, I thank those involved in this year's extraordinary Generous Associates Campaign effort," said Eric Angel, Legal Aid's Executive Director. "More than one in three residents living East of the Anacostia River are

living in poverty. And when we say poor, we mean it: a single mother with a child making \$15,600 a year is *not* considered poor according to federal poverty guidelines. The success of the Generous Associates Campaign will make a huge difference in our ability to make justice real for the District's most vulnerable residents.”

Additional information about the Campaign can be found at the Generous Associates Campaign website (www.GenerousAssociates.com).

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For more than 80 years, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia has been ensuring that the American system of justice works for everyone, especially those living in poverty. Legal Aid is a nonprofit law firm that, with the support of the private legal community, represents clients who have no other means of obtaining legal assistance in civil cases. Since its founding in 1932, Legal Aid has worked to help thousands of low-income D.C. residents keep their homes, stabilize their families, access health and government benefits, and feel safe in their communities. Please read our blog: MakingJusticeReal.org.