29th Annual
Servant of Justice Awards Dinner
Kirkland & Ellis is proud to support the

Legal Aid Society of D.C.’s
29th Annual Servant of Justice
Awards Dinner

We congratulate tonight’s honorees for their work to ensure fair and equal access to justice for D.C. residents.

Using our legal skills to better LIVES, COMMUNITIES and OUR PROFESSION
We also join in applauding the other honorees

Thomas Papson     Jahnisa Loadholt     Monica Jackson

for their great works in the cause of Justice. They are an example to us all.

We are proud to support the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia in its commitment to provide meaningful access to justice for all the city’s residents.

Latham & Watkins congratulates

Abid Qureshi

as our longtime pro bono chair and fierce advocate for his pro bono clients.

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Legal Aid is the oldest and largest general civil legal services program in the District of Columbia. Since the height of the Great Depression, Legal Aid lawyers have been *making justice real* – in individual and systemic ways – for persons living in poverty in D.C. Our lawyers provide high-quality, zealous representation and engage in systemic advocacy in the areas of family law and domestic violence, affordable housing and eviction prevention, public benefits, consumer law, and, starting this year, immigration. We also have a nationally-recognized appellate program, the Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project. The generous support of our donors makes justice real for thousands of low-income D.C. residents every year.
Welcome to the 29th Annual SERVANT of JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
6:00 pm
President’s Reception
Opening Reception

7:15 pm
Dinner, Awards Program & Dessert Reception

JW Marriott Hotel
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.
Program

President’s Welcome
Kenneth Klein
PARTNER, MAYER BROWN

Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence
Jahnisa Tate Loadholt
SENIOR ASSOCIATE, ALSTON & BIRD

Presented by
Arlene Fine Klepper

Partnership Award
Monica Jackson
PRESIDENT, TERRACE MANOR
ORGANIZED FOR CHANGE TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Presented by
Rachel Rintelmann
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

Executive Director’s Remarks
Eric Angel
Program

Servant of Justice Award

Abid Riaz Qureshi
PARTNER, LATHAM & WATKINS

Presented by
DeMaurice Smith
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Servant of Justice Award

Thomas C. Papson
VOLUNTEER STAFF ATTORNEY

Presented by
Jennifer Ngai Lavallee
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

Closing Remarks
Kenneth Klein
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Since 1990, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia has presented the Servant of Justice Award to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated faithful dedication and remarkable achievement in ensuring that all persons 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.
Abid Riaz Qureshi is a partner in Latham & Watkins’ Litigation & Trial Department in the Washington, D.C. office. He is the Global Chair of Latham’s Pro Bono Committee. In September 2016, President Obama nominated Abid to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, making him the first Muslim American to be nominated to be a federal judge.

Under Abid’s leadership, Latham has grown its pro bono commitment to provide more than 200,000 hours of free legal services annually – nearly 100 hours per lawyer in the U.S. alone. Abid’s personal pro bono victories include litigating an important First Amendment case that allowed a Muslim-American film production company to display its comedic ads on the NYC subway system; challenging conditions of prolonged solitary confinement for a client on Virginia’s death row; and securing a victory for foreign-educated physical therapists who were previously barred from seeking licensure in the U.S. simply because of where they received their education.

Abid is a leading expert in matters involving allegations of False Claims Act liability, violations of federal securities law, and healthcare fraud and abuse, and earned a reputation for obtaining dismissals in False Claims Act lawsuits filed against hospitals and healthcare providers.

Wendy Atrokhov, Public Service Counsel and Director of Global Pro Bono at Latham, called Abid a “beloved role model for all who have the pleasure of working with him.” He has been recognized internally more than a dozen times as among Latham’s “best supervisors.”

Abid was born in Pakistan before immigrating to Virginia with his family as a child. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and a law degree from Harvard.
Thomas C. Papson is a Volunteer Staff Attorney in Legal Aid's Consumer Law Unit. He represents clients in a range of consumer law matters and is a member of Legal Aid's team of lawyers providing same-day representation to defendants with cases on the Superior Court's high-volume small claims debt collection calendar. He also is active in Legal Aid's legislative reform efforts relating to consumer protection and broader efforts to enhance access to justice for Legal Aid's client community.

Tom joined Legal Aid in September 2013, following his retirement from McKenna Long & Aldridge. At McKenna, he maintained a commercial and government contracts litigation and compliance practice for more than 30 years, and served as Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office. He was a member of the Legal Aid Board of Trustees from 1992 to 2005 and was Board President from 2000 to 2002.

While in private practice, Tom was active in pro bono and other public service work. He served as court-appointed amicus in litigation concerning conditions in the D.C. public schools and as litigation counsel for two historic preservation groups in the District. Tom also held various leadership positions in the D.C. Bar, including Chair of the Judicial Evaluation Committee. He was the organizer and managing editor of the first D.C. Bar Practice Manual, for which he was recognized with the Bar's President's Award. He continues to serve as a volunteer mediator in the D.C. District Court's Mediation Program.

Since joining Legal Aid, Tom has assisted more than 200 clients, winning voluntary dismissals in over 40 cases, negotiating more than 55 settlement agreements, and securing court decisions in 17 cases. Legal Aid estimates that Tom has helped his clients save nearly half a million dollars.

Tom is an Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University Law School, where he teaches government procurement law and advocacy.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Georgetown University Law Center. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge John J. Sirica of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Toby Singer, who is a retired Jones Day partner. They have a son, Daniel, who manages a college access program for the Fresh Air Fund in New York City.
DeMaurice Fitzgerald Smith is the Executive Director of the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA). On August 4, 2011, De signed a 10-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with NFL management, leading the players through the owners’ 132-day lockout. The new CBA codifies new health and safety protocols for players, establishes longer off-seasons, significantly reduces the amount of contact during practices, provides for unannounced inspections of training camps, creates the first compliance and accountability structure for NFL medical personnel, and provides the players with their highest share of TV contract revenues in history.

Prior to his post at the NFLPA, De was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and was Counsel to then Deputy Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. He was awarded the U.S. Attorney’s Office highest honor for courtroom advocacy and the Department of Justice’s highest honor by U.S. Attorney General Janet W. Reno. De served as a Partner in the firms of Latham & Watkins and Patton Boggs in Washington, D.C.

De has been awarded the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award; the Keeper of the Dream Award, by the Action Network Alliance; the City of Justice Award by the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy; and was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges’ Hall of Excellence. He serves on the Board of Directors for ULLICO; the Board of Directors for the U.S. Congressional Award; and the Board of Advisors for the Office for Access and Advancement for Public Black Universities.

De is a graduate of Cedarville University and earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is on the Faculty of the National Trial Advocacy College in Charlottesville, Virginia; Executive in Residence and the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia, and is a guest lecturer at Georgetown University, Columbia University, Harvard University, George Washington University, and the University of Virginia School of Law.
Jennifer Ngai Lavallee is a Supervising Attorney in Legal Aid’s Consumer Law Unit. Jen represents low-income homeowners facing foreclosure and consumers with debt collection matters in D.C. Superior Court. She also regularly engages in advocacy on legislative, regulatory, and court reforms to increase access to justice on behalf of low-income consumers in the District.

Jen initially joined Legal Aid in October 2009 as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Recovery Fellow focusing on foreclosure prevention in the District. Since then she has become a leading advocate for improving procedural protections for District homeowners, including through her work with other stakeholders and members of the judiciary in the development of D.C. Superior Court’s groundbreaking early mediation calendar for judicial foreclosure cases – designed to provide homeowners with a meaningful opportunity to explore alternatives to foreclosure before cases proceed to traditional litigation. Her work has been featured in The Huffington Post and The Washington Post.

Under Jen’s leadership, the Consumer Law Unit has grown to include six attorneys, including tonight’s Servant of Justice Award honoree, Tom Papson. The Consumer Law Unit provided representation, advice, and brief services in nearly 500 cases last year.

Before coming to Legal Aid, Jen was an Associate at the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren, where she focused her practice on consumer law issues and also served as a firm coordinator for Legal Aid’s Generous Associates Campaign for several years. In addition, Jen has served as an intern for Bread for the City’s Legal Clinic and the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center.

Jen received her B.A., summa cum laude, from The Pennsylvania State University Schreyer Honors College and was the Student Marshall of the College of Communications at graduation. She received her J.D., cum laude, from the George Washington University Law School, where she was a Thurgood Marshall Scholar.
Previous Award Recipients
Servant of Justice Award

2017 ........................................ Vanita Gupta
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

2015 ........................................ Wade Henderson
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Philip W. Horton
Arnold & Porter

2014 ........................................ Barbara McDowell, posthumously
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
Donald P. Salzman
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

2013 ........................................ John Payton, posthumously
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.
Paul M. Smith
Jenner & Block

2012 ........................................ Susan M. Hoffman
Crowell & Moring
James vanR. Springer
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

2011 ........................................ Brooksley E. Born
Arnold & Porter
Thomas E. Perez
Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice

2010 ........................................ Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
Florence Wagman Roisman
Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

2009 ........................................ Anthony Herman
Covington & Burling
Dean Kurt L. Schmoke
Howard University School of Law

2008 ........................................ Richard L. Roe
Georgetown University Law Center
Seth P. Waxman
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr
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<td>Patty Mullahy Fugere</td>
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Previous Award Recipients

Servant of Justice Award

1997 .....................................................
Peter B. Edelman
Georgetown University Law Center
Timothy J. May
Patton Boggs

1996 .....................................................
R. Kenneth Mundy
Robert L. Weinberg
Williams & Connolly

1995 .....................................................
Willie E. Cook, Jr.
Neighborhood Legal Services Program
David B. Isbell
Covington & Burling

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
John H. Pickering
Wilmer Cutler & Pickering

1992 .....................................................
Howard C. Westwood
Covington & Burling
D.C. Legal Service Providers

1991 .....................................................
Augustus L. Palmer
Howard University
Barbara M. Rossotti
Shaw Pittman

1990 .....................................................
Earl W. Kintner
Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn
Charles A. Horsky
Covington & Burling
The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence was created through the generosity of Martin and Arlene Klepper in order to recognize attorneys early in their careers who have made a significant volunteer contribution to the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. This evening we present the Klepper Prize to Jahnisa Tate Loadholt for her extraordinary pro bono contributions to Legal Aid.

Previous Klepper Prize Recipients

2017 ........................................... 2012 ...........................................
David Young  
Ropes & Gray  
Jonathan G. Lin  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

2016 ........................................... 2011 ...........................................
Brendan Carroll  
Alston & Bird  
Aryeh S. Portnoy  
Crowell & Moring

2015 ........................................... 2010 ...........................................
Daniel L. Russell, Jr.  
Covington & Burling  
Randall A. Brater  
Arent Fox

2014 ........................................... 2009 ...........................................
Stefanie A. Doebler  
Covington & Burling  
Julia Judish  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

2013 ........................................... 2008 ...........................................
Warren T. Allen, II  
Nicole L. Grimm  
Luke A. Meisner  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom  
Melissa K. Bianchi  
Hogan & Hartson
The Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is proud to honor

Jahnisa Tate Loadholt
Senior Associate
Alston & Bird

Jahnisa Loadholt is a senior associate in the Litigation & Trial Practice Group at Alston & Bird. She has volunteered as a pro bono attorney with Legal Aid since arriving at the firm in 2015, taking on important cases for our client community.

Jahnisa primarily focuses her pro bono work with Legal Aid on domestic relations cases, a practice area from which many pro bono lawyers and even entire firms shy away. She has handled several child custody cases over the last three years, achieving favorable settlements for her clients.

In addition to her individual casework, Jahnisa has provided valuable support on a class action lawsuit that Legal Aid is co-counseling with Alston & Bird partner and former Legal Aid board president Dan Jarcho. The lawsuit alleges that the Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Treasury, and D.C. Government confiscated the plaintiffs’ tax refunds, without notice, in violation of federal law and without due process as required under the Constitution.

Jahnisa’s private practice is diverse, focusing on government investigations, privacy and data security, insurance defense litigation, and general civil litigation. She defends clients in investigations by law enforcement and various federal and state agencies, including the Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Office of Foreign Assets Control. She has extensive experience representing health care clients in ERISA litigation and provider-payer litigation, and also represents clients in litigation arising under multiple statutes, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), False Claims and Foreign Corrupt Practices Acts, and RICO, as well as an array of state statutes, including consumer protection statutes.

Jahnisa served as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. She received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she was a member of the editorial board of the Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law. Jahnisa received her B.A., magna cum laude, from Clark Atlanta University.

Jahnisa lives in D.C. with her husband, Jarrod, also an attorney. They have an adorable infant son who brings them endless joy.
The Partnership Award

Legal Aid’s Partnership Award honors extraordinary individuals or organizations who have partnered with Legal Aid to advance our mission of *making justice real* for our client community.

*Previous Partnership Award Recipients*

- **DC Fiscal Policy Institute**
- **Fair Budget Coalition**
- **Housing Counseling Services**
- **Dr. Rhonique Shields-Harris**
  Children’s National Medical Center
- **Dr. Gloria Wilder-Brathwaite**
  Core Health
The Partnership Award

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is proud to honor

Monica Jackson
President
Terrace Manor Organized for Change Tenants Association

Monica Jackson is the President of the Terrace Manor Organized for Change Tenants Association in Southeast Washington, D.C. Monica has demonstrated tremendous leadership over the past three years during which time the tenants won a $360,000 settlement from notorious landlord Sanford Capital and secured a new buyer who committed to rehabilitating the apartment complex.

Terrace Manor is a 61-unit apartment complex that has long been plagued by security concerns and serious Housing Code violations, including rodent and roach infestations, non-working HVAC systems (making for freezing winters and scorching summers inside the apartment units), severe plumbing problems and roof leaks, and expansive swaths of untreated mold. Many of the tenants in the property have lived there for decades, some their entire lives.

Sanford Capital, a major landlord based in Bethesda, purchased the complex in 2011, and allowed the property to languish, deteriorating further from years of neglect. The Tenants Association coordinated with the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, Bread for the City, and Housing Counseling Services to file a complaint, but Sanford attempted to sidestep them by declaring bankruptcy. Legal Aid and Arnold & Porter stepped in to represent 11 individual tenants in pursuing compensation for the many years their homes were in deplorable conditions.

Throughout the case, Monica persevered in keeping the tenants unified; organized tenant meetings; facilitated the tenants’ work with Bread for the City, Arnold & Porter, the D.C. Attorney General, and Legal Aid; and, served as an informal counselor for her fellow tenants during their long and often frustrating fight. Her leadership and organizing skills were hugely important in helping the Tenants Association secure a purchaser who would provide emergency relocation and a plan to rehabilitate Terrace Manor. The tenants were able to achieve ultimate victory by remaining unified throughout the case, and Monica deserves significant credit for ensuring that unity.
Since our founding in 1932, Legal Aid has been dedicated to *making justice real* for persons living in poverty in the District of Columbia. Even though we are far larger than we were at our founding, the demand for legal services vastly outstrips our capacity.

According to a 2017 report from the Legal Services Corporation, two-thirds of low-income households nationwide experienced at least one civil legal problem during the previous year. Yet only 15% of these households received sufficient legal help. In D.C., just 10% of tenants in Landlord Tenant Court are represented by an attorney, versus 95% of landlords.

At Legal Aid, our lawyers work each and every day to combat injustice and ensure that as many people as possible have access to a lawyer. Each year, we assist clients in hundreds of matters in our four substantive practice areas:

**Housing Law:** We represent tenants who need help to avoid unjust eviction or to have serious housing conditions corrected. We also assist tenants to preserve subsidies, fight illegal rent increases, and prevent displacement by new development.

**Family/Domestic Violence Law:** We work with survivors of domestic violence to ensure their safety and help families achieve stability through child custody and support cases.

**Public Benefits Law:** We ensure that essential “safety net” benefits and services (including health care, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and unemployment insurance) are available to all who qualify.

**Consumer Law:** We help low-income homeowners avoid foreclosure, fight foreclosure fraud, and assist clients with a variety of small claims and other consumer matters.

Our attorneys also provide legal rights education and referrals, and seek systemic and appellate change to better protect the rights of persons living in poverty. In 2017, we provided legal representation and assistance directly benefiting more than 10,000 people, and systemic advocacy benefiting thousands more.

In a city with one of the greatest income gaps between the rich and the poor in the nation, Legal Aid is working to make justice real for D.C.’s most vulnerable residents.
Signature Projects

The Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project, named after the first Director of the Project, renowned Supreme Court litigator Barbara McDowell, litigates high impact cases affecting persons living in poverty before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Legal Aid’s Court-Based Projects, funded in part by the D.C. Bar Foundation, places lawyers at the courthouse to provide same-day legal services, including temporary representation, to some of the District’s most vulnerable residents.

- The Landlord Tenant Court-Based Legal Services Project addresses the overwhelming need for legal representation of tenants in D.C. Superior Court’s Landlord and Tenant Branch.

- The Child Support Community Legal Services Project serves families in D.C. Superior Court’s Paternity and Child Support Branch.

- The Foreclosure Prevention Project provides representation to homeowners facing foreclosure.

- The Consumer Court-Based Legal Services Project helps low-income consumers in debt collection cases.

- An office at the Domestic Violence Intake Center at the courthouse in Northwest D.C. helps survivors of domestic violence secure protection orders and other critical legal help.

Legal Aid remains committed to ensuring that our services are accessible to our client community. In addition to our Northwest office, we also have an office at the “Big Chair” building in Anacostia, staffed in part by volunteer attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis. We also have a critically-important partnership at the Domestic Violence Intake Center at United Medical Center in Southeast D.C. Both sites have greatly improved access to legal services for people who live east of the Anacostia River, where one in three residents and nearly 50% of children live in poverty.

Although we are a venerable 85-year-old institution, we take pride in being nimble in meeting the needs of our client community. When new threats emerge, we respond. We are one of the largest providers of civil legal services to immigrants in the District – regardless of status. Almost half of our staff attorneys and paralegals are fluent or highly proficient in a second language and we also take advantage of the District’s Community Legal Interpreter Bank, which ensures that every D.C. resident is able to receive high-quality legal services in the language of their choice. The Venable Foundation recently provided a two-year, $150,000 grant to support the expansion of Legal Aid’s services for the District’s immigrant community.
Pro Bono Program

Legal Aid integrates pro bono into almost every aspect of our program, significantly expanding our impact and providing legal assistance and representation for hundreds of additional individuals and families in our community each year. Our current, unaudited figures indicate that volunteers throughout the Washington, D.C. legal community devoted a record-breaking 38,000 hours – worth more than $22.8 million – to making justice real for our client community in 2017.

The bulk of those hours involve direct representation of clients referred to pro bono counsel through Legal Aid’s robust Pro Bono Program. Every day, lawyers throughout the city step up to help clients maintain safe and affordable rental housing, ensure family stability through custody and child support orders, obtain protection from abusers, secure “safety net” benefits and health insurance, preserve home ownership, and more.

Volunteer attorneys also participate in our annual Medicare Part D Initiative, providing senior and disabled D.C. residents critical assistance to navigate the complex prescription drug program and ensure that their medications are uninterrupted and affordable. Still others help us serve our client community by conducting initial interviews with prospective clients, working on-site as Loaned Associates or Volunteer Staff Attorneys, providing Legal Aid with expert outside counsel and ethics guidance, and more.

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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

–Martin Luther King, Jr.

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We extend our sincere thanks to Legal Aid for its commitment to communities in need throughout DC, and we congratulate tonight’s honorees.
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