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**This list represents attorneys' firms at the time of volunteering in 2020.*

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Casa Cornelia Law Center Honors Exceptional Pro Bono Legal Volunteers and Humanitarian of the Year

Casa Cornelia Law Center, founded in 1993, is one of the largest public interest law firms serving victims of human rights violations in Southern California. They are honoring exceptional pro bono legal volunteers and the Humanitarian of the Year at its 14th Annual La Mancha Awards.

As the 2021 Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Morrison & Foerster LLP was selected among dozens of law firms for their remarkable pro bono service in 2020. The firm committed over 1,000 hours in contributed services, responding to the legal needs of children, victims of domestic violence, and adult asylum seekers in San Diego County. "Morrison & Foerster and Casa Cornelia have been partners for many years. Casa Cornelia does a great job at partnering with the law firms that they work with. Any time we take on an immigration matter, we are working on something that is outside our wheelhouse so it's vital that we have an organization that's going to be experts in the law and have passion for the work that they're doing," said Brian M. Kramer, Partner at Morrison & Foerster, San Diego.

Casa Cornelia bestows the 2021 Distinguished Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award to Anne Beaumont of Perkins Coie LLP. Anne has been a volunteer attorney with Casa Cornelia for over ten years. In 2020, Beaumont worked tirelessly to represent a detained asylum seeker who was terrorized for being a member of the LGBTQ community in her country of origin. Anne's most recent cases include clients from African and Central American nations.

As we witness displacement of people around the world, from Afghanistan to Haiti and Central America, we are reminded that the United States is still a safe haven for those who flee violence, persecution, political crisis, and environmental degradation in their homelands. According to the United Nations, the number of people forcibly displaced around the globe reached 79.5 million individuals in 2020, with an exorbitant percentage of this total comprised of children under the age of 18¹. The San Ysidro/Tijuana border crossing—one of the busiest border crossings in the world—has been a hub for refugees who travel hundreds, maybe thousands, of miles to present themselves at the U.S. border and request humanitarian protection.

Casa Cornelia is at the ready to ensure access to justice for eligible individuals through legal screenings, advice and counsel, evidence gathering, legal research, preparation of legal filings and applications, and representation in immigration court and/or before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The law center continues to be one of the most prominent non-profit law firms serving asylum seekers in the region, and the only one representing detained children in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Just last year, these dedicated attorneys responded to more than 1,320 individuals from all over the world seeking legal assistance, all of which would not have been possible without the invaluable efforts of exceptional volunteers and supporters.

Through its pro bono program, Casa Cornelia recruits, trains, and mentors attorneys from the private bar, interpreters, translators, and law students to augment the efforts of the law center's staff. These volunteers dedicate their skills and time, at



Anne Beaumont
Distinguished Pro Bono Attorney of the Year

no cost, to Casa Cornelia's clients and their cases – indigent children, families, and asylum seekers whose rights have been violated. In 2020, there were an

astounding 375 cases handled by volunteer attorneys. Clients served by Casa Cornelia in 2020 represented a wide diversity from 54 different countries, in over 50 languages, including Arabic, Creole, Farsi, French, Lingala, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian Spanish and Swahili.

At the La Mancha Awards, Casa Cornelia will recognize the dedication of these outstanding volunteers. The virtual program will be streamed on YouTube and Casa Cornelia's website on October 14 at 5:30 PM. Price Philanthropies, a long-term partner of Casa Cornelia, is the Presenting Sponsor. The foundation, along with the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, American Province, developed a matching gift of \$50,000, doubling the impact of the community's donations. Casa Cornelia Law Center, an independent 501(c)3, was founded by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, an international Catholic congregation of religious women.

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