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14TH ANNUAL LA MANCHA AWARDS

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Thursday October 14, 2021 5:30 p.m.

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Congratulations to this year’s 14th Annual La Mancha Award honorees for your outstanding volunteer service to help ensure access to justice.

We are honored to support Casa Cornelia in its mission to provide pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations.
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Dear Friends,

Casa Cornelia Law Center’s work to deliver quality legal services to indigent victims of human and civil rights violations is done on behalf of the many incredible volunteers, financial supporters, and faith communities who have supported its mission for the past 28 years. Together, we strive to ensure justice with compassion for the asylum seekers, victims of serious crime, and unaccompanied children — one life at a time.

As in 2020, and into the current year, our attention remains fixed on the plight of the hundreds of persons seeking freedom from persecution, torture, and violence from around the globe and who are at our doorstep. Our answer is to take action and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable among us. We honor those who persevere for our clients, helping them to achieve hope and safety and achieve their dreams here in the U.S.

Thank you for joining us for our 14th Annual La Mancha Awards virtual event. We sincerely hope you enjoy it.

Warmly,

Carmen M. Chavez, Esq.
Executive Director
CARRYING OUR MISSION FORWARD

Casa Cornelia Law Center is a provider of pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations in Southern California. Since 1993, thousands of children, women, and men have turned to Casa Cornelia for critical legal assistance and humanitarian protection.

In 2020, the Law Center responded to 1,391 persons from 54 nations speaking over 50 languages, through the following programs:

**Asylum.** Last year, the Law Center responded to 412 requests for assistance from persons fleeing violence and persecution in their homelands. Of these, 189 were detained by immigration authorities. The majority of asylum seekers were from Latin America.

**Children.** Casa Cornelia provided services to 512 children from infancy through age 17. The majority of these children were recent arrivals, but some were residents of Southern California communities. Many suffered physical abuse, parental abandonment, or traumatic separations from families. Fifty-nine percent of the children were detained in federal custody at the time they were represented by the Law Center.

**Victims of Crime.** Four-hundred and five individual victims of crime sought the assistance of Casa Cornelia in 2020. The majority of these applicants were women between the ages of 26 and 45 with children. These survivors live in the shadows of society isolated by trauma, language, poverty, and fear.

In 2020, 529 volunteers donated 15,102 hours of service. Of them, 211 volunteer attorneys donated 9,016 hours in screening, counseling, preparing materials, and litigating on behalf of Casa Cornelia clients. Furthermore, 132 volunteer interpreters and translators donated 2,854 hours in support of Casa Cornelia’s legal programs. Today we honor those outstanding volunteers. Without their commitment and dedication, Casa Cornelia’s mission would not be accomplished.
Don Quixote has made his appearance within many of Casa Cornelia Law Center’s events and publications. Lifting his lance to evoke images of tilting at windmills and dreaming impossible dreams, this knight-errant has been a silent honor guard for the many staff members and volunteers who have represented victims of human and civil rights violations over the past 28 years.

Every year, La Mancha Awards are given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the mission of Casa Cornelia Law Center.

DISTINGUISHED PRO BONO ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

Anne Beaumont, Esq
Perkins Coie LLP

As a passionate volunteer attorney, Anne has served Casa Cornelia’s clients for over ten years. In 2020, she committed over 200 pro bono hours representing a detained asylum seeker from Honduras who escaped extreme violence for being a member of the LGBTQ community. With the support of her team at Perkins Coie, Anne was able to release the client from detention, and continues to fight for her case. In previous years, she represented a client from Somalia who escaped political persecution, and successfully obtained asylum on his behalf.

In addition to being an excellent attorney, Anne exercises leadership at her firm, guiding less experienced attorneys in their pro bono cases, thus broadening her impact in our community. Please join us in congratulating Anne on this heartfelt recognition and thanking her for her remarkable service.

Thank you, Anne, for your incredible service!
“Any attorney who regularly does pro bono work will tell you that [pro bono] is the most meaningful part of what they’ve done as a lawyer. [You forget many] of the details on a lot of [other cases], but you remember the pro bono clients because [some of these stories are] really heart-wrenching, and you’re able to play a part in helping them. [Not] just get a better life through asylum—I’ve had clients where the situation in their home country was so dire that if they were forced to return, it could effectively be a death sentence.”

Anne Beaumont, Esq
Perkins Coie LLP
As a long-term Casa Cornelia partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP has provided exceptional pro bono legal services in San Diego County throughout the years. In 2020, the firm dedicated 950 pro bono hours in a particularly complex case, with a team of eleven attorneys, including multiple partners and two associates from their office in Tokyo.

The firm’s leadership and determination has been felt throughout our legal programs. In addition to the case above, these devoted attorneys lent their skills and service to an unaccompanied child from Mexico, a victim of domestic violence from Venezuela, and asylum seekers from Middle Eastern and Latin American nations. We are grateful to Morrison & Foerster for their leadership, vision, and commitment to this humanitarian mission.
José Carlos Yee Quintero is being recognized for his remarkable work championing the humanitarian mission of Casa del Migrante en Tijuana – a ministry of the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN). His role is twofold. First, as the crisis manager for vulnerable migrants who arrive at the Tijuana shelter with only the clothes on their back, he is responsible to ensure that they have access to food, shelter, and healthcare.

Second, as the leader of the Training Center for Migrants (CESFOM), Yee oversees programs that develop long-term pathways for sustainable livelihoods through case management, training, education, and job placement. He exemplifies the essence of Casa Cornelia’s humanitarian mission of justice with compassion, one life at a time, through his zealous and committed work to help alleviate the suffering of others.
"I am very happy to thank Casa Cornelia, the entire team, our friends. I consider this recognition a pleasure—I humbly receive it. However, beyond receiving it as an individual, I am convinced that the successes related to humanitarian work defending human rights, are never of one person. These are achieved through the existing network, by the different individuals [...] who—beyond the position they hold, the institution they belong to, or the organization that pays their salary—have a vision in common about how humanity should be as it relates to equality, defending, and protecting the vulnerable."

José Carlos Yee Quintero
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Congratulations to all of this year’s La Mancha Awards recipients.

The Morrison & Foerster Foundation is dedicated to giving back to the communities in which the people of Morrison & Foerster live and work. Established in 1986 as a separate nonprofit organization, the Foundation has been serving others through community-focused financial support for 35 years.
“Mi experiencia con Casa Cornelia fue única e inigualable. Me hicieron sentir muy bien siendo su cliente – desde el primer momento que hicieron contacto conmigo hasta el último donde fue que me entregaron mi asilo político. Estoy eternamente agradecido con Casa Cornelia”

My experience with Casa Cornelia was unique and unmatched. They made me feel very good while being their client – from the first moment they contacted me until the moment I was given political asylum. I am eternally grateful to Casa Cornelia.”

— Daniel O., Former Client of Casa Cornelia

Daniel and his attorney Liza Perkins-Cohen the day he was released from detention.
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We applaud all honorees for their outstanding legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations.
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Casa Cornelia Law Center is grateful to all who have supported and continue to support its humanitarian mission. Casa Cornelia delivers quality legal services to indigent victims of human and civil rights violations without charge, and relies on the generosity of others for funding. Casa Cornelia clients include survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, unaccompanied children, and asylum seekers fleeing persecution from all over the world. The good that has occurred over the past year was done on behalf of the many friends, foundations, and faith communities that have supported its legal programs for the past 28 years.

“Casa Cornelia, I cannot thank them enough. If I am Alain Samba today in the United States, it’s all because of you.”

— Alain S., Former Client of Casa Cornelia
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The mission of Casa Cornelia Law Center has never been more critical. I remain deeply grateful to the staff, the CCLC Board, and the dedicated pro bono attorneys making this work possible.

Lucy M. Howell

Congratulations to the La Mancha Awards recipients!

Bob and Mary K. Shields

Congratulations to the Pro Bono Publico and other Awardees! We are delighted to be a part of the Casa Cornelia family and to stand with hundreds of pro bono attorneys, volunteers, and staff as they work diligently to protect victims of human and civil rights violations.

Sincerely, Elizabeth and David Balfour
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Arwa Kakavand, Esq, Managing Attorney of Casa Cornelia’s Asylum/Litigation Program

DATE & TIME
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Gloria Bader & David Archibald

Congratulations and thank you to all of the talented and dedicated attorneys, interpreters, and others who devote their time to Casa Cornelia’s mission!

Tom & Lisa Laube

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Gregory A. Vega, Esq. and Dr. Sue A. Farus
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