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CLA Fall Luncheon Edition

Greetings,

The 9th Annual Campaign for Legal Aid Luncheon continued its great tradition of gratitude and appreciation for all of SMRLS equal justice partners and stakeholders that make our work possible.

SMRLS honored former Minnesota Governor Al Quie with its Outstanding Equal Justice Service Award and long-time friend and colleague Barbara F. L. Penn was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you both for your commitment to the cause of justice for all.

Three SMRLS attorneys were honored for their 25 years of dedicated service to the eligible client community: Margaret Erickson, Worthington Family Law Attorney, Mike Hagedorn, Litigation Coordinator and Steve Wolfe, Law Work Manager. All of you have my deepest respect for all that you do for SMRLS.

And I offer a special thank you to CLA Chair, Steven Kirsch, the CLA planning sub-committee: Hon. Beverly Jones Heydinger, Chuck Dietz, Retired Justice Esther Tomljanovich, the CLA volunteer attorneys and each of the 2008 event and table sponsors. Your ongoing support is so very much appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for SMRLS' 10th Annual Campaign for Legal Aid Luncheon that will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

I hope you enjoy the Campaign for Legal Aid Luncheon in review.

Jessie R. Nicholson, SMRLS CEO



Joe O'Neill, Johnson · Provo-Petersen · O'Neill; Jessie Nicholson, SMRLS CEO and Gov. Al Quie accepting the SMRLS Outstanding Equal Justice Service Award



Charles Clippert, President, Ramsey County Bar Association presenting Jessie Nicholson, SMRLS CEO with a check for half of the proceeds from the annual RCBA Bench & Bar Benefit



Hon. Donovan Frank, US District Court and Hon. Mary Lou Klas (Retired), Ramsey County District Court



Barbara F. L. Penn; Mike Hagedorn, SMRLS - St. Paul; Governor Al Quie; Steve Wolfe, SMRLS - St. Paul and Margaret Erickson, SMRLS - Worthington



Bruce Beneke, SMRLS Senior Counsel; Steve Kirsch (CLA Chair), Murnane Brandt; Governor Al Quie and Joe O'Neill



Justice Esther Tomljanovich (Retired), Minnesota Supreme Court and Hon. John Thoreen (Retired), Washington County District Court



Eric Sherman, Dorsey & Whitney; Greg Weyandt, Dorsey & Whitney; Tom Hatch, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi; Gary Hird, SMRLS COO and Autumn Nelson, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi



Candace McGuire-Sager; Lilian Ejebe, SMRLS Education Law Advocacy Project and Julia Althoff, former SMRLS attorney



Hon. Stephen Muehlberg (Retired), Washington County District Court; Lew Linde and Hon. Mary Lou Klas (Retired), Ramsey County District Court



Nancy Kleeman; Bob Hennessey, Lindquist & Vennum; Dean Eric Janus, William Mitchell Law School and Tom Fraser, Fredrikson & Byron



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Prof. Mischa Penn (Retired), University of Minnesota; Ken Tilsen, Hamline University School of Law and Hon. Judith Tilsen, Ramsey County District Court



Laura Clements and Katherine Freije, both with West/Thomson Reuters



Lee Vang, Mansfield, Tanick & Cohen; Hlee Vang, SMRLS and Cy Thao, Mansfield, Tanick & Cohen



Jeannie Provo-Petersen, Dan Gallatin, Mike O'Neill, all with Johnson · Provo-Petersen · O'Neill and Rich Savelkoul, Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt



Melanie Wimmer, St. Thomas School of Law; Dan Lysowski, Collins, Buckley, Sauntry & Haugh; Tim Morrow, Minnesota CLE and Lynne O'Connell, Collins, Buckley, Sauntry & Haugh



Claire George, Ben Gurstelle and Gabriela Reyes-Noyola, all with Briggs and Morgan

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