



2012 – BEACON OF JUSTICE AWARD
Honoring Law Firms that have Innovative Public-Private
Partnerships that Deliver Justice in their Communities

To be honored at the NLADA Exemplar award Dinner on
June 6, The Fairmont Hotel

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld

Akin Gump will be honored for their medical-legal partnership, or MLP, with Walmart, the first such partnership led by a corporate law department. In this partnership, lawyers from Akin Gump teamed with the National Center on Medical-Legal Partnership to help design and implement training programs for the Walmart Medical-Legal Partnership – the first coordinated pro bono program undertaken by Walmart’s lawyers.

Arnold & Porter

Arnold & Porter, who was nominated for the award by the Children’s Law Center (CLC), will be honored for their partnership with CLC and General Electric. The partnership has increased critical legal resources available to children involved in special education and custody cases in DC and led to an increase in attorney resources available to at-risk children and their families; an increase in the effectiveness of the representation and a decrease in the demand for legal intervention in special education cases.

Crowell & Moring

Crowell & Moring lawyers partnered with Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) to develop and propose legislative reforms to the D.C. Tax Sale Statute. The result was a coalition known as The Alliance to Help Owners Maintain Equity (AT HOME). With the help of Crowell & Moring attorneys, AT HOME has expanded its membership to include additional firms and corporations that provide pro bono representation to people in need.

DLA Piper

DLA Piper partnered with the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty to ensure access to free public education for homeless children. Since the inception of Project LEARN (Lawyers Education Access Resource Network), more than 50 DLA Piper attorneys and paralegals from across the country have been trained to provide services to homeless students and parents and to educate advocates and school personnel about the rights of homeless children and the responsibilities of school districts

Dorsey & Whitney

In the case of Dorsey & Whitney, a partnership was established with one of its clients, Xcel Energy, and the Volunteer Lawyers Network to launch the Expungement Clinic, which assists low-income people with the preparation of documents needed in exercise their right to have their records expunged.

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher partnered with the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) with the goal of ending the pervasive discrimination based upon gender identity and expression. Gibson partnered with TLDEF and was one of the first firms to work on TLDEF’s Name Change Project, which ensures that transgender people have adequate legal representation when seeking a name change in New York. Today, The Name Change Project enjoys the support of more than 20 private firms and organizations.

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