

## Justice & Diversity Center Honors Outstanding Volunteers

**March 22, 2017 -- San Francisco** -- The Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco (JDC) celebrated its top volunteers at its annual Outstanding Volunteer Celebration on March 21. The event also commemorated the 40th anniversary of JDC, which was founded in 1977.

With volunteer assistance, JDC provides legal representation, and related social services, to over 9,000 low-income clients a year. Volunteers also help JDC give 700 students counseling, coaching and mentoring in efforts to increase diversity in the legal profession.

More than 200 people attended the event, held at The Green Room in San Francisco. JDC honored volunteers of its Pro Bono Legal Services, Homeless Advocacy Project and Diversity Educational Programs.

Chief Justice of California Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye greeted awardees and provided inspirational remarks at the awards ceremony.

JDC Board President Merri Baldwin, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, also made remarks and congratulated awardees.

JDC honored the top 15 percent of its 2016 volunteers with Outstanding Volunteer Certificates. JDC also recognized two individual volunteers, two law firms and a corporate legal department with special awards.

JDC presented the 2016 Housing Justice Award to Lindsay Cooper, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, for her dedication to fairness for low-income tenants facing eviction.

Sucherman Insalaco LLP received the 2016 James P. Prevolos Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Services in Family Law. Michelene Insalaco and Staci Lambright, both attorneys with the firm, assisted with a particularly compelling and difficult family law case.

JDC honored social worker Javonne Gwinn with the 2016 Community Service Award, for her commitment to volunteering with JDC at its Legal Advice and Referral Clinic.

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton received the 2016 Outstanding Law Firm in Public Service Award for its increased pro bono support of a number of JDC's Legal Service programs.

JDC gave the 2016 Outstanding Corporation Award to Dolby Laboratories to honor its legal department for its commitment to pro bono service.