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Justice & Diversity Center Honors Outstanding Volunteers

April 11, 2018 -- San Francisco -- On April 10, the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) celebrated its top volunteers at the annual Outstanding Volunteer Celebration. With around 200 guests in attendance at the event, held in the Green Room at the War Memorial & Performing Arts Center, Chief Justice of California Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye recognized awardees' service to JDC's Pro Bono Legal Services Program, Homeless Advocacy Project, Immigrant Legal Defense Program, and Diversity Educational Programs.

JDC honored the top 15 percent of its individual volunteers in 2017 and also presented special awards to recognize two individual volunteers, a law firm, a corporation, and a design/engineering firm.

"JDC is thrilled to recognize all our guests who partnered with us to provide access to justice, and to a more diverse legal profession. We're also deeply grateful and honored to have the Courts join us in expressing gratitude for public service", said Gloria Chun, Director and Managing Attorney of JDC's Pro Bono Legal Services Program.

Jessica Y. Alexandra received the 2017 Housing Justice Award for her dedication to fairness for low-income tenants facing eviction. JDC presented Jennifer K. Letulle with the James P. Preovolos Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Services in Family Law.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius received the Outstanding Law Firm in Public Service Award for exceptional pro bono support of a number of JDC Legal Services and Diversity programs.

JDC recognized Bank of America with the Outstanding Corporation Award for its legal department's commitment to pro bono service.

Arup, a firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists, received JDC's Community Service Award for its pro bono work setting up the Homeless Advocacy Project's much-needed HVAC system. Photos from the event will be posted to JDC's page on Facebook shortly. JDC also launched its own Instagram account in time for the volunteer celebration: Follow @JDC_Probono to see photos from the event.

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The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) advances fairness and equality by providing pro bono legal services to low-income people and educational programs that foster diversity in the legal profession. JDC is the largest legal services providers in San Francisco. JDC's primary purpose is the delivery of free legal services to low-income San Franciscans, as well as the



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non-profits that serve them. JDC delivers free legal services through its Legal Services Programs division, which consists of the Pro Bono Legal Services Program, Homeless Advocacy Project, and the Immigration Program. JDC provides enrichment programs to diverse youth and young adults through its Diversity Educational Programs. JDC's programs serve approximately 9,500 disadvantaged San Franciscans a year, with the overarching goal of assisting the community's most vulnerable members with accessing the judicial system and strengthening their personal, professional, and economic security.