

# Justice & Diversity Center's Annual Gala Raises More Than \$360,000 For Legal and Diversity Programs in Bay Area

Over 400 members of the legal community were in attendance to celebrate the work of the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco on September 27 at JDC's Annual Gala.

The gala raised more than \$360,000 to support the Pro Bono Legal Services Program, Homeless Advocacy Project, Immigrant Legal Defense Program, and Diversity Educational Programs including Law Academy and the Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship program.

This year's gala co-chairs, David Kelly, chief legal officer, Golden State Warriors, and Sara Finigan, co-managing partner, Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass, set the tone for the evening by sharing their personal commitment to JDC's work.

"Justice means to me fairness and equality," said Kelly, "But fairness is based on one's perspective. So, you can't have a full perspective unless you have diversity. If you don't have all the perspectives represented, then you will never have justice."

Following introductory remarks by 2018 President Malcolm A. Heinicke, Su Yan Yu, a client of JDC's Family Law Project, spoke next. Su shared how she got custody of

her three-year-old daughter thanks to her pro bono lawyer, Anne Fokstuen. She and her daughter now enjoy a safe life, and she hopes that more people will step up as Fokstuen did to make all the difference in the world for newcomers to this country.

Kitty Zeng, a high school student who is part of Law Academy and spent her summer working as a fellow at the Bar Association of San Francisco, shared her experiences next. From learning about different types of law to participating in meetings, Zeng sharpened her communication and public speaking skills this summer. In addition, Zeng noted that she learned the power of paying it forward: "I want to be someone who gives back because I know what it's like to not have much and how it feels when someone helps you out," she said.

The evening ended with a dance party with DJ D Sharp, DJ to the Golden State Warriors.

To see more photos from the gala, visit the JDC Facebook page. For those not able to attend the gala, hear the guest speakers' stories first-hand and watch the videos at [www.sfbar.org/gala](http://www.sfbar.org/gala).



*BASF/JDC Executive Director Yolanda Jackson addresses guests at the 2018 annual Gala*

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*JDC Gala speaker and Law Academy student Kitty Zeng*



*Anne Fokstuen*



*JDC Gala co-chairs David Kelly, Golden State Warriors, and Sara Finigan, Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass*



*From left, BASF/JDC executive director Yolanda Jackson, BASF board member Lisa Mak, Minami Tamaki; and Barristers Club board member Anjali Kulkarni, Duane Morris*



*JDC Gala speaker Su Yan Yu*





*From left, Yanet Cordero, Richard Zitrin, and Jessica T. Dabiri*



*Hon. William H. Orrick, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California*



*From left, BASF/JDC executive director Yolanda Jackson and Melvin Thomas*



*JDC board member Erick C. Howard, Shartsis Friese*



*From left, JDC board member Alicia Gámez, Gámez Law, and Hon. Christine Van Aken, San Francisco Superior Court*



*JDC Gala speaker Su Yan Yu and JDC's Gloria Chun*



*From left, Paul Henderson, Dept. of Police Accountability and Suzy Loftus, SF Sheriff's Department*



*From left, Charles Birenbaum and G. Michelle Ferreira, both of Greenberg Traurig*



*2018 JDC Gala co-chair David Kelly, chief legal officer, Golden State Warriors*



*From left, JDC board member Ragesh Tangri, Stephen J. Elkind, and Adam R. Brausa, all of Durie Tangri*





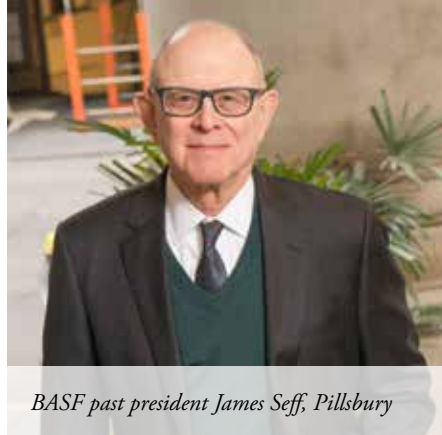
*Gala MC and BASF board member Vidhya Prabhakaran, Davis Wright Tremaine*



*From left, BASF board member Charles Jung, Pia Kim, and Jose Raul Alcantar, all of Nassiri & Jung*



*From left, Erik Scales, Greenberg Traurig, and Kevin Nichols, KLN Consulting Group*



*BASF past president James Seff, Pillsbury*



*Vocalist Caroline Cabading of The Autonomous Region*



*BASF staff and family*



*Miriam Kim, Munger, Tolles & Olson*



*From left, BASF/JDC board secretary Marvin Anderson, Niki Okcu, and David Miller, all of AT&T*



*Chuck Shimada, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius*





*BASF/JDC president Malcolm A. Heinicke*



*From left, Barristers Club treasurer Natascha Fastabend, USF School of Law, Colby Springer, Polsinelli, Barristers Club board member Anjali Kulkarni, Duane Morris, and Alyssa Snider, Farella Braun + Martel*



*From left, BASF board member Charles Jung, Melita Sun Jung, and San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi*



*DJ D Sharp*



*BASF's Emmy Pasternak*



*JDC Scholarship recipients Ana Orozco and Kim Ng*



*From left, Hon. Haywood Gilliam, U.S. District Court, BASF board member Mary McNamara, and president Malcolm Heinicke*



*JDC board member Deborah Daniloff, Bank of America*



*BASF board member Mary McNamara, Swanson & McNamara*





*BASF board member David Tsai, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman*



*From left, BASF past president Chris Kearney and JDC board member Alicia Gámez*



*From left, JDC's Samantha Akwei, JDC board member Jee Young You, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer; and JDC's Gloria Chun*



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*From left, BASF/JDC president Malcolm A. Heinicke, Alison Karol, Dane Shikman, and Adam Kaplan, all of Munger, Tolles & Olson*