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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Community Justice Program 2010 CJP Pro Bono Awards In Honor of National Pro Bono Week

**WHO:** Community Justice Program  
Judge Larry Noll, 408<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court & CJP Co-chair  
Justice Phylis Speedlin, Fourth Court of Appeals & CJF President  
Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Fourth Court of Appeals & CJP Co-chair

**WHAT:** In honor of National Pro Bono Week (Oct. 25-29), the Community Justice Program will give out its 2010 CJP Pro Bono Awards at the San Antonio Bar Association monthly luncheon

**WHEN:** Noon – Thursday, October 28, 2010

**WHERE:** Frost Bank Plaza Club  
100 W Houston St # 2100, San Antonio, TX 78205

#### **ADDITIONALLY:**

The Community Justice Program (CJP) will bestow its 2010 CJP Pro Bono Awards to two very deserving individuals and one law firm. Each year in honor of National Pro Bono Week, the CJP awards the individual attorney and firm or organization that takes the most pro bono cases through the CJP during the last year. There is also a special award called the CJP Excellence in Pro Bono Award that is given to a person or organization that has made a substantial impact on pro bono efforts in the San Antonio area. Nominations for this award are sought from the local legal community and the winner is chosen from members of the San Antonio Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee.

The 2010 CJP Outstanding Individual Pro Bono Award will be given to attorney **Tammy Wincott**. During the past 12 months, Wincott has taken 19 cases through the Community Justice Program. This astounding number not only sets an example to the entire legal community, but has set a record that might not ever be broken.

The 2010 CJP Outstanding Firm/Organization Pro Bono Award will go to the law firm of **Cox Smith Matthews, Incorporated**. The firm's volunteers took a combined total of 20 cases last year when they volunteered during their annual commitment to the CJP. Cox Smith has been a huge supporter of the CJP since its inception in 2002 and has maintained its yearly commitment every July at the TRLA clinic. Members of the firm will be present to accept the

award, including paralegal **Patti Guiliano**, who has attended the TRLA clinic each month since the CJP started to coordinate and organize the various support staff attending the clinic.

The 2010 CJP Excellence in Pro Bono Award will be bestowed upon volunteer attorney **Allan K. DuBois** for his tireless work and effort to establish the CJP Veterans Legal Clinic at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital. DuBois, a veteran himself, answered the call of the Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Program to create pro bono veterans initiatives and spearheaded the effort along with San Antonio Bar Association President Phylis J. Speedlin to assist local veterans with legal issues at an advice-only pro bono clinic.

The CJP congratulates all of its winners!

**ABOUT THE CJP:**

The mission of the Community Justice Program is to provide neighborhood based free legal services to low-income individuals who may not otherwise have access to the legal system. To date, the CJP has matched more than 4,500 pro bono cases to volunteer attorneys in Bexar County. The CJP operates several pro bono legal clinics: the uncontested family law cases are held at clinics in downtown at the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid offices, on the West Side at St. Mary's University Center for Legal and Social Justice, and on the Southside at the Wesley Community Center. The CJP also holds a Wills Clinic at St. Mary's, a Special Education clinic at TRLA, a non-profit advice clinic in conjunction with the Association of Corporate Counsel and its newest endeavors: the Haven for Hope warrants clinic for homeless individuals and the Veterans Clinic at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital.

The Community Justice Program is a collaborative effort by the entire legal community, working together to increase access to justice for low-income residents by bringing the courthouse to the community. Each clinic provides attorneys, district clerks, notaries, court reporters, interpreters and judges – who are all volunteers. The CJP accepts uncontested civil matters including divorce, name changes, bankruptcy, simple landlord/tenant disputes, wills and other matters. All of the clients are prescreened by Texas RioGrande Legal Aid using income guidelines. For most of the clients, receiving a pro bono attorney through the CJP is their only opportunity to receive qualified legal help for their particular case.

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