

## A N N U A L R E P O R T

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#### Dear Colleagues and Friends:

We are pleased to provide you with this report of our results and activities for 2011.

This year our report spotlights the essential role that legal representation plays in creating positive outcomes for our low-income neighbors. It also examines how we can help preserve and promote the availability of basic services – food, shelter, health care, and access to education – by helping ensure that low-income individuals have access to civil legal services. Basic services are at the heart of our social contract. Legal services protect low-income people, who often fall through society's safety net through no fault of their own.

Our success continues to be driven by our donors. As a result of this support, more than 39,000 people living at a low-income level received legal help with life affecting programs – up from 30,000 in 2010. We are proud to be able to say that donations to SVCLS formed the financial foundation upon which this success was built.

Another significant highlight of the past year was the launch of The Associates Campaign. This new program, stewarded by the Amicus Committee, aims to establish a new tradition of giving among young attorneys throughout the Valley. We are well on the way, thanks to many new contributors that joined our campaign.

We couldn't have accomplished all of this without each one of you. Your involvement is needed and appreciated, and we sincerely hope you will choose to continue your support in the year ahead.

Cordially,

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Thank you for all that you do to support legal services for low-income residents. With your assistance we are able to deliver quality legal services to our clients. The annual reception and celebration is not to be missed. It reminded us of where we have been...and inspired us to think about where the practice of law is headed.

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## CAMPAIGN MISSION

The SILICON VALLEY CAMPAIGN FOR LEGAL SERVICES (SVCLS) provides low-income individuals access to civil legal counsel by assuring a stable, diverse network of legal service providers across all civil matters. To that end, SVCLS acts a fundraising arm for eight agencies. All but two of these organizations lack staff capacity to seek effective community philanthropic support on their own. They provide civil representation on issues such as domestic violence, immigration, and accessing social and educational services.

## SILICON VALLEY **CAMPAIGN FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

SVCLS also acts to encourage members of the legal community to become more involved in the provision of pro bono legal assistance. The legal community's pro bono actions and financial support are not only welcome, but essential. We count upon the participation

of our friends in the greater community who believe, as we do, that access to civil legal counsel is a fundamental tenet of our society, rather than a benefit for the privileged few.

The Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services is a recipient of the American Bar Association's prestigious Harrison Tweed award in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Bar Association, for leadership in expanding and developing support for the provision of free legal services to the poor.

## CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT

Nearly 500,000 people in Silicon Valley - 25 percent of the population - qualify for special help due to income, age, or disability. These individuals' critical legal issues are primarily related to:

- Health care
- Housing
- Family law
- Economic stability
- Elderly issues
- Consumer issues
- Immigration
- Reployment

The people who receive SVCLS assistance typically have poverty-level incomes far below the amount actually needed to live in Silicon Valley. Many of those individuals are the working poor.

These are the financial circumstances of most of the people we help: In January 2011, the annual federal poverty level for a family of four (two adults and two children) was \$22,350. In Silicon Valley, by comparison, a minimum annual income of \$60,888 is needed to satisfy the California Self-Sufficiency Standard, which measures the level of income that working individuals and families need to pay for their basic needs - including housing, food, childcare, health care, transportation, and other fundamental requirements.

While the Self-Sufficiency Standard varies from county to county, a person working two full-time minimum wage jobs does not earn enough to support a family in any county of California, even with California's current minimum wage of \$8 an hour. 👫

## FORGING THE CONNECTING LINK: PURSUING THE IDEAL OF JUSTICE FOR ALL 2011 Annual Donor Celebration | KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Hon. Brian C. Walsh, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

Thank you for all that you do for the poor, the needy, and those whose civil legal needs are underserved.

I have enormous respect for the valuable work of legal services attorneys – and I have some familiarity with the immense challenges they face trying to meet the legal needs of the underrepresented. As a judge, I see it frequently in our courtrooms: people who have very real issues, valid disputes, who cannot afford lawyers to speak for them. I saw it as a lawyer, when for two decades I provided modest-means group legal service plans to people who could not afford lawyers. And I also saw it from my own years when I worked in legal aid. I was a lawyer at the Legal Aid Society of Monterey for two years in the early 1970's; and for the two years before that, I worked full-time as a law clerk at Berkeley Neighborhood Legal Services.

I know how hard it is to do this work. And I know they do so much with so little, to serve those who so badly need these advocates skills, intelligence, and hard work. I know it is a personal challenge. They have to deal constantly with terribly sad stories, seemingly insoluble disputes, and constant financial challenges on both an organizational and personal level.

I can recall those institutional challenges. Their difficulty is often compounded by the fact that it is not just the threat of legal services organizations being constantly underfunded – having to worry how many postage stamps you are using or what type of ballpoint pen you can afford – but the implicit message that you are being purposely underfunded because the vital work you do is undervalued by government leaders who should be seeing to it that you have enough money to properly achieve your mission.

I have been there. I can remember working so hard on legal aid cases with clients who certainly appreciated my hard work but then would tell me, "I wouldn't be here if I could get a real lawyer." Or, I would go to court and the opposing counsel or the crusty judge would treat my client with disdain.

Institutionally, I can remember the threat of underfunding. In the early 1970's, underfunding was not just an unavoidable consequence of bad budget times, it was considered an effort to get rid of legal services. Some here, I am sure, are too young to remember the days when Richard Nixon was president. He loathed the *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision and the Supreme Court majority that rendered it. He hated legal services and made a public commitment to do away with the Legal Services Corporation. He assigned one of his top aids, John Erlichman, to accomplish this. So, during the entire time I was at the Legal Aid Society of Monterey County, I spent each day working hard for my clients and then went home to read newspapers accounts about how I was unlikely to have a job for very long. That is not easy. And I know some of you are facing that right now in these tough budget times.

But I can also remember that poverty law has its successes. I can recall some of he clients I helped avoid an eviction, keep the car that was about to be repossessed, or defeat an improper collection effort in court.

I can remember the gratitude of the clients. And, I can certainly remember that, by the time I left legal aid in August 1974, our nemesis John Erlichman had been indicted, Richard Nixon was forced to resign as President of the United States, and the continuity of the Legal Services Corporation had been assured.

So let's not give up. Whatever we do, it is so important - important both for these

clients and for the system that we serve.

Lawyers are vital to the success of our judicial system. Ask any judge who faces a family court law and motion calendar full of self-represented litigants, how we long for lawyers to be there. Ask any judge who must call a civil jury trial – as I will do on Monday, where one of the litigants is self-represented. Oh, how I so wish both sides were represented.

That is because lawyers help bring fairness. It is an adversary system, and lawyers help bring balance to it. In fact, studies show that when lawyers represent all parties, greater fairness is achieved. The value is not merely that lawyers help us achieve a more fair result, but it is also that lawyers provide their clients a sense of fairness. When both sides are represented, each client hears their concerns being raised in court; each client believes that, win or lose, they had their day in court; each client feels that the system of justice has served them.

The famous French author Alexis de Tocqueville, writing about democracy in America, said, "lawyers are the connecting link" between those who are downtrodden or victimized and the upper class of wealth and power. That is what you do as lawyers: you are the link that connects your clients to the greater system.

De Tocqueville wrote those words over a century before Justice Black authored *Gideon v Wainwright*, in which he identified that same link.

In that case, Mr. Gideon was convicted of burglary of a Florida pool hall. He asked for a lawyer but was forced to defend himself and was convicted of a felony. He petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court, and at least in that regard did pretty well for himself as one of history's most famous self-represented litigants. His cert petition was granted after he wrote to the court, "The question is very simple, I requested the Florida court to appoint me an attorney and the court refused." He said that the court's refusal denied him rights "guaranteed by the constitution and the bill of rights." He won that round — the court granted review.

In one of the famous decisions of the Warren court, Justice Black wrote, "any person ... too poor to hire a lawyer cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him." "Lawyers," he said, "are necessities, not luxuries." Do lawyers help? Well, ask Mr. Gideon. Apparently, when his case was re-tried following the Supreme Court's reversal, an appointed counsel, who represented Gideon, uncovered a new defense witness and discredited the prosecution witnesses. Mr. Gideon was acquitted.

Of course, in that case, Justice Black was referring only to the right to a lawyer in criminal cases; but what Justice Black held is, in my view, equally applicable to civil litigants. And that is where you come in.

There is some talk, particularly here in California, about adopting a civil Gideon program. So far, there has been very little funding to go with the talk. Governor Schwarzenegger designated \$11 million in funding, but that has not found its way to Santa Clara County, nor will it help much statewide. Until our state and our country fully accept that a just society must assure that lawyers are available to parents who are threatened with the loss of their children, families threatened with a loss of their homes, and employees threatened with the loss their jobs, you must help fill the Gideon gap.

As the Assistant Presiding Judge of our superior court, I can certainly assure you that we all face financial challenges these days. Our branch has seen four straight years of

cuts, with the most recent year being \$650 million branch-wide. Some of the threats to our branch are not just financial. They are threats to our very independence as a judiciary. Currently, there is a bill that narrowly passed the Assembly – AB1208 – that seeks to take away from the judicial branch the right to distribute its own budget and formulate its own priorities. We have seen threats to judicial independence by movements in North Dakota and other states. Now we are seeing one here in our own state of California.

These budget cuts, particularly if they are combined with the handcuffing that AB1208 would bring, threaten to close courtrooms, threaten to cut necessary staff, and threaten to force us to give up non-mandated services, such as self-help attorneys, family court mediators and the like.

These threats come at a time when the unmet needs of our litigants grow. I checked recently with the family court staff. They report 87 percent of family court petitions are filed by self-represented litigants. Indeed, the number has been in the 80-plus percent range for the last five years. Justice cannot be achieved and the needs of families cannot be met unless those people, or at least many of them, have lawyers. Happily, supporters of the Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services have been able to step up and help. Happily, we have been able to keep our self-help clinic funded so their lawyers can provide some level of assistance.

So, there are some challenges; but let's talk about some of the things that are going well. Despite the financial pressure, we, in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, have kept all of our courtrooms open. We have available trial departments every week, such that we rarely have a reset of a trial. We have had no layoffs at all. Our hard-working staff has had to do more with less. But we have managed to retain their talent and expertise.

More good news is that the new family courthouse, which we so badly need, is on track. We are currently looking at breaking ground in 2013 and opening in 2015. Of course, keeping that plan moving forward has been something out of "Perils of Pauline," as we go from one threat to another. But so far, we have leaped every hurdle. We are on schedule and in the middle of the architectural design phase of what will be a wonderful courthouse – one that is not only a positive civic statement for the community as a whole, but also an appropriate forum for families and children to have their disputes heard and their needs met.

Of course, among the things I count on the good news side of the ledger are the great lawyers we have in our local legal community. I hear constantly from other lawyers who come in from out of town how capable, how committed, and how professional the lawyers are in our county. Because of our outstanding lawyers and the important work you and they do, I go forward with great hope, because I know legal services attorneys are serving every day as that connecting link between the downtrodden and the sources of power.

You – the organizations, the lawyers, and staff, who serve the needs of the poor and the needy, as well as people of goodwill in the greater community who support the Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services – are that connecting link. You – civic-minded individuals, individual attorneys, law firms, companies and foundations who financially support the legal services organizations – forge that connecting link. We together, all of us who serve, support, and believe in legal services for low-income individuals, achieve that connection.

Together we make strong that link, and bring our community that much closer to the ideal of the justice in which we all believe. Thank you very much for all that you have done and will continue to do in the future! *presented February 23, 2012* 



## LEGAL SERVICES ARE BASIC SERVICES

Basic services: we help preserve access to food, shelter, heath care and education when we support legal services for low-income individuals.

The definition of basic services may vary among government agencies and service providers; however, there is no dispute that food, shelter, health care, and education are among them. United Way Silicon Valley, for example, identified three program focus areas of basic services – education, income stability, and health – as building blocks for a good life. The California Department of Human Services defines basic services as providing health and social services to the most vulnerable and at-risk residents. Among these basic safety-net programs are SSI, Medi-Cal and Cal-Works. Still others focus on singular programs, such as feeding the hungry.

The involvement of civil legal services providers often is necessary for low-income people to legitimately access services to which they are legally entitled, but may have been declined due to a variety of circumstances.

Here are a few examples of the countless cases in which legal intervention made significant and sometimes life-changing differences for low-income individuals to be able to obtain food, shelter, health care, and educational services. You will note that these real case examples – drawn from the files of the eight legal services agencies that SVCLS supports – address multiple needs, which are often linked within a family's or an individual's case. Names have been changed to protect these individuals' privacy and safety.

## Food, Safety, and Shelter

Legal services agencies typically resolve individual cases of clients receiving public assistance: in-home supportive services, AFDC, TANF, SSI, childcare, food stamps, transportation vouchers, and health insurance. Issues include enforcement of benefits and rights, resolving disputes, and determining or maintaining eligibility. Many cases identify systemic problems.

Wing Lang shares this story: "When I sought help from a legal services agency, I was living in a domestic violence shelter and was hopeless about mv future. After we legally immigrated to the U.S. at the invitation of my son, my husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and became increasingly violent. My son blamed me for my husband's condition and kicked me out of his home. I was in and out of hospitals and shelters for over six months. I did not speak English and knew nothing about America. I just went where my social worker told me to go, and applied for things she told me to apply for. I did not know my rights. The California disability benefit program denied my claim for help. My case was appealed while I was staying at a shelter. I remember the anxiety and fear that would grip my heart every afternoon at 3 p.m. when they called out the names of the people who had won the lottery to stay in a bed that night. My case was won on appeal. I am grateful to the legal services agency for helping me gain a sense of security, with a roof over my head and food on the table. I don't have to wait until 3 o'clock to find out if I will be safe tonight. From now on, I will be safe. Thank you for helping people like me who have nowhere else to go, and who have nobody else who will help. Thank you for supporting the good that must be done."

## **Health Care**

In Santa Clara County, the majority of individuals requiring public health benefits are children and seniors. Health care cases often involve coverage enforcement and eligibility issues related to obtaining basic benefits a client is qualified to receive.

Mrs. S was desperate to get health coverage for her 12-year-old son, who had suffered significant vision loss and urgently needed to see a retinal specialist. The entire family was uninsured because Mrs. S's full-time employer did not offer health insurance benefits. Mrs. S's application for Healthy Families coverage for her four children had been denied on the basis that the children qualified for Medi-Cal. When Mrs. S applied for Medi-Cal, she was told the children didn't qualify. Confused and concerned about her son, she found her way to a legal services organization, where an attorney immediately filed an appeal with Healthy Families. It was then determined that three of the four children in this Menlo Park family were eligible for Healthy Families coverage, and that the youngest qualified for Medi-Cal. Healthy Families, however, failed to forward the application to Medi-Cal despite federal regulations requiring them to do so. After several months and extensive negotiations by the advocate, all four children finally have health coverage.

## Reducing Homelessness: Shelter and Financial Stability

Legal services agencies typically resolve individual housing problems and assist families and individuals trying to stay in their homes. Legal services organizations are not only working to resolve issues of habitability and other related problems, but also helping families address problems that have the potential to push them into homelessness. These issues are areas of critical need for legal assistance; more legal aid lawyers are needed to take on additional cases.

**Mr. D tells this story:** "I am a senior citizen and have owned my own home for over 35 years. I worked hard all of my life, but even with a part-time job and Social Security, each month it seemed I was short of money. I heard about reverse mortgages and how you could use home equity to provide extra money each month. This sounded like the answer to my problems. But because of dealing with an unscrupulous mortgage broker who forged my signature, I was left with a monthly home payment twice my monthly income of \$1,500 and a mortgage in default. I still worry that I might lose my home, but now an SVCLS-supported legal services agency is helping me work with the bank to cancel the loan and remain in my home."

#### **Educational Access**

Legal services organizations typically resolve individual access to educational services cases. A core tenet of our educational system is that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and reach his or her potential.

Adrienne is a six-year-old girl with developmental delay who was diagnosed with autism. Largely non-verbal, Adrienne communicates with the world around her by shrieking, grunting, and pulling on people to express her desires. Despite the emotional impact of the formal autism diagnosis upon her parents, they were cheered by the neuropsychiatrist's recommendations for specific educational services to help break through the walls created for Adrienne by autism. However, after presenting their local school district with the neuropsychiatrist's report and recommendations, they were devastated to have the district deny their request for services, based on the district's opinion that Adrienne was too mentally delayed to benefit from any autism services. After multiple, unproductive meetings with school district staff, Adrienne's parents turned to a legal services agency for help. By advocating for Adrienne, the agency was able to convince the school district to add a comprehensive package of autism-focused services to the child's educational program, including the services recommended by the neuropsychiatric team. Adrienne's mother reported that, after just a few weeks, her daughter showed considerable progress in attention span and communication skills. For the very first time in Adrienne's life, she was able to communicate to her mother that her favorite color is purple.



## ADVANCING LEGAL SERVICES: OUR SECOND DECADE BEGINS

Celebrating the Campaign's 11th Anniversary, SVCLS supporters gathered at the Computer History Museum to mark the close of the 2011 efforts and to make grant awards. The event, generously sponsored by Silicon Valley Bank and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP with additional support from Bingham McCutchen LLP, Fenwick & West LLP, and Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, offered an excellent opportunity to reflect on the impact of SVCLS' pioneering role in creating a new avenue for strengthening support for legal services organizations.

Judge Brian C. Walsh called upon us to redouble our efforts to bring our community ever closer to the ideal of justice for all.

We sincerely thank, you, our donors, for joining in our efforts and actions to seek equal justice for all.



Andy Huntington, Bay Area News Group, and Hon. Brian C. Walsh, Superior Court of California.





Bay Area Legal Aid attorneys with client relatives.



Roy Wang, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and Louis Diep, Sughrue Mion PLLC.



Christopher Cobey, Littler Mendelson PC, and Hon. Vincent J. Chiarello.



## GRANT AWARDS CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER

The Campaign has contributed \$4.2 million to legal services since its founding in 1999 – and leveraged more than \$3 million more in donated legal services. Together our contributions have assured a stable network of legal service providers, addressing all areas of civil law and reaching all demographic groups.

In 2011, as a result of strong support and the many new and increased donations we received from firms and individuals, a total of \$353,000 in grants was awarded to the eight agencies within the SVCLS funding umbrella – up six percent from the previous year. This outpaced the Philanthropy 500, tracked by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, who reported a median increase of 4.7% in contributions. Five of the eight agencies received increases to their grant awards from the previous year. Beneficiary agencies continue to remark on the vitality of the Campaign and its importance to legal services delivery.

Together we helped more than 39,000 people benefit from representation or participation in self-help workshops or other educational programs. The greatest number of cases, 26 percent, involved housing and habitability matters. Family law, health, immigration, and income maintenance together comprised another 45 percent of all cases. The remaining 29 percent of cases involved conservatorship/guardianship, consumer and education issues, employment, and individual rights.

Unfortunately, in 2011, agencies found themselves turning away an increasing number of qualified individuals whose cases would have benefited from direct representation. Because of this, individuals increasingly were diverted to workshops and educational programs that promote improved self-representation outcomes.

Each beneficiary agency's board of directors determines the best and most effective use of the awarded grant monies, thus ensuring support for the most urgent client needs and program priorities. Organizations receive a proportional share of the funds raised according to a formula that assures an equitable distribution.

## CASES INSPIRE OUR ACTION

## Helping a Family Stay in Their Home

Doris, an elderly East Palo Alto resident, received a notice of default on the home where she had lived for 17 years. A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Doris had moved to East Palo Alto in 1966, nearly 20 years before the city was incorporated. She raised her two sons there, and was living with and caring for her grandson. An employee in an electronics plant, she was barely getting by financially when she was stricken with anemia that resulted in a blood transfusion and heavy medical expenses. Unable to work, she fell behind on mortgage payments and went into default. By the time she sought assistance from a legal services agency, a trustee sale had already been scheduled. Legal advocates helped postpone the sale, worked with her on a loan modification package, and then advocated with the

bank that held her mortgage. In time, Doris' permanent modification package was approved. She and her grandson no longer fear losing their home.

## Advocacy for Children

Joey, a 7-year-old boy who had been sexually abused prior to entering an adoptive foster home, was referred to a legal services provider for advocacy. He was electively mute, cried at school,

acted out aggressively with other students, and was afraid of nearly every adult in school. Joey was

struggling with learning and had been denied eligibility for special education despite advocacy efforts by his foster-adopt parents. Legal representation revealed substantial deficiencies in evaluations conducted by the school district including failure to test in Spanish as well as in English.



Following a full evaluation, the district found Joey eligible in three categories. He is thriving now in a full-day special education class at another school, where he receives regular mental health services and instruction specially designed to meet his needs. His adoptive parents now know their rights and have increased their advocacy skills, and are being treated as equal partners in helping Joey

learn and grow.

## Maintaining Seniors' Safety

Mrs. A, a senior, needed legal assistance to remove her physically and emotionally abusive daughter from her home. The daughter – who also was a severe hoarder, affecting Mrs. A's quality of life – paid no rent, did not contribute to household expenses, and often threatened that she would destroy

everything Mrs. A owned or kill herself. Mrs. A felt like she was trapped in her own home, but did not want to obtain an Elder Abuse Restraining Order, believing this would give her daughter a criminal record. With a legal aid attorney's assistance, Mrs. A received a "self-help" packet so that she could legally remove her daughter without going to court. Mrs. A now feels safe and that she is no longer a prisoner in her own home.

## Advocacy for Disabled Children and Their Families

Rollie, 55, is severely disabled with multiple serious health issues. After living in subsidized housing for 20 years, she received a three-day notice from her landlord demanding back rent. Rollie was afraid she would be evicted, so when the landlord presented her with a payment plan, she signed it without fully understanding the financial implications, including a \$500 charge for court and attorney's fees, and an unreasonable installment payment plan. Rollie began making payments along with her regular rent, but had to skip meals and cut back on medications because of inadequate income. She called a legal services agency for assistance and the attorney not only found that Rollie had paid the rent she had owed but also discovered an erroneous default eviction notice. With the help of the legal aid attorney, Rollie won her case, securing her ability to stay in her home.

#### **Restoring a Veteran's Health**

John, an Air Force veteran, was injured in Turkey in an automobile accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. John was in a coma and seemed to be emerging but was unable to talk or make decisions, and did not have the capacity to assign power of attorney. His next of kin and primary caregiver, his mother, needed to move forward to take care of financial matters. John's parents had depleted almost all of their financial resources while staying with their son throughout his extended treatment, both at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Palo Alto VA Hospital. He needed at least three additional months of inpatient rehab and intensive follow-up services after his discharge, but his family could not receive support without a guardianship. With the help of a legal services attorney, his family was successful in obtaining the guardianship. 🕀

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The Campaign's unrestricted, annual support is so very important. You continue to make a difference by helping us create positive outcomes for countless seniors. Because of your help these individuals can live safely, independently and with dignity.

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## AMICUS COMMITTEE

SVCLS is grateful to have the support of its Amicus Committee, consisting of a dynamic group of young lawyers who are dedicated to the Campaign's mission. These attorneys are critical to building a new generation of enthusiastic supporters of the legal services agencies that serve Silicon Valley. The Committee provides visibility and support for SVCLS within the firms, corporations, and government agencies where its members work; it also hosts a variety of social and networking events throughout the year. Julie Davies, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, and Ilan Hornstein, Sidley Austin LLP, co-chaired the 2011 Committee.

## **ASSOCIATES CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES**

In 2011, we were proud to launch the Associates Campaign with the steadfast stewardship of the Amicus Committee. The Associates Campaign was developed to raise awareness of and vital funds for the Campaign, thereby contributing to its overall success. It is our hope that young attorneys who begin their relationship with the Campaign by contributing through the Associates Campaign will continue to support our mission for years to come.

In this inaugural year, 11 firms participated. Morrison & Foerster associates raised the most funds. Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom touted the greatest number of donors. Bingham McCutchen and Sidley Austin heralded 100 percent participation among associates.

Our hearty thanks to everyone who contributed to making this new program a success – the donors and volunteers whose efforts established a new tradition of support for the Campaign. Special recognition goes to Ilan Hornstein, Sidley Austin LLP, whose leadership inspired others to act.



Congratulations Bocce 2011 Tournament Winner, team Bingham McCutchen LLP.



Team Jones Day Reavis & Pogue LLP took second place.

## BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT AND SUMMER SOCIAL MIXER – Launching the Summer Season In Style!

The 2011 Bocce Ball Tournament was, as always, a popular draw. This sell-out event on June 23 drew associates, summer associates, and partners from area law firms, as well as teams from the business community, for a lively evening of court play, dinner, and a silent auction of fine wines.

At the end of play and with more than 32 teams in contention, Bingham McCutchen LLP triumphed with Jones Day LLP in a close second-place finish.

This year's tournament, organized by the Amicus Committee, was sponsored by FTI Consulting. The event was chaired by Julie Davies of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP.

## MIX & MATCH: MAKING PRO BONO CONNECTIONS

The 2011 Mix & Match: Making Pro Bono Connections event again offered area attorneys opportunities to hear about the value of legal services to the courts and to pro bono civil litigants in Silicon Valley. Attendees heard viewpoints from across the legal profession addressing the manner in which pro bono services support the legal profession, the value of involvement, and the positive outcomes that clients obtain with attorney involvement.

The distinguished panel included: Hon. Thomas Kuhnle, Superior Court of California; Nathaniel Bruno, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP; Kenneth Kuwayti, Morrison & Foerster LLP; Michael Trinh, Google Inc.; and Betsy White, Fenwick & West LLP. Agency representatives were also on hand to answer questions about their organizations and opportunities for volunteer involvement. The event also offered valuable networking opportunities for attendees to meet firm and in-house counsel from companies throughout the region. All who attended earned ethics MCLE credit.

Our continuing gratitude goes to Bingham McCutchen LLP for its underwriting support. We also thank *The Daily Journal* and *The Recorder* for providing pro bono advertising space to publicize this program.

## IN KIND DONATIONS

Mayer Brown LLP and Orrick Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP generously donated printers to improve legal services agencies operations. Two agencies benefited from these donations made through the Campaign: Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and Senior Adults Legal Assistance. On behalf of the agencies, a hearty thanks to our donors!

## **BOARD TRANSITIONS**

We express sincere thanks to those board members whose terms ended in 2011. Our organization greatly benefited from their dedication, support, and involvement. Thank you to Kathryn Schlepphorst, Ted Herhold, James Chadwick, Catherine Min, Patty Aguilar, and Robert Taylor – all of whom made significant contributions during their tenure. Shannon Stein completed a one-year rotation in her capacity as President of the Santa Clara County Bar Association.

During the same period, we welcomed 10 new board members to our leadership team.  $\clubsuit$ 



The national financial crisis in 2008 and the subsequent recession have touched all of us. The foreclosure crisis has resulted in evictions and steep increases in rents. Scammers of all stripes have swooped down on the most vulnerable in our community. Simply stated: Our work would not be possible without your support. Thank you!

Community Legal Services IN EAST PALO ALTO



**ABOVE** Panelists: Hon. Thomas Kuhnle, Superior Court of California; Bill Abrams, now with King & Spalding LLP; Michael Trinh, Goggle Inc.; Betsy White, Fenwick & West LLP, Ken Kuwayti, Morrison & Foerster LLP, and Nate Bruno, Sheppard Mullen & Richter LLP.



LEFT Scott Graham, *The Recorder*. BELOW Attorneys discuss pro bono opportunities.



## THANK YOU! 2011 DONORS WITH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Thank you for supporting our very important mission – to give low-income individuals access to civil legal counsel.

We gratefully acknowledge our 2011 donors.

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Gifts from January 1 through December 31, 2011.

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			2011		
INCOME					
Contributions					
Individuals					
Board Members	\$46,150				
Individuals (attorneys and others)	<u>63,037</u>				
Subtotal Individual Gifts		\$109,187			I
Law Firms		286,240			
Companies		53,000			I
Foundations		14,500			
Special Events (gross)		28,040			
Subtotal Gifts			\$490,967		I
Donated Services			27,459		I
Interest Income			<u>13</u>		
Total Contributed Income				\$518,439	
EXPENSES					
Agency Distributions					
Bay Area Legal Aid (SCC Office)		\$59,540			I
Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center		59,540			I
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	ocitici	28,246			
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley		59,540			I
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County		20,000			
Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley		35,300			I
Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance		53,803			
Senior Adults Legal Assistance		37,032			I
Subtotal Distributions to Agencies			\$353,001		I
Other Programs			40,133		
Subtotal All Programs				\$393,134	
Administrative Expenses					
Management				\$53,451	
Fundraising				76,588	I
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Total Expenses				<u>\$523,173</u>	
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets				(4,734)	
Cash, Beginning of Year				29,881	
Surplus (Deficit) Held for Operations				\$25,147	

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