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Jones Day Leads the Way in the EAJ Campaign

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Jones Day has delivered award-winning client service in litigation, enforcement matters, and a full range of global and local transactions for more than 40 years, opening the Dallas office in January 1981. The attorneys of Jones Day pride themselves on supporting the community in which they live and work. This desire to give back to the Dallas community led the firm to step up as the lead sponsor with an extraordinary gift of \$30,500 to this year's Equal Access to Justice (EAJ) Campaign. The firm has a long and distinguished history of contributing to the Campaign. Including this gift, the firm has donated more than \$280,500 to legal aid for low-income people since 1995. The EAJ Campaign is the annual fundraising campaign that supports the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). The firm's gift makes it possible for DVAP to continue to provide legal aid in Dallas, keeping the doors to the courthouse and our overall justice system open to many more people in our community.

"Jones Day has a long history of, and commitment to, pro bono work, public service, and community involvement in North Texas. As our community closes another challenging year, Jones Day is honored to support DVAP's mission to provide access to justice to those in need," said **Samir Kaushik**, Hiring Partner. The most recent efforts of the Dallas office include:

Border Project. Jones Day represents migrants, primarily women, families, and unaccompanied children, who entered the United States at the southern border. Many are from Central America and are fleeing gender-based persecution in their home countries. Jones Day has set up two offices on the Border in Laredo and McAllen, Texas, to facilitate these direct services.

Constitutional Policing and Civil Justice Reform (CPR). Jones Day lawyers are working with cities, law enforcement, local, and national organizations across the country to drive systemic reform in policing practices, policies, procedures, and culture.

Anti-Human Trafficking. Jones Day is



(Left to right): Samir Kaushik, Brian Jorgensen, Hilda Galvan, and Evan Singer

involved in efforts dedicated to detecting and preventing sex trade and forced labor trafficking crimes, in addition to assisting individual survivors.

Jones Day attorneys also have a long history of involvement with DVAP, volunteering at various legal clinics and accepting cases for full representation. Without volunteer attorneys stepping up to assist, access to justice would be out of reach for DVAP clients, who do not have the resources to hire private attorneys.

"Jones Day stands behind the EAJ Campaign because equal access to justice is the backbone of our justice system and American society as a whole. If we do not ensure that those at or near the poverty line have access to the judicial system, they become marginalized or excluded from society altogether. It is absolutely essential that justice be the same for everyone, regardless of their income level," stated **Brian Jorgensen**, Administrative Partner.

Evan Singer, Pro Bono Partner, added, "My family has supported DVAP and the EAJ Campaign for many years. Beyond financial

contributions, as the *pro bono* partner of the Dallas office, I am grateful for the partnership that our office has formed with DVAP and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas to provide high-quality legal representation to low-income residents of Dallas. I look forward to that partnership flourishing for years to come."

Hilda Galvan, Partner-in-Charge of the Dallas office, is serving, along with **Lanesha Minnix** of Flowserve Corporation, as an Honorary Co-Chair of this year's EAJ Campaign. Hilda challenged local firms to encourage their attorneys and staff to participate in the Campaign this year by donating to DVAP in any amount. Jones Day is winning the race by a landslide so far, with over 40 attorneys and staff participating in this year's Campaign. The law firm challenge is bringing many new donors to the Campaign, who will hopefully remain donors for years to come.

According to Hilda, "It is a privilege for Jones Day to assist in our community's collective efforts to provide legal services to those without the means to pay for those services. We understand and accept that we have a duty to ensure that justice exists for all. Support-

ing the Equal Access for Justice Campaign is one way for law firms, corporate legal departments, and individual lawyers to assist with those efforts and honor that duty."

"My husband and I come from humble beginnings, and have seen firsthand the impact that organizations like DVAP can have on a family and on a community. Contributing to the EAJ Campaign is one small way of expressing our gratitude to those who helped us, our families, and our community," Hilda added. Apart from Jones Day's gift, Hilda and Mike Galvan are generously contributing \$10,500 to the effort. DVAP is grateful for the leadership of Jones Day and the Galvans in this year's Campaign.

DVAP is a joint pro bono program of the DBA and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas. The program is the only one of its kind in Texas and brings together the volunteer resources of a major metropolitan bar association with the legal aid expertise of the largest and oldest civil legal aid program in North Texas. For more information, or to donate, visit www.dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org. **HN**

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