



Children's Law Center
of Los Angeles

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Children's Law Center of Los Angeles 20th Anniversary Fundraiser May 20, 2010

LOS ANGELES – A celebration and fundraiser benefiting the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (CLC) is scheduled to take place at Loft 7, 219 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014, on Thursday, May 20th from 6pm to 9pm. The "Art of Advocacy" is an event to celebrate twenty years of quality representation of at risk children by Children's Law Center attorneys.

What started as a handful of lawyers working out of makeshift offices is today a model children's law office, with over 220 staff members serving 24,000 children. At the event, CLC will honor some of those whose passion twenty years ago allowed CLC to develop into what it is today: L.A. County Supervisor Ed Edelman, former Board Chair Edward Lazarus, and former CLC Law Firm directors Jo Kaplan, The Honorable Randy Pacheco and The Honorable Bob Stevenson. It was these visionaries who brought to life the groundbreaking concept of a children's law firm, with lawyers providing client directed representation to children.

CLC Executive Director Leslie Heimov said, "As CLC has grown over the years we remain steadfast in our mission to ensure that each and every child has his or her voice heard both in and out of the courtroom."

The fundraising event will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live entertainment and a silent auction. The silent auction will feature a variety of art, including original works painted by foster youth. The foster youth art was donated by the individual children after participation in an art workshop. The workshop was a collaboration between CLC supporter Sang Trinh of Navigant Consulting, master artist F. Rassouli, and the Wheel of Well Being, where Rassouli leads participants to intuitively paint from the heart and to express themselves through art.

Proceeds from the evening will provide essential financial support to CLC's advocacy of vulnerable children in the dependency system in Los Angeles County. This support will allow CLC to continue to provide exceptional representation, and is especially critical during this time of budget crisis, when severe cuts are being made to the services available to the children and families CLC represents.

Community members may make donations to support CLC's efforts to help needy children and families by visiting www.clcla.org/donate.htm. All donations are tax-deductible.

For further information regarding the Children's Law Center's 20th Anniversary Fundraiser, please visit www.clcla.org.

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