



Heroes for Justice Awards Recipients **Parm Williams**, The Women’s Fund; Honorable **Frank J. Ochoa**; **Ellen M. Goodstein**, Legal Aid Executive Director; **Allan S. Ghitterman**; and **Sylvia C. Barnard**

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County Justice For All

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DISTINGUISHED LOCAL HEROES who fight for the rights of people in the community were recognized by the Legal Aid Foundation of SB County at the 4th Annual Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Awards at Fess Parker’s Doubletree Resort recently.

“The purpose of the Awards dinner is to recognize and honor the great work of those lawyers, judges, community activists, and non-profit organizations which distinguish themselves by working to make justice for all a reality,” shared Ellen Goodstein, Executive Director, Legal Aid Foundation of SB County. This year’s event honored The Women’s Fund, Honorable Frank J. Ochoa, Allan S. Ghitterman, and Sylvia C. Barnard.

“We had an incredible group of honorees, all humbled by their selection and all incredibly worthy of the Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Award,” noted Goodstein.

The Awards event is in its fourth year and is

named in memory of the late Richard Goldman, dean of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Schools of Law and a long time public defender.

“Dean Goldman was a lifetime champion of the right to justice for all regardless of income, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation,” shared Goodstein. “He left an incredible legacy of public service and each year Legal Aid honors those who walk in his footsteps.”

The keynote speaker, Justice Arthur Gilbert, addressed a room with just over 200 lawyers, judges, community notables, friends, and family of the honorees. Among the guests were Supervisors Janet Wolf and Doreen Farr, and Santa Barbara City Council member Grant House.

Justice Gilbert has been a member of the California legal community for almost 50 years. He currently serves as the Presiding Justice of Division Six of the Second District Court of Appeal. Throughout his career, Justice Gilbert has been recognized for his work with numerous awards and is the author of the book, *Under Submission*, a compilation of his columns in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

The event raised \$26,000. “The money will go to underwrite the cost of providing services to victims of domestic violence and help pay the mortgage on the Santa Barbara building,” shared Goodstein.

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Justice **Steven Perren** and Keynote speaker Justice **Arthur Gilbert**



Susan Rose, former SB County Supervisor and **Hannah Beth Jackson**, former CA Representative



(Back) Retired Judge **William Gordon**, Judge **Thomas Anderle**, Judge **James Herman**, and **Marilyn Metzner**. (Front) **Jeanie Hill**, Judge **Brian Hill**, and Judge **Denise de Bellefeuille**



Honoree **Allan S. Ghitterman** (3rd from left) with Legal Aid staffers (L to R) **Sue Udden**; **Thalia Von Tonder**; **Yvonne Cudney**, Director of Litigation; **Ellen M. Goodstein**, Legal Aid Executive Director; and **Niki Richardson**, Development Director

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