

The Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County

Heroes of Justice Awards

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CONTINUING WITH A NEW TRADITION, local lawyers and community leaders gathered as The Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County hosted their Second Annual Heroes for Justice Awards Dinner last month at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort.

"It was nice to see the legal community gather to honor our own," shared Ellen Goodstein, Legal Aid Executive Director. "We don't say 'thank you' enough, and the awards is a nice way to do so."

Last year, the Legal Aid Foundation inaugurated the awards by honoring the late Richard Goldman for his contributions

and commitment to "Justice for All." Goldman, a former Dean of Santa Barbara and Ventura colleges of Law, was a "true hero for justice," Goodstein noted, "and in his memory the awards were created."



2008 Heroes for Justice Award Recipient, Environmental Defense Attorney **Linda Krop**; Legal Aid Executive Director **Ellen Goodstein**; and **Marilyn Gilbert**

This year's recipients of the award were Judge Rodney S. Melville, Attorney Linda Krop, and Social Worker Ken Williams, in recognition of their contribution towards providing equal access to justice in the

Santa Barbara community. Former Santa Barbara Mayor Sheila Lodge accepted a special award presented in memoriam to her husband, Judge Joseph L. Lodge. Judge Lodge,

was one of the longest serving judges in California history; he served 50 years on the bench.

The keynote speaker was the noted constitutional law scholar and founding Dean of the UC Irvine School of Law Erwin Chemerinsky. Entertainment was provided by soloist Lauren Hazarian accompanied by pianist Judy Sanger and Garianna Geiselman performed (during a slide show presentation) *A Pocketful of Stones*, an original song about the innocence of a child and his connection to a homeless man .



2008 Heroes for Justice Award Recipient Honorable **Rodney Melville**

All proceeds will go to support the Legal Aid Foundation in their mission to provide equal access to



Donna Williams; Legal Aid Senior Staff Attorney **Alex Lambrous**; and 2008 Heroes for Justice Award Recipient, County Social Worker, and Homeless Advocate **Ken Williams**

justice regardless of income.

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Honorable **Bruce Dodds**; Honorable **George Eskin**; and **Steven Amerikaner**



Keynote Speaker Dean **Erwin Chemerinsky** and Legal Aid Board President **Lynn Goebel**



Ellen Goldman, wife of the Late **Richard Goldman** and former Santa Barbara Mayor **Sheila Lodge**



Honorable **Thomas Anderle** and Assistant District Attorney **Joyce Dudley**



Sitting: UC Regent **Judith Hopkinson**; Former Santa Barbara Supervisor **Susan Rose**; Los Angeles City Controller **Laura Chick**; and **Susan Jordan**. Standing: **Stewart Holden**; Legal Aid Board Member **Allan Ghitlerman**; **Marnie** and **Steven Pinsker**; former Santa Barbara Mayor **Sheila Lodge**; and **Susan** and **Jim Prosser**

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