



National Immigrant Justice Center

MIDWEST LIGHT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

11th Annual Luncheon
Friday, June 4, 2010

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER

Promoting human rights. Pursuing justice. Advocating for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

For more than 30 years, Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) has offered legal counsel to men, women, and children fleeing danger and seeking security in the United States. One of the nation's pre-eminent legal advocacy and direct service organizations, NIJC promotes policy reform, engages in impact litigation, and educates communities with model programs for asylum seekers, unaccompanied immigrant children, victims of human trafficking and domestic violence, and detained immigrants. NIJC staff and *pro bono* attorneys are committed to protecting human rights within the United States and to re-shaping the U.S. immigration system through fair and humane reform.

In the past year, NIJC provided legal counsel to more than 8,000 immigrants from 150 countries and educated more than a thousand immigrants about their legal rights. In partnership with more than 1,000 *pro bono* attorneys from the nation's leading law firms, NIJC represented more than 400 individuals fleeing persecution in their home countries and achieved a greater than 90% success rate in securing asylum and other forms of protection-based relief. NIJC resolved a U.S. Supreme Court case and continues to manage an active federal impact litigation docket in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals as well as the nation's highest court. To promote legislative reform, NIJC Executive Director Mary Meg McCarthy testified on immigrant detention conditions before a subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary.

NIJC and its extensive network of dedicated *pro bono* attorneys are at the forefront of ensuring due process and protecting basic human rights in the United States. Learn more about our essential work at www.immigrantjustice.org.

ABOUT HEARTLAND ALLIANCE

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, champions the human rights of individuals who are threatened by poverty or danger. For more than 100 years, Heartland Alliance has provided solutions—both through services and policy—that move individuals from crisis to stability and on to success. Visit the Heartland Alliance website at www.heartlandalliance.org.

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11TH ANNUAL MIDWEST LIGHT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

Since 2000, the Midwest Light of Human Rights Awards has honored human rights champions and celebrated the contributions of business, civic, and philanthropic leaders in promoting human rights. Building on the success of previous years' events, the spring 2010 Midwest Light Awards is expected to attract more than 700 guests, including attorneys, business leaders, legislators, and advocates. The event includes a luncheon, remarks from NIJC clients, and a keynote address. Previous high-profile speakers and recognized experts include The Honorable Abner Mikva, former judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Justice Richard Goldstone, former justice of the South African Constitutional Court; Seymour Hersh, investigative journalist for *The New Yorker*; and Harold Hongju Koh, Dean of Yale Law School and former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. The 2009 event included introductory remarks by the Honorable Iliana Rovner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and a keynote address by António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The event provides critical funding for the National Immigrant Justice Center to ensure that its dedicated staff and *pro bono* attorneys can continue in the upcoming year to promote human rights and access to justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

More information about the event is available at www.immigrantjustice.org/midwestlight.

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Awardees: Robert Kirschner,
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2001

Keynote: David S. Weissbrodt
Awardees: Jacqueline Bhabha,
Baxter International Foundation

2002

Keynote: Abner Mikva, Peggy Kou
Awardees: Jeanne and Joseph
Sullivan, Edwin Silverman, Chicago Trib-
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2003

Keynote: Mary Robinson
Awardees: Juan Mendez,
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2004

Keynote: Paul Hoffman
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2005

Keynote: Richard J. Goldstone
Awardees: Joseph Margulies,
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2006

Keynote: Seymour Hersh
Awardess: Dr. Irene Martinez,
Lee Ann Russo, Levi Strauss & Co.

2007

Keynote: Joseph Margulies
Awardees: Carlos M. Sada,
Tibetan Alliance,
Jenner & Block LLP

2008

Keynote: Harold Koh
Awardees: Melville Washburn,
Chicago Community Trust, Chicago Public
Radio, Chicago Reporter, WTTW11,
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2009

Keynote: Antonio Guterres, United Na-
tions High Commissioner for Refugees
Awardees: Luol Deng, James Morsch,
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Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift Defense Counsel in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*

As a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift served as defense counsel to Guantanamo Bay detainee Salim Ahmed Hamdan before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, the landmark 2006 decision striking down the U.S. government's use of military commissions to try Guantanamo detainees. Assigned to represent Hamdan, a Yemeni national and former driver for Osama bin Laden, Swift filed a *habeas* petition challenging his client's detention and ultimately the entire system of military commissions.

The American Civil Liberties Union honored Swift in 2005 with its Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty in recognition of his dedication to the preservation of the rule of law. He was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America in 2006. Swift is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Seattle University School of Law. During his military career, he represented more than 150 service members in military justice proceedings. After retiring from the Navy in August 2007, he taught as a visiting professor at Emory University Law School, serving as the acting director of its International Humanitarian Law Clinic. He currently practices law at the firm Swift & McDonald in Seattle, Washington.

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- > Demonstrate your commitment to the work of *pro bono* volunteers within your organization.
- > Allow the National Immigrant Justice Center to continue as a resource for training, mentoring, and assisting *pro bono* attorneys.
- > Obtain visibility for your organization before more than 2,000 attendees and invitees including major law firms, corporations, and civic and community leaders. Sponsors receive recognition on the Midwest Light website, invitation mailings, pre-event publications, event signage, and other venues, depending on level of support.
- > Help the National Immigrant Justice Center to provide compelling and educational *pro bono* opportunities that offer a wide range of courtroom and transactional experience.

The National Immigrant Justice Center invites your firm to share our commitment to safeguarding human rights in the United States and pursue our mission of ensuring human rights protections for all. We ask for your support and partnership as we celebrate the 10th Annual Midwest Light of Human Rights Awards.

More information about the event is available at www.immigrantjustice.org/midwestlight.

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