

PRO BONO CONNECTION

CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

It's not justice if it's not equal.

We would like to thank those attorneys and law firms who contributed in August on behalf of LAW Advocates:

Joe Abbott
Edward Alexander
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Judith Bush
Tom Lester

Mark Packer
Michael Schacht
Douglas Shepherd
Heather Shepherd

We appreciate all of your continued support!

CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

AUGUST

Thank You to the following attorneys for agreeing to provide free legal services through LAW Advocates

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Katie Berger
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Pro Bono Prize Box



And the July & August winners are.....

Ron Morgan and Jack Van Buskirk

Ron Received a gift certificate to La Fiamma and Jack received a gift certificate to Cascade Pizza!
Congratulations Ron & Jack!!



Appeal to the Community...

Thank you to **Kathryn Hanowell and The George & Ida Mestel Foundation** for their contributions in August.

See you at...

Lawyers Take Orders

Thursday, October 9, 2008 · 5:30pm to 11:00pm



Spotlight On...

Pro Bono Success!

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL FOR A CONTINUING CLIENT

This very nice, functional client came to LAW Advocates first in 2003 for reasons of domestic violence. She spoke little English and was married to and had children with an alcoholic husband who was not only physically abusive but absolutely controlled the finances and

all aspects of her life. Her husband was a permanent resident, and he told her he was applying for permanent status for her though he never let her see any of the paperwork. She chose not to go through a dissolution at this time but learned about LAW Advocates.

In late 2006 the client contacted us again, needing to establish a guardianship on behalf of her husband, who had been catastrophically and permanently injured in an accident. She had no independent access to their accounts and she needed to apply for assistance on his behalf for permanent placement in a nursing home. With pro bono help by **Barry Meyers** and others, she got what she needed and became the sole support system for her husband and his children. But her immigration status remained uncertain and her husband's severe disability meant that he could not file on her behalf.

Enter **Meg Jacobson** and her staff. After 30 hours of pro bono attorney time and 55 hours of paralegal time, Meg has filed a very strong VAWA Petition and Adjustment of Status Application, an immigration process available to certain domestic violence victims married to permanent residents/citizens. With that pending, Meg was also able to file for an Application for Employment Authorization which, for the first time, allows the client to work legally. Meg expects a successful result ultimately on the Petition, and this client after unspeakable difficulties and loss, now has the prospect of some control over her life and her family.



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