Community, Commitment & Courage

Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center
Santa Clara University School of Law

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 5, 2019
5:30-8:30 P.M.
Rotary Summit Center, Rooftop
San Jose, CA

Education Advocacy Service

Celebrating over 25 years of providing free legal services to the community and educating law students to be social justice advocates
Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center’s 25th Anniversary Celebration!

This year’s theme, “Community, Commitment & Courage,” recognizes the incredible strength of our client community and those who tirelessly advocate on their behalf. We have the unique privilege of educating law students to be social justice advocates while serving the legal needs of low-income individuals with immigration, consumer, or workers’ rights matters. This evening, we will celebrate the founders and other early supporters who endeavored to make the Law Center a reality.

Thank you to our exceptional clinical faculty, staff, and Advisory Board; your heart, commitment, experience, and vision are why the Law Center reached this important milestone. Together we will take the Law Center even further by 1) expanding learning opportunities for law students; 2) increasing the depth and breadth of client services; 3) leveraging collaboration to affect social, institutional, and legislative change aligned with our mission; and 4) increasing financial resources to keep our program strong.

We are indebted to the volunteer attorneys and community partners who lead workshops, supervise advice clinics, take pro bono cases, and help in many other ways. We also simply could not do our work without the financial support of law firms, corporations, individuals, and granting entities. We thank the clinical law students as well—you make us better teachers, lawyers, and learners.

Tonight’s success is largely due to the exceptional Celebration and Host Committees, led by Estela Lopez Gilliam ’97. We are grateful to Santa Clara University, Lisa M. Kloppenberg, interim provost, and Anna M. Han, interim dean of Santa Clara Law for continuing to support our mission.

To our sponsors and everyone here tonight, thank you for making our 25th Anniversary Celebration a huge success and joining our efforts to EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and SERVE.

Have a good evening!

Deborah Moss-West, JD ’94

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Deborah Moss-West JD ’94
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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS — 1994–2019

WE HONOR OUR OWN
Law Center Founders, Staff, and Students

LIVE AUCTION & CALL TO ACTION
Derek Timm, Friend and Supporter

CLOSING REMARKS
Delma V. Locke JD ’95, Advisory Board Chair

Dancing

Mix & Mingle
SUPPORT OUR MISSION TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND TRAIN SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES

Santa Clara Law’s Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center’s two-fold mission is to: **train law students to be life-long social justice advocates and serve the legal needs of the low-income community.** Our work brings increased stability, security, and peace of mind to our clients and community.

Through their work in the Center, law students have the opportunity to develop valuable legal skills while being challenged intellectually, spiritually, and socially. They learn to become more empathetic, practice resilience in the face of adversity, and strive to lead with character.

Law students work under the supervision of experienced attorneys to provide free legal services in three core practice areas:

- **The Consumer Practice** addresses problems including auto fraud, unfair credit and debt collection practices, identity theft, foreclosure prevention, and unfair business practice.

- **The Immigration Practice** provides assistance regarding T visas for human trafficking victims, U visas for victims of crimes, self-petitions based on the Violence Against Women Act, political asylum or deportation defense, and acquired citizenship.

- **The Workers’ Rights Practice** assists individuals with issues including unpaid wages, unemployment issues, wrongful termination, workplace harassment and discrimination, employer retaliation, family leave, and unemployment appeals.

Together, our attorneys and law students serve more than 1,000 clients per year through community outreach and educational workshops, advice clinics, and full-representation cases including court and administrative hearings.

In addition, our faculty and staff serve as leaders in collaborative efforts to increase access to the legal system for low-income individuals and communities, and participate in media appearances, presentations, and training events.
The Law Center gave me the opportunity to take my legal skills to the next level. It pushed me to understand the whole picture of legal practice—an understanding that has transformed my professional identity as a future attorney.

—JOSHUA METAYER JD ’19

### TRAINING AND SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS: A 25-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE

These numbers reflect the Center’s work over the past 25 years since our founding.

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<th>LAW STUDENTS ENROLLED</th>
<th>VALUE OF LEGAL SERVICES</th>
<th>NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED</th>
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<td>2,117</td>
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Number of Santa Clara Law students enrolled in the Law Center’s clinical programs

Value of law student’s legal work if billed at the prevailing hourly rate of $150

Number of hours worked by Law Center students to advance our client’s legal matters

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<th>NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED</th>
<th>TOTAL RECOVERED FOR WORKERS</th>
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Number of clients who received service, advice, and representation from the Law Center with 2,273 in consumer, 2,783 in immigration, 3,838 in workers’ rights, and 1,111 in other legal matters (thousands more served through community education and outreach efforts)

Amount recovered for clients by the Law Center in unpaid wages and compensation for discrimination claims (for cumulative awards totaling $4,069,107 for its workers’ rights clients)

Amount of savings achieved for clients from contract disputes in the Consumer Law area, while also recovering $1,644,210 in damages
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is proud to honor Ruben Pizarro and the many students and faculty members that worked to create a beacon of social justice for traditionally under-served members of our local community 25 years ago

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on their 25th anniversary.

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Your dedication to the community for the past quarter of a century has made a positive impact in the lives of unprotected workers.

Congratulations!
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Katharine & George Alexander
Community Law Center
on their 25 Years of Service to the Community

Educating students with practical
skills and serving the community
with compassion for 25 years.

To learn more about our partnership, and other social
justice opportunities available to Santa Clara Law
students, visit law.scu.edu/socialjustice.
OUR HISTORY

The East San Jose Community Law Center (ESJCLC) began in 1993 as a volunteer effort of La Raza Law Students Association at Santa Clara University to help day laborers collect wages they were due. Based on the documented need and the students’ success, the program received grant support to provide a full range of employment and immigration services; formally establishing the Center in 1994.

In 1995 the Center began offering assistance with consumer matters, and in 1997 expanded to help low-income entrepreneurs with their legal needs.

In 2004, George Alexander, a former professor and dean of Santa Clara University School of Law, and his wife, Katharine, made a generous donation to the East San Jose Community Law Center’s endowment. In recognition of their gesture, the Center was officially renamed the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center.

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