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Goods and Services Auction Raises More Than \$55,000 for Public Interest Fellowships, Honors Eight Public Interest Attorneys

Central Islip, NY – Touro Law Center’s 16th Annual Goods and Services auction, held on March 24 at the law school, raised more than \$55,000. All proceeds from the auction benefit Touro Law’s Public Interest Law Fellowship Program, awarding stipends to students who are dedicated to helping others through public service work during the summer. In addition, eight attorneys from local law firms were honored for their dedication to public interest and pro bono work through the Public Interest Attorney of the Year Recognition Program, led by auction co-chair Lois Schlissel, Esq., managing partner of Meyer, Suozzi, English, Klein, P.C.

“This auction is a great example of Touro Law’s commitment to public service,” said Professor Lewis Silverman, Co-Chair of the Auction Committee. “This auction helps us to provide funds for students who spend their summers doing incredible work for which they otherwise wouldn’t get paid. In addition, it gives us the opportunity to honor those attorneys in the community who have made a commitment to public service and serve as excellent role models for law students.”

Through this year’s auction, Touro Law was able to award more than 14 Summer Public Interest Law Fellowships. And, due to the generosity of additional foundation and individual supporters, an additional 20 students will receive fellowships. The auction includes both a silent and a live auction. Items for the auction are generously donated by local businesses, organizations, individuals, alumni and committee members. Prizes for this year’s auction included sports packages, vacations, jewelry, computers, and so much more.

The public interest attorneys of the year honored at this year’s auction were:

Gregory Calliste, Law Offices of Frederick Brewington

Laura Granelli, Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP

Saundra Gumerove, AHRC, Inc.

Christine Hogan, Farrel Fritz, P.C.

Maria John, Rivkin Radler LLP

Joni Kletter, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

Jim Montes, Nixon Peabody LLP

Elke Stoiber ’02, Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP



From left to right:

Joni Kletter, Touro Law Dean Lawrence Rafal, Christine M. Hogan, Laura J. Granelli, Elke M. Stoiber '02, Sandra M. Gumerove, Gregory Calliste, Jr., Auction Co-Chair Lois Schlissel, Harris Zakarin '95 (accepting on behalf of Maria John). Not pictured: Jim Montes.

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center's 185,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility is located adjacent to both a state and a federal courthouse in Central Islip, New York. Touro Law's proximity to the courthouses, coupled with programming developed to integrate the courtroom into the classroom, provide a one-of-a kind learning model for law students, combining a rigorous curriculum taught by expert faculty with a practical courtroom experience. Touro Law, which has a student body of approximately 750 and an alumni base of more than 5,000, offers full- and part-time J.D. programs, several dual degree programs and graduate law programs for US and foreign law graduates. Touro Law Center is part of the Touro College system.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 17,500 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College.