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— Judge Learned Hand
JUDGE LEARNED HAND AWARD

The American Jewish Committee’s Judge Learned Hand Award was established in memory of Learned Hand, the legendary judge for the District Court for the Southern District of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit between 1909 and 1951. Widely admired as a dean among American jurists, Judge Hand was famous for the extensive range of decisions he rendered in more than two thousand cases. These awards are presented to outstanding leaders of the legal profession who exemplify the high principles for which Judge Learned Hand was renowned.

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PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD | DALE BAICH & LETICIA MARQUEZ

Dale Baich and Leticia Marquez have dedicated their careers to ardently and tirelessly representing indigent clients. They are currently supervisors in the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Public Defender’s Office, where they have represented capital defendants in Arizona and throughout the United States. Dale and Leticia have appeared several times before the United States Supreme Court. They have also directed national efforts challenging the methods of lethal injection and have taken a lead in challenging federal regulations for the opt-in of states to accelerate the federal post-conviction process in death penalty cases. Dale and Leticia are widely respected by their peers and the broader legal community.

Dale received the Abolition Award in 2015 from Death Penalty Focus for leadership in defending human rights and advancing awareness of the injustices of the death penalty. Leticia received the Pima County Bar Association’s Annual Robert J. Hooker Criminal Justice Award in 2010.

Dale received his B.A. from Bowling Green State University and his J.D. from the Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. Leticia received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Arizona.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | DANIEL ORTEGA

Over the course of his 40-year legal career, Danny has developed a respected reputation as an advocate and community leader. His dedication to serving clients has ranged from being a legal aid lawyer at Community Legal Services to running his own firm. Danny’s law practice concentrates on serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, but throughout his career he had dedicated countless hours to important pro bono matters involving civil and voting rights. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cesar Chavez Foundation and the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Council of La Raza and President of Los Abogados-Hispanic Bar Association. He received his B.A. and J.D. from Arizona State University.

EMERGING LEADERSHIP AWARD | SHEENA CHIANG

Sheena Chiang has spent the past decade representing indigent defendants in both Pima and Maricopa counties. She currently represents clients facing the death penalty in the Capital Unit of the Maricopa County Office of the Legal Defender. Sheena also maintains an active role in a number of bar organizations. She is the past Chair of the State Bar of Arizona’s Appointments Committee and is the immediate past-President of the South Asian Bar Association. She also serves as a member of the ACLU’s Legal Panel, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and the Arizona Asian American Bar Association.

Sheena loves adventure travel and photography, and was the 2017 winner of the Arizona Attorney Magazine’s Creative Arts Competition. She is a mom to two young girls, Calla and Emilia. She received her J.D. from the University of Arizona. She received her B.A. from Boston University and her J.D. from the University of Arizona.

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