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Fundraising Packet

33rd Annual
**Alumni
Awards Gala**

June
Thursday **20** 6:00 p.m.
2024

Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Net proceeds from the Gala will support the Southwestern
Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Honorees



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Arash Homampour '92

Arash Homampour is widely regarded as one of the best trial lawyers of our time. He exclusively represents individuals in cases involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful deaths, consistently achieving victories in cases others deem impossible to win. Mr. Homampour consistently ranks among the top 10 attorneys on SuperLawyer's Southern California list, acclaimed as a Legal Visionary by the L.A. Times, a Daily Journal Top 100 Lawyer. Law360° identifies him as one of the 10 Titans of the Plaintiff's Bar, and he has received CAALA's Ted Horn Memorial Award. Moreover, he has been honored as the Trial Attorney of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, and the Venture County Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Homampour is dedicated to making society a better place, through his work, and through his nonprofit, "There is a Light," providing assistance to individuals to help get them to the next level in life.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Robert Brandt '76

Robert C. Brandt is a Certified Family Law Specialist and heads FMBK's Family Law Department. With over 40 years of experience as a family law attorney, he always focuses on his clients' best interests.

Mr. Brandt has earned great respect from clients and peers, as reflected by his inclusion on the Southern California SuperLawyer's Top Ten list for eight consecutive years and being named a Super Lawyer every year since 2005. He was included in The Best Lawyers® 2010-2022, and holds an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell. He received the 2018 National Professionalism Award from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the LACBA 2022 Spencer Brandeis Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section.

He served as a member of the Law School's Alumni Association Board and helped create the Inns of Court at Southwestern. He mentors students and hires associates from Southwestern.

Honorees



OUTSTANDING FRIEND

Debbie Leathers

Debbie Leathers has devoted more than four decades of service to Southwestern, starting as an Assistant to the Dean before transitioning to the Development Office in 1983, where she focused primarily on alumni relations. She was promoted to Director of Development in 1987, and in this role, successfully managed both fundraising efforts and alumni relations. Her efforts have significantly contributed to the increase in financial support received by the law school and the active engagement of alumni. Ms. Leathers coordinated the capital campaign that secured funding for the renowned Bullocks Wilshire building. She also spearheaded the highly successful New Era Campaign, which raised more than \$16,000,000 for Southwestern. Her dedication to the law school's mission and core values are evident, as she has actively fostered these values through her work in fundraising and alumni relations. Ms. Leathers also implemented various programs aimed at building strong relationships among alumni, students, faculty, and community members. Before joining Southwestern, Debbie gained valuable experience working at the Centralia School District in Orange County, where she held several positions across different capacities.



OUTSTANDING JUDICIAL OFFICER

The Honorable Susan Bryant-Deason '78

The Honorable Susan Bryant-Deason was elected to the bench in 1994 after serving as a deputy district attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. During her time as a prosecutor, she also served as a special assistant U.S. Attorney. During her judicial tenure, Judge Bryant-Deason has presided over hundreds of landmark cases, many of which resulted in appellate decisions upholding her trial court decision. She has created and chaired the Externship Program of the Los Angeles Superior Court for more than 25 years, providing opportunities to thousands of law students, many of whom came from Southwestern. Judge Bryant-Deason is a 1978 SCALE graduate.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Southwestern Law School Alumni Association is committed to support our students by providing mentoring programs, legal training, networking opportunities and scholarship funds. The net proceeds from the Gala will support the Southwestern Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to qualified students. Here are a few recipients of last year's scholarship:



"This award can allow me to take on even more ways to better advocate for the students at this school, while also taking on other opportunities to volunteer more in community and legal nonprofit organizations."

Bryon Alvarez '24

"I am currently serving as the President [of the First Generation Law Students Association] and helping guide our programming to serve our mission statement, which is to provide a student-led community that fosters an environment that is accessible, transparent, vulnerable, and supports the development for first gen students."



Ashley Kim '24



"Diversity in the legal profession is important to me because when I walk into a workplace, I like to see a reflection of society as a whole. Law is the tool of justice, and I believe it is our duty to amplify as many voices and perspectives as possible to better represent our clients and communities."

**Laura Iriabho-
Okugbe '24**

"This award can support me in my endeavors to provide support to communities in need without feeling like I am sacrificing the stability of my home. I want to be able to provide for my parents, especially because I will be the first lawyer in the family."



Nadia Salcedo '24

Tickets & Tables

Logo Submission Requirements:

When submitting high-resolution images and logos, please send jpgs at 300dpi, pngs, and/or eps files for printed materials and the website to alumnieswlaw.edu.

*To be included in the program, please become a sponsor by **March 29, 2024**.

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum Level - \$15,000

- Two tables of ten (goods and services value: \$3,500).
- Platinum level recognition (name or logo) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website with a link to your law firm/company website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation.
- In addition to the benefits listed above, the Platinum sponsor will also have a fixed banner logo included on the sidebar of the Alumni Awards Gala website and a single slide included on the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation.

Gold Level - \$10,000

- One table of ten (goods and services value: \$1,750).
- Gold level recognition (name or logo) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website with a link to your law firm/company website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation.

Silver Level - \$5,000

- Six tickets (goods and services value: \$1,050).
- Silver level recognition (name or logo) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website with a link to your law firm/company website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation.

Bronze Level - \$3,000

- Four tickets (goods and services value: \$700).
- Bronze level recognition (name only) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website with a link to your law firm/company website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation.

Partner Level - \$1,500

- Two tickets (goods and services value: \$350).
- Partner level recognition (name only) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website with a link to your law firm/company website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event presentation

Associate Level - \$750

- One ticket (goods and services value: \$175).
- Associate level recognition (name only) on the 33rd Annual Awards Gala website.
- Recognition in the printed program* and the scrolling tribute marquee event pres

Early Bird Ticket Price: \$175

March 31: \$225

The 33rd Annual Alumni Awards Gala
will feature

Steve Postell's
Night Train Music Club



Tariq Akoni, Vocals, Guitar
Plays for Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston,
Christina Aguilera



Steve Postell, Vocals, Guitar
Plays for David Crosby, John Oates, Jennifer
Warnes



Russ Irwin, Vocals, Keyboard
Plays for Aerosmith, Sting, Foreigner,
Bryan Adams



Lara Johnston, Vocals
Sings with Don Henley, John Walsh,
Dobbie Brothers



**Sean Holt, Vocals, Sax,
Percussion**
Plays for Carlos Santana, Kenny Loggins



Steve Feronne, Drums
Plays for Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers,
Eric Clapton



Leland Sklar, Bass
Plays for James Taylor, Phil Collins, Toto, Jackson Browne

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Venue



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2023 Alumni Awards Gala at the Skirball

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