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LEGAL AID

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LONE STAR LEGAL AID HOSTS LEX LEGACY LUNCHEON, CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LAW & FAIRNESS

WHO: *Honorary Luncheon Chairs, Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips & Joe G. Roady Luncheon Chairs, Joe Jaworski; Galveston, Mike C. Miller; Marshall, & Robert C. “Bob” Sohns; Houston Presiding, Hall of Heroes Unveiling, Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht & Justice Eva Guzman*

WHAT: Lone Star Legal Aid capped off its 65th Anniversary with the **Lex Legacy Luncheon**, which recognized the lawyers, judges and community trailblazers who helped pioneer a national model for legal services. The celebration began with the unveiling of LSLA’s **Hall of Heroes**, a portrait gallery recognizing 65 Bar and community leaders who have tirelessly championed the ideal of fair access to the justice system.* During lunch, the Chairs and Honorary Chairs paid tribute to the honorees and to LSLA’s rich history—dating back to 1949 when LSLA’s progenitor **Houston Legal Foundation** marked its first full year of offering free legal services to those in need.

*The Hall of Heroes is now on permanent display in LSLA’s Downtown Houston office at 1415 Fannin St.

IN THE CROWD: Paul E. Furrh, Jr., CEO of Lone Star Legal Aid, Dwayne Bilton, former COO of Lone Star Legal Aid, Betty Balli Torres, Executive Director of Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Justice Laura Carter Higley, Ben Connally, Allison & Dan Connally, Dean James Douglas, Stewart Gagnon, Justice Margaret Mirabal, Senator Steve Ogden, Harry Reasoner, Judge Frank Rynd, Jim Sales, Rich Sheehy, Kay Sim, Dick Tate, Judges Doug & Judy Warne

WHEN & WHERE: *The Crystal Ballroom at the historic Rice Hotel*
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ABOUT LSLA: Lone Star Legal Aid is a United Way agency that acts as a safety net for at-risk Texans, providing free civil legal services to clients facing complex legal issues with no ability to afford a private attorney. Staff and volunteer attorneys work to protect the legal rights of low-income Texans in civil matters by providing advocacy, legal representation and community education. Headquartered in Houston, LSLA operates an additional 12 regional offices which cover one-third of the state, including 72 counties in the Eastern and Gulf Coast regions of Texas. Practice areas include domestic violence and child abuse, veteran’s issues (including health and disability benefits), human trafficking, consumer fraud and predatory lending, elder care and exploitation, and disaster relief. For more information, visit www.LoneStarLegal.org.