



PACIFIC McGEORGE PUBLIC LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY



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We are pleased to invite you to attend the 24th Annual Live & Silent Auction benefitting the Public Legal Services Society (PLSS) at Pacific McGeorge School of Law. The auction will take place on Friday April 8th, 2016 at the California Museum. We are writing to seek your partnership as a sponsor or donor to this exciting and important event that directly benefits McGeorge students committed to careers in public service.

PLSS is a student run organization dedicated to facilitating student placement in public service careers. Since 1992, PLSS has held annual auctions to raise funds for law students interested in public interest work. Through the PLSS Summer Grant Program, we provide stipends for public interest minded students to work in unpaid positions for qualifying organizations. Auction sponsorships and proceeds directly contribute to the success of the Summer Grant Program. In 2015, approximately 300 supporters attended the auction, and guests included federal and state judges, attorneys, lobbyists and law students. With your support, we successfully raised over \$45,000 in funds last year for the grant program.

The proceeds from recent auctions have allowed students to assist underserved populations at a large variety of organizations, including the Children's Law Center of Sacramento, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, and California Rural Legal Assistance. Additionally, grant recipients have served the general public welfare in government internships, including the Sacramento Public Defender's Office, San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission. The experience of working in these internships often fuels and inspires graduates of the grant program to continue to develop expertise and pursue meaningful careers in public interest legal work.

Without the PLSS grants, many students would be forced to forego this crucial stepping-stone in a public interest career. They work hard for this opportunity. To receive a PLSS grant, each student applicant must complete seven volunteer hours of community service and seven volunteer hours for the auction. Additionally, each applicant must write a two-page essay explaining their commitment to public service and secure a qualifying public interest position.

The 24th Live & Silent Auction will be celebrated in the heart of Sacramento, at the California Museum. It will feature heavy appetizers, beverages, and live music. Our volunteers are working diligently to collect auction items, which include spa packages, wine tours, cigar tastings, beach resorts, and more. We are excited to invite alumni and friends of McGeorge to join us at our "home" for an enjoyable evening.

Your generosity as a sponsor would ensure that we meet our goal and can provide meaningful stipends for our fellow students' public interest work. Please see the attached sponsorship form for more information. Additionally, we welcome any auction items you may wish to contribute, which can be in-kind donations of services, art pieces, airline miles, legal services, timeshare vacations, and so on.

With your assistance, we can make sure that every student who qualifies for a PLSS grant is able to receiving summer funding. Thank you for your continued support of Pacific McGeorge and PLSS. We hope to see you at the auction on April 8th, 2016!

Sincerely,

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