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### **Judge Learned Hand Awards Are Announced**

The Arizona Region of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) will pay tribute to three outstanding legal professionals at its annual Judge Learned Hand Awards luncheon, on **Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Hyatt Regency Phoenix**.

**Howard R. Cabot**, a partner with Perkins Coie, **Barbara LaWall**, the Pima County Attorney, and **Lindsay N. Marshall**, the Executive Director of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, will be honored for their exceptional professional achievements and profound dedication to civic and philanthropic causes and organizations.

AJC's Judge Learned Hand luncheon recognizes distinguished individuals within the legal profession. Established in 1964, it honors those who have contributed meaningfully to the legal community and whose work reflects the integrity and broad humanitarian ideals exemplified by Judge Hand.

Howard Cabot, who has, for more than 30 years, been one of Arizona's leading commercial, securities and product liability trial lawyers, will accept AJC's *Community Service Award* for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles. A graduate of the Rutgers University School of Law, Howard practiced in Philadelphia before moving to Phoenix in 1980.

For more than three years, Howard has served, on a pro bono basis, as civilian counsel to Noor Uthman Muhammed, a Guantanamo detainee, securing for Mr. Muhammed a sentence of thirty-four months. Howard has served on the boards of a number of community-wide organizations, including the Phoenix Symphony, the Phoenix Library Foundation and the Herberger Theater. Howard has also been active in the Jewish Community, serving in lay leadership positions on the boards of the Jewish Community Foundation and Jewish Federation. He has for years taught a trial practice class at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and has served as a judge pro tem on the Maricopa County Superior Court and Arizona Court of Appeals.

Barbara LaWall will be presented with AJC's *Public Service Award* for her sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles through work in the non-profit and public sectors. During her fifteen years as the Pima County Attorney, Barbara has been a tireless advocate for equal treatment for women, persons with disabilities, crime victims and criminal defendants. She has overseen the creation of a number of innovative and important programs, including diversion and drug treatment

alternatives that give non-violent offenders the tools and support necessary to turn their lives around.

A graduate of the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, Barbara worked in the Pima County Attorney's Office for nearly twenty years before being elected to head that office in 1996. A nationally recognized expert in juvenile justice, domestic violence, child abuse and parental kidnapping issues, Barbara has served on numerous commissions and task forces. She lectures, locally and nationally, to law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial offices and the broader community. Barbara also serves on the boards of the YWCA-Tucson, the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center and Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Tucson.

Lindsay Marshall will be honored with AJC's *Emerging Leadership Award*, which is a tribute to an attorney practicing ten years or less who has demonstrated a commitment to the values of public or community service. Following her 2002 graduation from the Northwestern University School of Law, Lindsay worked for three years in the Washington, D.C. office of Perkins Coie. Lindsay left that job to earn a Master's in Criminal Justice and Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Since 2006, Lindsay has worked at the Florence Project, serving as its Executive Director for more than four years. During that time, Lindsay has overseen the Project through challenging circumstances, both financial and political, and helped bring about substantial growth in its programs and the number of people served. Lindsay speaks regularly to students and community members on immigration law, detention and policy and represents the Project in local and national advocacy initiatives.

Commenting on this year's honorees, Timothy J. Eckstein, chair of AJC's Judge Learned Hand Awards luncheon, commented: "Howard, Barbara, and Lindsay embody the very best in our legal community. Their professional contributions help advance a more just society and their philanthropic efforts help shape a world in which human rights and human dignity are protected for all peoples."

Over the course of its 107-year history, AJC has worked to safeguard minorities; fight terrorism, anti-Semitism, hatred and bigotry; pursue social justice; advance human dignity; support Israel's right to exist in peace and security; defend religious freedom; and provide humanitarian relief to those in need. Through innovative programs, education, research, media outreach, and extensive diplomatic advocacy, AJC works to advance freedom, liberty, tolerance and mutual respect.

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