

# WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS AWARD DINNER

Public  
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*Honoring:*

**Vice President  
Kamala D. Harris**

William O. Douglas Award

*Additional honorees to be announced*



**April 29, 2026 – Beverly Hills, CA**

# About Public Counsel

## PUBLIC COUNSEL IS...

Public Counsel is a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to advancing civil rights and racial and economic justice, as well as to amplifying the power of our clients through comprehensive legal advocacy. Founded on and strengthened by a pro bono legal service model, our staff and volunteers seek justice through direct legal services, promote healthy and resilient communities through education and outreach, and support community-led efforts to transform unjust systems through litigation and policy advocacy in and beyond Los Angeles.

**175** attorneys, social workers and staff

**3,000** *pro bono* partners from leading law firms, top universities and major corporations

**10,000+** people and **300** nonprofits receiving legal help each year

Conducting impact litigation on behalf of **millions** of people

# About The Event

## WHO:

**Vice President Kamala D. Harris** (William O. Douglas Award), TBD (Audrey Irmas Social Justice Impact Award, **Davis Wright Tremaine LLP** (Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award)

## WHAT:

The William O. Douglas Award Dinner is an annual event attended by over 1,000 leaders from the business, legal, political, entertainment, and philanthropic communities who gather together to support Public Counsel's work and to recognize those whose accomplishments have forever changed our nation and our world for the better.

## WHERE:

Beverly Hills, California

## WHEN:

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5:30 p.m. Reception – 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program



# Our Honorees

## Vice President Kamala Harris – William O. Douglas Award



**Kamala D. Harris** served as the 49th Vice President of the United States from 2021 to 2025—the first woman in American history to hold the office. She began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office before being elected District Attorney of San Francisco, where her Back on Track program became a national model for reducing recidivism. As California’s Attorney General, Harris prosecuted transnational gangs, big banks that defrauded homeowners, and for-profit colleges that targeted students and veterans. She defended the Affordable Care Act, fought for marriage

equality, and pioneered the nation’s first open-data initiative in the criminal justice system. In the United States Senate, Harris fought for civil, immigrant, and voting rights, and gained national recognition for her incisive questioning in committee hearings. As Vice President, she led efforts to strengthen global alliances and address child poverty, gun violence, student debt, maternal health, economic opportunity, and reproductive rights—casting more tie-breaking votes than any Vice President in history, including for pandemic relief and the largest climate investment ever. Throughout her career, she has always fought for the only client she has ever had: the people.

# Our Honorees

## Davis Wright Tremaine LLP – Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award



Davis Wright  
Tremaine LLP

When Davis Wright Tremaine’s founding partner, John Davis, asked, “...unless we are serving humankind to the top extent of our ability and putting our best talent into that service, what good is life?” he was defining a

principle that continues to guide the firm’s pro bono practice more than eight decades later.

That commitment is not only aspirational. It is reflected in a measurable, sustained, and intentional devotion to giving back. In 2025, DWT contributed over 31,275 hours of pro bono service, valued at \$25.6 million. That impact-driven work included a class action lawsuit filed in partnership with Public Counsel, the National Immigration Project, Kids in Need of Defense, and Lowenstein Sandler, challenging the abrupt termination of a federal program that allowed abused, neglected, or abandoned immigrant children to remain in the U.S. while awaiting visas.

In addition to direct advocacy, DWT fosters unique client-law firm collaborations that reflect a modern approach to pro bono practice at the intersection of technology, AI, and social impact. These efforts are reflected in the firm’s proprietary In-House Gateway to Good platform and its signature flagship initiatives, including the Protecting Journalists Pro Bono Program, Haven AI, and the Scam Justice Legal Clinic.

For DWT, pro bono is not simply an ethical obligation. It is a core expression of the firm’s purpose. Across decades, practice areas, and evolving forms of advocacy, DWT will continue to answer our founding partner’s question in the only way that matters – through action that meaningfully advances access to justice.

# About The Awards

## William O. Douglas Award

Chiseled in granite above the entrance to the United States Supreme Court are the words “Equal Justice Under Law.” The **William O. Douglas Award**, Public Counsel’s most prestigious honor, is presented to an individual of national or international prominence who has exemplified the principles for which Justice Douglas stood: equal access to justice, freedom of expression and equal rights. Prior award recipients have come from the fields of public service, law, journalism, education, and entertainment.

## Audrey Irmes Social Justice Impact Award

Established in 2018, the **AUDREY IRMAS SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACT AWARD** is presented to an individual or individuals whose work and philanthropy epitomizes an understanding of true advocacy and justice for those most vulnerable in our communities.

## Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award

Public Counsel presents the **Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award** to a law firm or corporate counsel for their leadership in partnering with us to support our clients, take on high-impact cases, and strengthen our advocacy efforts. Past award recipients have been recognized for their dedication to children’s advocacy, affordable housing, assisting veterans, supporting transformative impact litigation, and myriad immigration issues, to name just a few.

# Recent Douglas Honorees



Jane Fonda



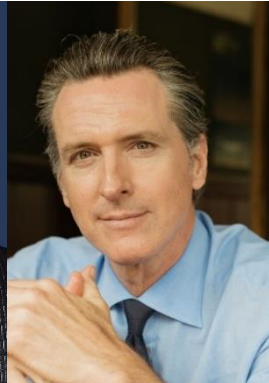
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Nancy Pelosi



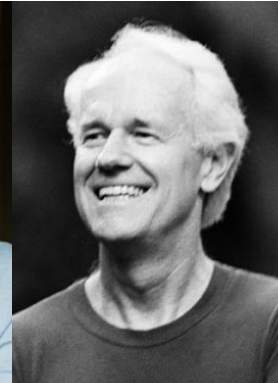
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John Legend



Governor  
Gavin Newsom



Mike Farrell



Rev. James M.  
Lawson, Jr.



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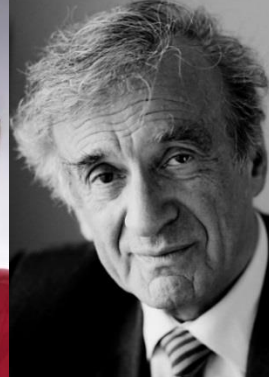
Dolores Huerta



Secretary  
Hillary Clinton



Senator  
Elizabeth Dole



Elie Wiesel

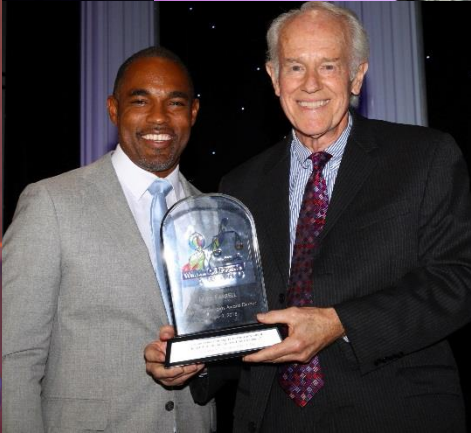


President  
Bill Clinton



Senator  
Tammy Duckworth

# A look back at PAST EVENTS



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# Sponsorship Opportunities

## **GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE (\$100,000)**

Public Counsel offers its deepest appreciation to the Guardians of Justice for their extraordinary commitment to supporting equal access to justice under law. Guardians of Justice receive prominent recognition in all aspects of the event including press and media communication, printed materials and during the awards program. This includes press releases, Dinner invitation and Tribute Journal, signage, live media during the dinner presentation and from the podium during the awards program. Dinner package includes two tables of ten with preeminent seating, a distinctive platinum page in the digital and printed Tribute Journal.

## **SENTINEL OF JUSTICE (\$75,000)**

Sentinels of Justice receive prominent recognition in all aspects of the event including press and media communication, printed materials and during the awards program. This includes press releases, Dinner invitation and Tribute Journal, signage, live media during the dinner presentation and from the podium during the awards program. Dinner package includes two tables of ten with preeminent seating, and a distinctive platinum page in the digital and printed Tribute Journal.

## **MILLENNIUM FOUNDER (\$50,000)**

Name listed as a Millennium Founder in the invitation, in all press and media communication and in the media presentation during dinner. Includes one table of ten in the Millennium Founder's Circle, and a page with distinctive placement in the digital and printed Tribute Journal.

## **FOUNDER (\$35,000)**

Name listed as a Founder in the invitation, in all press and media communication and in the media presentation during dinner. Includes one table of ten in the Founder's Circle, and one page with premium placement in the digital and printed Tribute Journal.

## **UNDERWRITER (\$25,000)**

Name listed as an Underwriter in the invitation, in all press and media communication and in the media presentation during dinner. Includes one table of ten in the Underwriter's Circle, and one page with very special placement in the digital and printed Tribute Journal.

## **BENEFACTOR (\$15,000)**

Name listed as a Benefactor in the invitation, in all press and media communication and in the media presentation during dinner. Includes one table of ten in the Benefactor's Circle, and one page with special placement in the digital Tribute Journal.

## **PARTNER (\$10,000)**

Name listed as a Partner in the invitation, one table of ten in the Partner's Circle, and one page in the digital Tribute Journal.

## **PATRON (\$7,500) (Limited)**

One table of ten in the Patron's Circle and one page in the digital Tribute Journal.

## **FRIEND (\$2,500)**

Two tickets and a full-page in the digital Tribute Journal.

# Tribute Journal Opportunities

**PLATINUM PAGE** (\$5,000)

**GOLD PAGE** (\$3,000)

**SAPPHIRE PAGE** (\$2,000)

**FULL PAGE** (\$1,000)

**HALF-PAGE** (\$500)

**Ad Deadline: Wednesday, April 15**

High Res artwork (PDF, JPG or PNG) can be emailed to:

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For sponsorships or additional information, please contact Cheyanne Picone at [cpicone@publiccounsel.org](mailto:cpicone@publiccounsel.org)

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## DIGITAL Tribute Journal Page Dimensions:

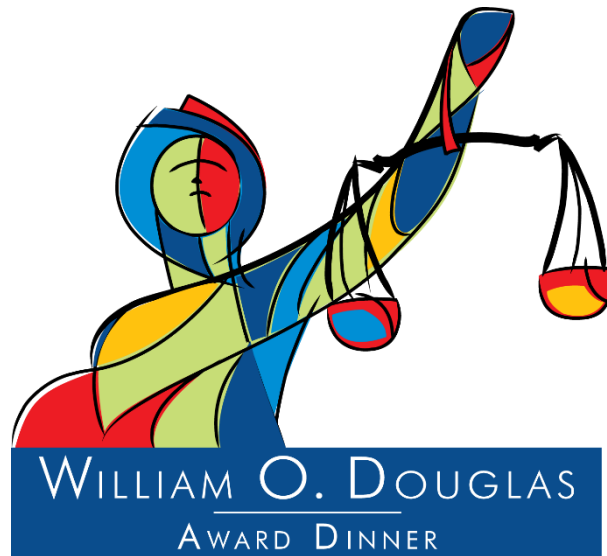
DIGITAL Full-page  
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10" x 5.63"

Half-page  
Maximum  
image size:  
5" x 5.63"

## PRINTED Tribute Journal Page Dimensions:

Full-page  
Maximum image size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Half-page  
Maximum image  
size:  
5 1/2" x 4"



# Thank you for your consideration

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