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**D.C. CONSORTIUM OF LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS ANNOUNCES
ENDORSEMENTS IN D.C. BAR ELECTIONS**

Supports H. Guy Collier for President-Elect

The D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers is pleased to announce its endorsement of candidates for D.C. Bar office. The Consortium is a coalition of 30 organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income people, or people in other disadvantaged groups, living in the District of Columbia. Its principal criterion for endorsement is the extent to which a candidate has a demonstrated commitment to, and a vision for, increasing access to justice for low-income and disadvantaged people and groups of people in the District of Columbia.

In making its endorsements, the Consortium considered material supplied by the candidates, including the candidates' resumes and responses to a Consortium questionnaire. The endorsement for President-Elect was also based on the candidates' oral presentations to the Consortium membership. Only those candidates who submitted an endorsement package to the Consortium could be considered for endorsement.

The Consortium endorses **H. Guy Collier** for President-Elect. The Consortium notes that the decision of which candidate for President-Elect to endorse this year was particularly difficult, as both candidates exhibited a long history of and commitment to pro bono work and addressing the justice gap. Although the Consortium endorses Mr. Collier, we believe that both candidates would work toward increasing access to justice for low-income and disadvantaged people in the District of Columbia. The Consortium is also confident that the following individuals will devote significant attention to increasing access to justice in the District of Columbia:

Secretary:	Adam M. Chud
Treasurer:	Shuchi Batra
Board of Governors:	Karen E. Evans Theodore A. Howard Richard J. Marks Lindsey R. Vaala Christopher P. Zubowicz
ABA House of Delegates:	Wynter P. Allen John (Jack) C. Keeney, Jr. Lucy L. Thomson

For further information on the Consortium's endorsements, please contact the Consortium Coordinator, Holly Eaton, at ConsortiumCoordinator@gmail.com or (240) 533-6356.

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Advocates for Justice and Education
The Amara Legal Center
The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
Ayuda, Inc.
Bread for the City
Capital Area Immigrants Rights (CAIR) Coalition
Catholic Charities Legal Network of the Archdiocese of Washington
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
The Children's Law Center
Catholic University Columbus School of Law Community Legal Services
DC Crime Victims Resource Center
DC Law Students in Court
The District of Columbia Bar Pro Bono Center*
The DC Volunteer Lawyers' Project
Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)
The Employment Justice Center
First Shift Justice Project
The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
Legal Counsel for the Elderly
Mil Mujeres
Neighborhood Legal Services Program
Network for Victim Recovery - DC
The Public Defender Service of DC*
The Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities
University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
University Legal Services
Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts
The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services Program

*The DC Bar Pro Bono Center and The Public Defender Service of DC took no part in the endorsement of candidates in the Bar elections.