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**Children's Law Center Heralds the Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
as Recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Child Advocate Award**

Washington, DC – Children's Law Center (CLC) presented the Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr. with the 2009 Distinguished Child Advocate Award at its ninth annual *Helping Children Soar* benefit last night at the Kennedy Center. More than 450 members of the business, legal and philanthropic community came together for this sold out event to support DC's children.

The benefit, chaired by Children's Law Center's board member Nancy Sidamon-Eristoff, directly supports CLC's programs, which provide comprehensive legal services on behalf of 1,200 of DC's low-income and at-risk children each year.

The Distinguished Child Advocate Award honors an individual who has demonstrated a unique commitment to improving the lives of at-risk children in the District of Columbia. This year's recipient, the Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr., was honored for his trail-blazing career and his ongoing commitment to child advocacy.

In accepting the award, Mr. Holder told an attentive crowd that he shared Children's Law Center's vision to improve the lives of all DC children. He also spoke of the important role high quality legal services play in ensuring good outcomes for children.

"The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr. has been a champion for DC's children as a public servant, an advocate for pro bono legal services and a long-standing supporter of Children's Law Center," said Judith Sandalow, Executive Director of CLC.

During the evening event, the Children's Law Center also launched their new web site at www.childrenslawcenter.org.

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Children's Law Center is the largest legal services provider in the District of Columbia and the only organization that provides free, comprehensive legal representation specifically on behalf of children. Children's Law Center envisions a future for the District of Columbia in which every child has a safe home, a meaningful education and a healthy mind and body. Children's Law Center works to achieve this vision by providing legal services to at-risk children and their families and using the knowledge they gain from representing their individual clients to advocate for changes in the law and its implementation. For more information, visit www.childrenslawcenter.org