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Children's Law Center Volunteer Named Top Pro Bono Lawyer by DC Bar

WASHINGTON, DC (June 10, 2010) – Children's Law Center today announced that one of its pro bono attorneys who has worked on site at CLC for nearly five years has been honored with the 2010 Pro Bono Lawyer Award by the DC Bar.

Nancy Hendry, former general counsel of the Peace Corps and prior to that, vice president and deputy general counsel at the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), volunteered more than 1,700 hours of service in 2009 to Children's Law Center to improve the lives of low-income and at-risk children in the District.

"Nancy's commitment to the children in DC is an inspiration to our staff and the hundreds of other pro bono attorneys who work with us," said Judith Sandalow, executive director of Children's Law Center. "Nancy brings a wide range of skills to CLC – she has handled heart-wrenching adoption cases, reviewed pleadings drafted by more junior attorneys and strengthened CLC's own policies and procedures. We are fortunate to have someone as versatile as Nancy who is willing to step in wherever her skills are needed."

On June 24, 2010, the DC Bar will recognize Nancy's accomplishments and commitment at its Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner.

"I so admire the work that Children's Law Center does to better the lives of children in DC and feel privileged to have contributed in even a small measure to that effort," said Hendry. "As an attorney, nothing could be more rewarding than to make a difference in a child's life, and I am grateful to Children's Law Center for the opportunity to do so."

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About Children's Law Center

Children's Law Center works to give every child in the District of Columbia a solid foundation of family, health and education. As the largest provider of free legal services in the District, our 70-person staff partners with local pro bono attorneys to serve 1,200 at-risk children each year. We use this expertise to advocate for changes in the District's laws, policies and programs. For more information, visit www.childrenslawcenter.org.