

# SAN DIEGO LAWYER

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## 2010 Service Award WINNERS



BACK ROW: Hon. Napoleon Jones Jr. (awarded posthumously), Stephen Kelly, Lizzette Herrera, Steven Boudreau, Lei-Chala Wilson

MIDDLE: Marty Lorenzo, Community HousingWorks' Gabe del Rio, Jill Burkhardt, Anna Romanskaya, Juan Zúñiga

FRONT: Affordable Housing Advocates' Peter Liss and Catherine Rodman; Latham & Watkins, LLP's Robert Knaier, Cynthia Cwik, and Bruce Shepherd; Julie Myres

**PLUS** Examining the State of Our Courts



## PUBLIC SERVICE BY AN AGENCY

**Affordable Housing Advocates**  
(formerly San Diego Friends  
of Legal Aid)

**Founded:** AHA was founded in 1991 by the late Al Walkoe to raise money and support for special projects at Legal Aid Society of San Diego. When, in 1996, Congress imposed restrictions on the types of clients and cases Legal Aid could accept, AHA changed its mission to provide legal representation in impact cases. Since 2002, AHA has focused exclusively on expanding affordable housing and tenants' rights for the poor. Given the region's high housing costs, increasing the supply and quality of affordable housing for those earning at or near the minimum wage will continue to have the greatest impact on improving the quality of the lives of our clients and their families.

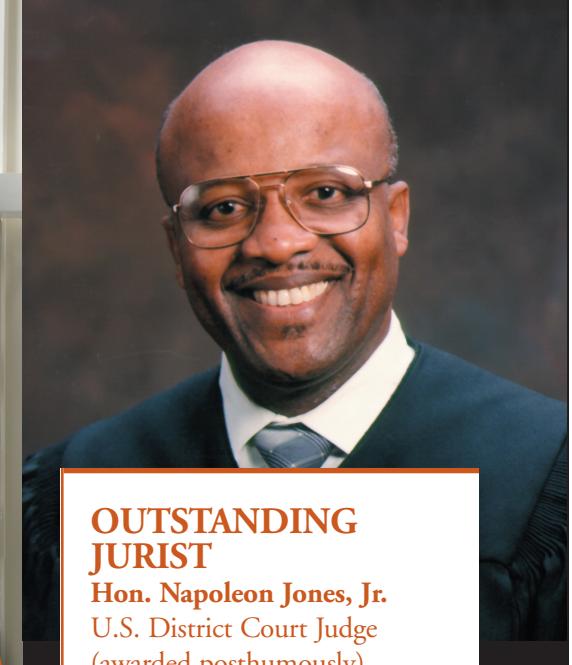
**Leader:** Catherine A. Rodman, director and supervising attorney  
**School:** University of California, Irvine; California Western School of Law

**Advice:** I will borrow from Frederick Douglass and advise them to "agitate, agitate, agitate!"

**Meaning of Service:** Legal service is the enforcement, adoption or amendment of laws that can help to make our civil society a more just and virtuous one.



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## OUTSTANDING JURIST

**Hon. Napoleon Jones, Jr.**  
U.S. District Court Judge  
(awarded posthumously)

**School:** San Diego State University, undergraduate and master's degree; University of San Diego School of Law

**Years in profession:** Defenders, Inc. (1973-1975); Jones, Cazares, Adler & Lopez (1975-1977); Municipal Court, San Diego Judicial District (1977-1982); Superior Court, San Diego Judicial District (1982-1994); Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court Division (1989); U.S. District Court, Southern District of California (1994); Senior District Court Judge Status (2008)

## OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

**Steven Boudreau**

Partner, Boudreau Williams

**School:** University of San Diego; California Western School of Law

**Years Practicing Law:** 34 years

**Dinner Guests:** Jacques Cousteau, Shakira and General George Marshall.

**Curiosity:** The quantity and forms of organisms in the measurable universe.

**Advice:** Do your homework.

**Meaning of Service:** Share your blessings with those less blessed.

"I have had the distinct honor and privilege to practice law before Judge Jones as an advocate and to have worked alongside him as a colleague on the federal district court. Civil and criminal litigants entering his courtroom had every confidence that they would be fairly heard, regardless of status or treasure. He balanced toughness and compassion in an exceptional manner. When handling some of the most controversial, hot-button issues that challenged the framework of the federal constitution, his decisions were based on the law and his sound and informed judgment, without regard to the drumbeat of the public pulse.

"Outside of the courtroom, he made it his driving purpose to involve himself in community activities and civic programs that enriched the lives of African-American children and other children of color. His presence and participation also humanized the position of a 'judge,' which served to encourage confidence in the judicial system and show young people that anyone wanting to be a judge, or to pursue any career that appeared to be outside of their current circumstances, could do it."

—Hon. John Houston, Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California