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The American Jewish Committee to bestow Judge Learned Hand Awards

The Arizona Chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) will present its 2006 Judge Learned Hand Awards at a luncheon on Wednesday, **March 29 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Hyatt Regency Phoenix at Civic Plaza, 122 N. 2nd Street.**

Three area attorneys are being honored. **David B. Rosenbaum** of the Phoenix law firm Osborn Maledon will be given the *Community Service Award* for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles. ASU Law School **Prof. Rebecca A. Tsosie** will receive the *Public Service Award* for her sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles through work in the non-profit and public sectors. And **Sal J. Rivera** of the Phoenix law firm Fennemore Craig will be presented with the *Emerging Leadership Award*. This is a tribute to an attorney practicing 10 years or less who has demonstrated a commitment to the values of public or community service.

The honorees were chosen by an independent Selection Committee, consisting of more than 60 prominent attorneys in the community. "These three recipients reflect the legal profession's highest ideals and principles," said Stephen Bressler, AJC vice president, and a partner in Lewis and Roca's Phoenix office. Bressler is co-chairing the event along with AJC board member Peter Kozinets, an attorney in Steptoe & Johnson's Phoenix office.

Rosenbaum's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in the state and federal courts. He has represented public companies and their officers and directors in numerous securities fraud class actions; represented Fortune 50 companies in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters, including matters involving intellectual property disputes; represented a major telecommunications company in an array of commercial litigation matters; represented companies in sales and use tax disputes; and represented national and local companies in employment controversies, including class-action discrimination lawsuits. A graduate of Georgetown University's Law Center, he is a past president of the Federal Bar Association and Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Tsosie is a professor of law at Arizona State University, the executive director of the Indian Legal Program and a faculty fellow for the Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology. Tsosie is the author of many prominent articles dealing with cultural resources, environmental policy and cultural pluralism and is the co-author of the leading federal Indian law casebook, entitled *American Indian Law: Native Nations and the Federal System*. Tsosie was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and received the American Bar Association's "2002 Spirit of Excellence Award." She has represented individual Native clients on land issues, Indian Child Welfare Act cases and health benefits cases and serves as a consultant to Native organizations on repatriation issues.

Rivera's practice focuses on tort, commercial, land use and employment litigation. He received his law degree from the University of Chicago. Before law school, he served as a legislative assistant to Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe. Today he is a director of his firm, Fennemore Craig. He chairs the firm's diversity committee and serves on the scholarship committee. Mr. Rivera is the co-founder and chair of the Arizona Latino Research Enterprise, the immediate past chair of the Phoenix Boys Choir Board of Trustees, and he serves on the Los Abogados Board of Directors. He is also an accomplished musician; he is the drummer for the firm's "house band."

The American Jewish Committee created The Learned Hand Award in 1964 to honor the memory of a jurist many refer to as "the best judge never to become a Supreme Court Justice." The award recognizes distinguished members of the Bar from across the nation for their adherence to the values and standard of excellence associated with Judge Hand.

Members of the legal community have corporate sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$800 to \$10,000. Individual tickets are available for \$85, and for those under age 35, tickets may be purchased at the reduced price of \$60 each.

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