About the cover: Doña Isabel Rosado Morales, a fierce defender of Puerto Rico’s right to self-determination and independence, will mark her 106th birthday next month. A teacher and a social worker, and one of the founders of the Colegio de Trabajadores Sociales she not only served 16 years as a political prisoner in Puerto Rico’s jails for defending Nationalist Party headquarters and its leader don Pedro Albizu Campos, but she was also active in ongoing efforts to oust the U.S. Navy from the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

Rafael Cancel Miranda describes her: “For me, Doña Isabelita is the dignity of my homeland. A woman with much integrity, Puerto Rican, and for me she is an example of what a human being should be.”

This photo, taken in Vieques during a protest of the U.S. Navy’s presence by Claridad photographer Freddie Toledo on May 19, 1979, when Doña Isabelita was 72 years old, is an iconic representation of the resistance of the Puerto Rican people to colonial occupation by the United States.

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Bienvenidos a San Juan!

On behalf of the local organizing committee of the Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas de Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Subcommittee of the NLG International Committee, we are thrilled to welcome you to the 76th Annual Convention of the National Lawyers Guild and the first convention held in a U.S. colony! We welcome you all with un abrazo, which is, after all, the Puerto Rican tradition.

In the time since our original bid to hold the convention here, and in the process of its planning, the bonds of solidarity between the NLG and the Colegio have become even stronger. Our president Azadeh Shahshahani attended the Colegio’s annual assembly in September of this year, as did our former president David Gespass in 2012. Both Guild presidents addressed the assembly, highlighting our common work and solidarity. The reception in Puerto Rico was extraordinarily enthusiastic. The Colegio’s past president Osvaldo Toledo attended the Philadelphia NLG Convention, while current Colegio president Ana Irma Rivera Lassén participated in Pasadena, with the NLG’s reception and the interchange further solidifying the solidarity between the two organizations.

The Guild’s National Office and the National Executive Committee have demonstrated inspiring flexibility, support and solidarity, open to our suggestions for making this a special convention. And you, the members of the Guild, have warmed our hearts by accepting our encouragement to include our Puerto Rican colleagues as presenters at CLEs, workshops and panels, making for rich exchanges and hopefully long-lasting personal relations. We are particularly excited by several notable events: the convening of a plenary to discuss the colonial case of Puerto Rico; the suspending of Sunday meetings to facilitate participation in walking tours and trips; the NEC proclamation in solidarity with Puerto Rico; and the conferral of the Law for the People Award on two of the Puerto Rico Subcommittee co-chairs, Judith Berkan and Jan Susler.

As you undoubtedly know by now, hopefully in an up-front and personal way, Puerto Rico is one of the last remaining colonies in the world, having been invaded by the United States in 1898 after four hundred years of Spanish colonial rule. Although the United States seeks to disguise Puerto Rico’s status as a colony, pointing to Puerto Rico’s status since 1952 as a "Commonwealth" ("Free Associated State" when translated from Spanish), the reality is otherwise. The ongoing colonial status is at the root of
most social, economic and political issues on the island, and influences daily living and survival.

Historically, Puerto Rico has been a testing ground for repressive policies, including the forced sterilization of Puerto Rican women for decades, the testing of high dosage contraceptives, decades-long bombing and use of biochemical warfare in the offshore islands of Vieques and Culebra, mass firings of public workers and removal of collective bargaining protections for unions, and most recently the testing of genetically modified seeds by agribusiness companies. All of this is in combination with repression of independence forces and the criminalization of the independence movement. The experimentation on the island and its people demonstrates the impact of continuous imperialism and the denial of self-determination. The past several years have also seen a wave of neoliberal, repressive policies and practices targeted at a cross-section of sectors, including low-income workers, teachers, students, LGBT community, unions and the Colegio, among others, as well as a wave of resistance to such oppressive policies.

Guild members have been active in the face of such repression and in the struggle for self-determination and independence. The Guild’s decades-long history of solidarity encompasses the establishment of the Puerto Rico Legal Project in the 1970s and the current and past work for the release of Puerto Rican political prisoners, including the current campaign to free Oscar López Rivera. Lifelong bonds have been established between freed prisoners and Guild members who played key roles in the campaigns for their release. A prime example is the ongoing bond between our Keynote speaker Rafael Cancel Miranda and Michael Deutsch, stemming from the work leading to the 1979 presidential commutation of Don Rafa’s sentence and the sentences of four other Nationalists who all served over 25 years in U.S. prisons.

In addition to welcoming you to Puerto Rico, we also want to thank you – or darles las gracias – for a number of reasons: your willingness to break out of the mold and attend this convention; your openness in the wonderful exchanges we are enjoying with our Puerto Rican colleagues; your keeping Puerto Rico on your radar screen after you leave this amazing nation; for educating Guild members about Puerto Rico upon your return home; and for your ongoing solidarity...

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Saturday, October 26, 2013
7:00-10:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Welcome by Azadeh Shahshahani
7:15 p.m. Presentation of CB King Award to Claire White
7:30 p.m. Música y baile
7:45 p.m. Invite attendees to microphone
8:15 p.m. Música y baile
8:30 p.m. Invite attendees to microphone
9:00 p.m. Presentation of Law for the People Award to Judith Berkan and Jan Susler
10:00 p.m. Program concludes
Judith Berkan is a partner in the San Juan law firm of Berkan/Mendez, where she is one of Puerto Rico’s leading civil rights attorneys. A native New Yorker, Judith came to activism as an adolescent when she became involved in the civil rights, gender equity, and anti-war movements of the 1960s. She joined the Guild when she began law school in 1971.

First practicing at New Haven Legal Services and at the community-based Centro Puertorriqueño para la Justicia in Hartford, Judith was a founding member of the New Haven Law Collective. She came to Puerto Rico in 1977 as a staff member of the Puerto Rico Legal Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Her early work included representing student strikers at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) and several independentistas brought before federal grand juries. As attorney for families of the independentistas slain at Cerro Maravilla on July 25, 1978, Judith enlisted Guild lawyers from the US to assist in uncovering the truth of what had taken place, while collaborating closely with community groups denouncing the murder and related political repression. Judith was the attorney for the Vieques fishermen, leading to her arrest in 1979 with the “Vieques 21.” Her legal work coincided with a growing mass movement in Puerto Rico in support of the people of Vieques, but her visibility in that role led to a politically motivated three-year delay in gaining admission to the bar of the federal court in Puerto Rico.

In the late 1970s, Judith began working as a professor of constitutional law and civil rights at the Intewr-American University of Puerto Rico (IAU), where she still teaches today. She also taught at UPR in the 2000s. Judith has become known for her activism on gender issues, reproductive rights, LGBT, workers rights, anti-repression and community initiatives.

Judith has maintained a private law practice since 1980, and is a leading litigator in employment discrimination and police abuse cases. She has established key precedents in both the Puerto Rico courts and the First Circuit. She has been appointed to Special Commissions of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court on gender discrimination and judicial independence. She served as Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of the Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas de Puerto Rico, (Puerto Rico’s bar association), and represented the Colegio when attacks by the right-wing threatened its very existence, due to the Colegio’s defense of human rights and commitment to decolonization.

Among many professional honors, last year Judith received the prestigious Nilita Vientos Award of the Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas for her work in defense of Puerto Rico and human rights; she is the first recipient of the Award to not have been born in Puerto Rico. In addition, Judith also serves on the Advisory Board of the NLG’s National Police Accountability Project.
Jan Sulser’s work with the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and with progressive movements challenging U.S. foreign and domestic policies has been a constant throughout her 36 years as a lawyer. For over three decades she has represented Puerto Rican political prisoners, and she served as lead counsel in the efforts culminating in the 1999 presidential commutation of their sentences.

Since 1982 Jan has been an attorney with the People’s Law Office (PLO) in Chicago, before which she was as a Clinical Law Professor at the legal clinic at Southern Illinois University’s School of Law, Prison Legal Aid. At the PLO she continued her litigation and advocacy work on prisoners’ rights issues and also took on representing people wrongfully imprisoned, falsely arrested, strip searched, or subjected to excessive force by police officers.

She was an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Northeastern Illinois University, and taught constitutional law at the University of Puerto Rico. Her advocacy has included testifying in hearings at the U.S. House of Representatives and the United Nations, and she has written and lectured extensively about her work.


Each year the National Lawyers Guild gives the Law for the People Award to an individual or group whose work embodies the values that our membership holds dear. Previous recipients include Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste (PCUN) in 2005, civil libertarian David Cole (2003), the Eurofresh Tomato Workers, (2001), and Transport Workers Local 100 President Roger Toussaint (2006).
A Guild member since 1973, Jonathan C. Moore is a partner in the law firm of Beldock, Levine & Hoffman LLP. His area of practice is civil rights with a focus on police and governmental misconduct, employment discrimination, First Amendment advocacy and international human rights.

Jonathan has successfully litigated significant cases both on behalf of individuals and as class counsel in cases involving systemic misconduct in police departments in New York and throughout the country. He practices in both federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. Jonathan has served as an adjunct professor of law at CUNY School of Law in New York, teaching a course on government misconduct. He has also lectured on excessive force litigation for the Practising Law Institute. He was a founding editor of the *Police Misconduct and Civil Rights Law Report* and has contributed articles to the publication as well as the *Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook*.

This year, along with the Center for Constitutional Rights and Covington & Burling, Jon served as co-counsel in *Floyd, et al. v. City of New York, et al.*, a federal class action lawsuit filed against the New York City Police Department charging the NYPD with engaging in racial profiling and suspicionless stop-and-frisks of law-abiding New York City residents. The named plaintiffs in CCR’s case – David Floyd, David Ourlicht, Lalit Clarkson, and Deon Dennis – represent the thousands of New Yorkers unlawfully stopped on the way to work, in front of their home, or just walking down the street because they are men of color. In August, Judge Shira A. Scheindlin ruled that the stop-and-frisk practices violated the Fourth and 14th Amendment rights of minorities in the city. She called for a federal monitor to oversee systemic reforms.

*Each year the Ernie Goodman Award is awarded to a Guild lawyer who, within the past several years or currently, is engaged in legal struggle against financial, political or social odds to obtain justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless or persecuted. The Goodman Award is given by the National Lawyers Guild Foundation.*
Bacilio Mendez II is the chair of the NLG Queer Caucus and a legal librarian with a focus on emerging technologies, competitive intelligence, and technical services law librarianship. Bacilio is a Beta Phi Mu graduate of Pratt Institute’s School of Information and Library Science (Pratt SILS), being awarded an MLIS and certificates in Archival and Museum Library Studies. He interned in the archives of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims and 40 Acres a Mule Filmworks, Inc. (Spike Lee’s film production company).

Bacilio was named the New York State Unified Court System’s 2010 Nathan R. Sobel Law Library Fellow, serving the pro se litigants of the Kings County Supreme Court Law Library and redesigning the library’s intranet and research web portals. Bacilio served as a research assistant in the Copyright Advisory Office of the Columbia University Libraries, where he worked on the University’s official response to a White House Office of Science and Technology Policy request for information on Open Access best practices. His most recent endeavors include an eBook-focused internship with the Dag Hammarskjöld Library of the United Nations; a data visualization and mobile app development project with the National Lawyers Guild as a Haywood Burns Memorial Fellow for Social & Economic Justice; and a Law and Technology Fellowship with LeGaL (The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York).

In his spare time Bacilio chairs ACT UP/DAWG, the Digital Activism Working Group of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, working to combat HIV criminalization.

The annual NLG Legal Worker Award is given to a Guild member whose legal support work has demonstrated leadership in the organization, marked by one or more notable accomplishments, and recognized by her or his peers.
Claire White is President of the UC Davis King Hall School of Law NLG Chapter. Claire joined the Guild her first year of law school and during that year served as the Outreach and Communications Chair. Claire is passionate about issues including veterans’ rights, anti-war activism, prisoners’ rights and prison reform, and constantly strives to build solidarity among social justice warriors of different stripes. She has organized and hosted critical poetry readings at King Hall on topics including LBGTQ rights and the right of indigenous peoples, legal observed at over 15 events, conducted trainings for new legal observers and organized a Prisoners' Rights, Rehabilitation and Release panel for the Bay Area NLG Progressive Lawyering Day. Claire has also shown a passion for criminal defense and the rights of the public in their dealings with law enforcement, conducting numerous Know Your Rights training sessions to numerous community offenders.

Claire authored by-laws for the King Hall Guild Chapter, creating 8 distinct committees dedicated to specific social justice constituencies, including International Affairs, Drug Policy, Environmental Justice, and LBGTQ issues.

In her involvement with the restoration of the Sacramento NLG Chapter, Claire authored the chapter by-laws, created the chapter website, and provided research assistance to the Beale 9 defense team during their prosecution related to anti-drone activism. Claire had served as an Arabic linguist in the U.S. Air Force for six years, during which she earned her Bachelor’s Degree from George Washington University in May 2012. Inspired by her experience in the Air Force, Claire serves on the Kill Hall Veterans Association and has been instrumental in the foundation of a veterans’ legal clinic at King Hall. Claire is also a member of the UC Davis prison law clinic, representing lifers at parole board hearings.

Claire is married to Prince White, a communications professor and speech and debate coach at Sacramento City College pursing his PhD at Howard University. Together they have three sons, Elijah, 10, Langston, 5, and Che, 4.

C. B. King (Chevene Bowers King, 1923-1988) was one of the country’s most prominent and courageous civil rights lawyers. For over 30 years he practiced law in Albany, Georgia, where he was a major figure in the civil rights movement. He was well-known for his courage, courtroom eloquence, and legal skills in the face of tremendous adversity and sometimes even violent opposition during the civil rights movement in Georgia. C.B. King was also a great teacher. In his office, on the streets and in the courtroom, he taught several generations of law students and young lawyers how to practice law with a commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised and the oppressed. A great many students underwent life-changing experiences under his tutelage.
Cecillia Wang was raised in the San Francisco suburbs by her immigrant parents. She first found her calling as a civil rights lawyer as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, when she learned about the movement for reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. As a law student at Yale, she represented clients through the Immigration Clinic and Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic. She then served as a clerk for Judge William Norris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice Harry Blackmun of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Today, Cecillia is the Director of the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project. Her work with IRP dates back to 1992, when she participated with other clinic students in a case challenging the U.S. policy of seizing Florida-bound Haitian refugees at sea and detaining them at Guantánamo. She continued as an IRP fellow in 1997-98 and then returned permanently to IRP after serving as a federal public defender in New York and on the federal indigent defense panel in San Francisco.

Cecillia’s practice currently centers on issues at the intersection of immigration and criminal law, including state anti-immigrant laws, racial profiling and other unlawful police practices. Recently she has been litigating constitutional challenges against state anti-immigrant laws and policies including Alabama’s HB 56 and Arizona’s Proposition 100 and a successful certified class action against racial profiling of Latinos by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office. Cecillia also led the ACLU’s efforts to challenge widespread naturalization delays that arose from post-9/11 policies of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. And she worked as part of a team of IRP attorneys who stood up to challenge the U.S. Defense Department’s practice of torturing Iraqi and Afghan detainees in U.S. military custody.

Cecillia is a frequent commentator on topics relating to immigrants’ rights through media outlets including National Public Radio, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Arizona Republic, CNN and Fox News. She serves on the boards of the Asian Law Caucus and Chinese for Affirmative Action, community-based social justice organizations in San Francisco. Cecillia has been recognized for her efforts on behalf of immigrant communities through Vanderbilt Law School’s Social Justice Fellowship, the Asian American Bar Association’s Joe Morozumi Award for Exceptional Legal Advocacy, and the Dolores Street Community Service organization’s Eric Quezada Courage Award.

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild awards the Carol Weiss King Award annually for excellence in the pursuit of social justice through organizing, litigating, and teaching. The award has honored dozens of individuals whose work has significantly advanced human and civil rights for all prominent U.S. lawyer Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) who specialized in immigration law and the defense of the civil rights of immigrants, and was a founding member of he National Lawyers Guild.
One of the Guild’s longest-serving and most respected members, Ann Fagan Ginger is an American lawyer, teacher, writer, and political activist. She persevered in the face of rampant sexism in and out of the Guild, appearing as the only female delegate at the first racially integrated meeting of lawyers in the South, arguing before the Supreme Court, and guiding the NLG through the Red Scare. Faced with hostility from the House Un-American Activities Committee, the FBI, and Attorney General Herbert Brownell, she successfully fought the listing of the NLG as a subversive organization and kept its organizational core intact.

Ann is a founder and the executive director of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute in Berkeley. Ann practiced law for many years in Berkeley, California. She has been a visiting professor of law at a number of schools in California and Washington, is the author of many books and articles, and lectures widely. She is an expert in civil liberties law and peace law under the statutes of the United States and the United Nations, and has argued and won before the U.S. Supreme Court. She was the Chair of the City of Berkeley Commission on Peace and Justice from 1986-1989 and Vice-Chair from 1989-1999.


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Jonathan Moore

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CONGRATULATIONS ANN FAGAN GINGER!!!

Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and the MCLI Board of Directors want to honor Ann for her keen mind and unrelenting drive for human rights. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Ann all these years and we look forward to working with Ann for many more years to come.

Ann stands for the teaching and the dissemination of human rights everywhere. Ann has been an inspiration to all of us.

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“If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, it energizes us to act, and raises at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don’t have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.”

- Howard Zinn

For JAN, JUDY and JON

Marty Stolar & Elsie Chandler
Cra. JANE RASMUSSEN

Jane y Juan-Jose, circa 1982

Abogada del NLG-PRLP y una verdadera creyente en los derechos humanos.

Presente!

To Our Dear Friends

JON, JUDY, JAN, CECILLIA & ANN
and to all the other honorees:

YOU ROCK!!
We are very proud to be in the Guild with you all.

MARC VAN DER HOUT AND JODY LEWITTER
SAN FRANCISCO
¡Felicitaciones!

Jonathan Moore
Recipient of the NLGF Ernie Goodman Award

and

Judith Berkan and Jan Susler
Ann Fagan Ginger
Bacilio Mendez II
Cecillia Wang
Claire White

National Lawyers Guild Foundation
¡Recuérdenos en su testamento!
Congratulations to all of this year's honorees

who collectively demonstrate the strength of the Guild in so many different struggles.
A remarkable group of people's lawyers!
**How wonderful that we are in Puerto Rico!**

Congratulations to Judy and Jan who have done such exemplary work here.

Congratulations to all the members of the Guild who supported the anti-colonialist struggle here, and to the Guild itself, for its constant support of that work.

And I must use this page to remember My client and friend Jorge Farinacci, Labor lawyer, Independentista, and Machetero.
Intelligent, thoughtful, and brave.
You taught me so much.
**We miss you.**

Michael Avery
Boston, Massachusetts
The NLG International Committee salutes

Ann Fagan Ginger
Inspiration, educator and leader in groundbreaking work for human rights for all
2013 Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award honoree
and
Judith Berkan and Jan Susler
True people’s lawyers for justice and liberation
2013 Law for the People Award honorees
and
Jonathan Moore, Bacilio Mendez II, Claire White, and Cecillia Wang
Congratulations!

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Congratulate
Bacilio Mendez II
Legal Worker Award Recipient

We salute Bacilio’s energy, creativity, enthusiasm and invaluable contributions to building an anti-racist and anti-oppressive National Lawyers Guild.
Congratulations on this well-deserved honor from the National Lawyers Guild!

YOU ARE OUR FRIEND, MENTOR, AND INSPIRATION.

Thank you for your tireless hours and dedication in support of immigrants’ rights.

Celia Lee
Robin Goldfaden & Ken Sugarman
Victoria Ni & David Shim
David Hendee
Cassandra K night
Jayashri Srikantiah & Rob Weiner
Stacey Wexler
Padmini Srikantiah & Puneet Dewan

Sin Yen Ling
Vincent Pan
Vivek Malhotra
Ji Seon Song
Glenn Katon
Sanjay Narayan
Betty Lee & Gordon Sakamoto
En honor a la
Cra. GEORGINA CESTERO

Gina Cestro en la primera reunión del NLG-PRLP, San Juan, 1977

Activista Independista, Trabajadora Legal del CCR
y Promotora por la creación del NLG Proyecto
Legal de Puerto Rico.

Gracias,
Franklin
Congratulations to all the honorees!

Bill Montross
D.C. Chapter

The National Immigration Law Center extends heartfelt congratulations to Carol King awardee, Cecillia Wang, in recognition of her innovative and tireless pursuit of justice, as well as to all of the other distinguished honorees. We also applaud our courageous allies at the National Lawyers Guild for their incredible legal service to the community.

Congratulations to Judith Berkan, Jan Susler, Jonathan Moore, Bacilio Mendez II, Claire White, Ann Ginger and Cecillia Wang for their well-deserved honors and recognition.

Best regards from your colleagues:
David Rudovsky
Paul Messing
Jonathan Feinberg
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The Southern Poverty Law Center congratulates Cecillia Wang.

We are proud to work together with ACLU’s Immigrant Rights Project and many other members of the NLG to protect the rights of immigrant communities around the South.

With appreciation for the Guild’s support of

Compassionate Release for The People’s Lawyer Lynne Stewart and in solidarity with all political prisoners

Kathleen Cleaver, Ward Churchill, Natsu Saito and the Human Rights Research Fund
The Indiana Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild congratulates Jan Susler, a 2013 recipient of the Law for the People award for her tireless work on behalf of political prisoners from Illinois to Puerto Rico.

Congratulations to our 2013 NLG Haywood Burns Fellows!

The Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowship for Social and Economic Justice places NLG students with public interest organizations working to protect and further the civil rights of oppressed people in the United States. The program exists to help students apply their talents and skills to find creative ways to use the law to advance justice. Burns Fellowships provoke law students to question traditional notions of how one must practice law and to provide a summer experience that will enrich and challenge them.

Catherine Ady-Bell, Springfield No One Leaves
Ariel Johnson, Chicago Legal Assistance Foundation
Patrick Tyrrell, Mass Defense Software
Maggie Webster, Northern Virginia Office of the Capital Defenders
We are so proud to honor our own Jan Susler, whose commitment, spirit, energy, friendship, humor, and astute political sense is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations also to Judy Berkan, Jonathan Moore, Ann Fagan Ginger, Cecillia Wang, Bacilio Mendez II, and Claire White for their incredible work in service of the People.

In solidarity and love,
The NLG Chicago Chapter
Puerto Rico and the Guild a Retrospective

The NLG Puerto Rico Law Project (NLG-PRLP) was founded in 1977, modeled after the NLG civil rights office in Jackson, Mississippi (1963-4) to fight against U.S. colonialism and provide legal support for independence activists and political prisoners. Here are some highlights of the Project's work over the last 33 years:

- Served in the leadership of successful international campaigns for the human rights of Puerto Rican political prisoners
- Presented at annual U.N. Decolonization Committee hearings on Puerto Rico
- After federal labor laws turned on independista activism, Guild member Paul Schachter worked on Island for three years, providing frontline legal support and training for the union movement
- In 1979, supported the People’s Law Office to free five nationalist prisoners and worked on grand jury and criminal defense of independentistas
- Helped bring a § 1983 police misconduct lawsuit in federal court after a an ambush on the island of Cerro Maravilla left two nationalists dead

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The NLG-PRLP has also represented:

- political prisoners for human rights while serving lengthy sentences in U.S. prisons for seditious conspiracy, beginning in 1978
- community activist groups in the U.S. and Puerto Rico under attack for environmental and independence work
- activists subpoenaed to federal grand juries in Chicago and New York
- independentistas in Hartford, CT accused of expropriation for activist purposes in the mid-1980s
- organizations like the Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas (Puerto Rico bar association) under attack from pro-statehood forces
- protesters who engaged in civil disobedience during a demonstration condemning U.S. Navy bombing and occupation of Vieques
- community activist groups in the U.S. and Puerto Rico under attack for environmental and independence work

Scene from the 1999-2000 occupation of a Vieques firing range by protesters. Photo: Judith Berkan
NLG Puerto Rico Subcommittee meeting at 1979 Convention in San Francisco. (Judith Berkan seated, center). Photo: Franklin Siegel

Former NLG-PRLP Staff Attorney Ellen Chapnick presents report on Vieques case at January 1980 NLG National Executive Board meeting in Santa Monica, CA. Photo: Franklin Siegel
Scene from a demonstration marking the 100th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Puerto Rico, 1998. Photo: Judith Berkan

Michael Deutsch and Rafael Cancel Miranda shortly after his release from prison in 1979. Photo: Michael Deutsch
The Past Presidents of the National Lawyers Guild

Salute

the 2013 Honorees:

Judith Berkan
Ann Fagan Ginger
Bacilio Mendez II
Jonathan Moore
Jan Susler
Cecillia Wang
Claire White

Your commitment and tireless work to ensure that human rights are more sacred than property interests are an inspiration to us all.

With gratitude and felicitaciones,

Michael Avery
John Brittain
Marjorie Cohn
Barbara Dudley
Peter Erlinder
David Gespass
Bill Goodman
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