

National Lawyers Guild

75 Years of Law for the People

Pasadena 2012

On the cover: U.S. Marshals drag Arthur Kinoy out of a 1966 hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Banquet Schedule

Banquet Schedule
Saturday, October 13, 2012
7:15-10:00p.m.

7:30pm	Welcome
7:40pm	Presentation of the CB King Award to Amy Lien Cross
7:50pm	Presentation of the Legal Worker Award to Neidi Dominguez
8:00pm	Presentation of the Carol King Award to Nancy Hormachea
8:10pm	Presentation of the Ernie Goodman Award to Margaret Burnham
8:30pm	Presentation of the Law for the People Award to Jim Lafferty
9:00pm	Invitation to the microphones
10:00pm	End

The National Lawyers Guild Celebrates



The reception at the NLG's second convention, February 1938, Washington, DC

The National Lawyers Guild has traveled a long way since its formation in 1937. Born in an era of sit-down strikes and sweeping progressive legislation, the Guild's early momentum was soon slowed by the first Red Scare. Within two years, accusations of Communist infiltration drove out many members. The Guild's criticism of the FBI and the Dies Committee (which became the House Un-American Activities Committee) brought surveillance and raids by federal agents, which prompted further attrition.

Despite the negative attention that dogged its first decade, the Guild influenced American society tremendously, playing a key role in much of the major New Deal legislation, helping to found the United Nations, and laying the groundwork for the Securities and Exchange Commission. There were major local accomplishments as well: Guild members in New York and San Francisco shaped state housing policies and a network of neighborhood legal clinics in Philadelphia became the model for legal services programs that now exist across the country.

Red-baiting of the Guild largely died down during the World War II years but returned with a vengeance as the Cold War began. In 1950, a House Un-American Activities report branded the Guild the "Legal Bulwark of the Communist Party." The report and the threat to officially list the NLG as a subversive organization drove away the majority of the Guild's membership. The few remaining members spent years fighting the blacklisting. They ultimately succeeded, forcing Attorney General Brownell to back down. Still, by the time the 1960s began, several NLG chapters had folded and members around the country faced disbarment proceedings for their affiliation.

A small group of Detroit members devised a plan to revitalize and reorient the Guild. They contacted several attorneys from the South who were struggling with massive caseloads brought on by the civil rights movement. The Detroit lawyers and their Southern counterparts launched the Committee to Assist Southern Lawyers, which became the Committee for Legal Assistance in the South. The Committee established an office in Mississippi and recruited hundreds Guild attorneys, law students, and legal workers to help defend civil rights activists. Invigorated by the new mobilization, the Guild was poised for a comeback.

By the late 1960s, the Guild was back in action. Law collectives were established, a Mass Defense Committee emerged, and Guild members conducted draft counseling workshops for tens of thousands of young people facing conscription into the Vietnam War.

And as the nature of U.S. social movements was changing, so too was the makeup of the Guild.

75 Years of Law for the People

By the early 1970s, after much disagreement, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers had been made eligible for full voting membership. These new members became indispensable to the several high-profile projects that defined the decade. The NLG opened military law offices in Japan, the Philippines, and Okinawa. Guild members represented Black Panthers, American Indian Movement activists, and the Attica Brothers. By the end of the Carter administration, numbers at street protests had shrunk dramatically, but the work of social justice remained, undone.

In the 1980s, the Guild regrouped to confront the resurgent right that was leveling attacks on affirmative action, threatening to defund legal services, and waging shadow wars in Central America. The Guild founded an AIDS Network to address the widespread stigma and discrimination leveled against people living with the virus. Guild lawyers ran workshops on asylum law and defended sanctuary activists tried by the government for transporting Central American refugees.

The 1990s saw an increase in the Guild's international work and a strengthening of the membership through wide-ranging programmatic work. Active committees assisted the social movements that marked the Clinton era, particularly the mass defense efforts to support the anti-globalization movement.

Over the past decade, the Guild has thrived in the face of tremendous political challenges. While the Bush presidency demonstrated that political gains require constant vigilance, the past four years have seen us busier than ever, representing activists, confronting Islamophobia and mass incarceration, sending delegations around the world, and so much more. The NLG's history is indelibly tied to that of the fight for human rights in the United States and abroad, which is why, in celebrating 75 years of law for the people, we must commit to 75 more.

About the cover

The cover photograph shows court marshals ejecting Guild lawyer Arthur Kinoy from a hearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1966. The committee chairman ordered Kinoy's removal when Kinoy refused to back down from trying to cross-examine a hostile witness. "You don't have any right to cross-examine," the chairman said, just before the marshals closed in.

Kinoy was convicted of disorderly conduct soon after, but his conviction was overturned two years later by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Kinoy was no stranger to confrontation: he helped defend Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and was a key participant in the Guild's Committee to Assist Southern Lawyers. He would go on to assist in the defense of the Chicago Seven and to teach law for nearly 30 years at Rutgers University. In 1975, Congress dismantled the House Un-American Activities Committee for good.

The photograph remains a testament to the enduring spirit of dissent that has defined the National Lawyers Guild since its inception. A *New York Times* reporter later told Kinoy that the front page photo "did more to bring about the abolition of the Un-American Activities Committee than any briefs lawyers wrote."

Reflecting on the incident, Kinoy said, "If there's one skill or ability that a lawyer who defends the constitutional rights of the people must have, it's to be loud and boisterous in the courtroom."

Law for the People Award
Jim Lafferty



Jim Lafferty has been a movement lawyer, political organizer, and legal worker for 50 of the Guild's 75 years. He served as NLG Executive Director from 1963 to 1967, during the peak of the Guild's civil rights work in the South. In Detroit, he was a founding partner of Lafferty, Reosti, Jabara, James, Stickgold, Soble and Smith, a law firm which, according to his Red Squad file, represented "every left-wing, civil rights, anti-war, and black nationalist group in Detroit."

Jim was and continues to be a strident anti-war activist. He established numerous draft counseling centers in the Midwest, helped organized many of the largest Vietnam War protests, and, when Iraq invasions loomed in both the 1990s and the 2000s, he brought together major coalitions against the wars.

Jim has served as the Los Angeles chapter's Executive Director for over two decades. Most recently, he headed his chapter's high profile support for Occupy LA.

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.

Ernie Goodman Award
Margaret Burnham



Margaret Burnham began her life as a legal activist early and in the most charged and challenging environment imaginable.

At 26, Margaret was a lead attorney on the Angela Davis defense team. After securing a not guilty verdict from an all-white jury, she continued to represent activists as a lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. In 1977, she became the first African American woman to serve in the Massachusetts judiciary. After five years on the bench as a Boston municipal court judge, she transitioned to work as a partner in a Boston civil rights firm with an international human rights practice. Her litigation there was so groundbreaking that in 1993 Nelson Mandela appointed her to serve on a tribunal which would become a precursor to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

For the last decade, Margaret has taught civil rights law at Northeastern University, specializing in human rights, comparative constitutional rights, and international criminal law. She is the founder of the law school's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, which works to keep the 1960s civil rights movement alive in the present day. She and her students recently reached a settlement in the federal lawsuit they brought against Mississippi police who, evidence shows, helped Klansmen to kill and torture two black teenagers in 1964.

Each year the Ernie Goodman Award is given to a Guild lawyer who has struggled against financial, political, or social odds to obtain justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless, or persecuted. It is an award of the NLG Foundation.

Legal Worker Award
Neidi Dominguez



Neidi Dominguez is a legal worker and executive board member for the Guild's Los Angeles chapter. Born in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico and raised in Pasadena, her life as an activist began at age 14 when she co-founded Teens in Action, a program that would become part of the Institute of Popular Education of Southern California. At the University of Santa Cruz, she co-founded Students Informing Now, a support group for undocumented students which is now a national organization.

In 2010, Neidi continued her pursuit of justice for undocumented immigrants as a national leader of the campaign to pass the DREAM Act. Over the course of the year, she led and participated in direct actions across the country and, though Congress failed to pass the Act, the cries of "Undocumented and unafraid!" continue to be heard, most recently in President Obama's Deferred Action Program, which granted temporary immunity to over one million young immigrants.

Neidi has remained active locally. Today, she is lead organizer of the CLEAN Carwash Campaign, which has won major victories for some 10,000 underpaid and overworked car wash workers. With the Los Angeles NLG chapter, she has fostered strong relationships with the immigrant rights community. The respect the chapter enjoys among the city's huge immigrant population is due in no small part to her efforts.

The NLG Legal Worker Award is given annually to a Guild member whose legal support work has demonstrated leadership, marked by one or more notable accomplishments.

C.B. King Award
Amy Lien Cross



A former public high school teacher, Amy Lien Cross comes to the law with a passion for juvenile justice. Amy is a mentor, a leader, and a brainstormer who helps to foster the ideas of others. As a board member for the Cardozo NLG chapter, she built the chapter into a community asset with a strong anti-oppression presence on campus. She founded the school's Suspension Representation Project (SRP), which brings law students together to represent low-income youth facing suspension hearings before the Department of Education.

Amy also served as a Know Your Rights trainer with NLG-NYC's Street Law Project and helped the chapter start a CopWatch team in Brooklyn. Just graduated, she begins work this fall in the criminal defense division of the Legal Aid Society of New York.

C. B. King (Chevene Bowers King, who lived from 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.

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.

Carol Weiss King Award
Nancy Hormachea

Nancy Hormachea is a lifelong contributor to the struggle for immigrant rights. She has worked for more than 30 years without fanfare and at great personal cost, and has mentored and encouraged generations of immigration lawyers, many of whom remain her friends and colleagues today. A devoted member of the National Immigration Project and the National Lawyers Guild, Nancy Hormachea has been organizing and representing progressive Iranian immigrants for over three decades. She began by defending anti-Shah Iranian student activists in Texas, winning several important victories for the movement.



Her fierce advocacy continues to this day. As the founder of the non-profit Omid Advocates for Human Rights, Nancy promotes the legal and civil rights of Middle Eastern communities in the U.S. and throughout the diaspora. She has organized and participated in NLG and International Association of Democratic Lawyers delegations to Palestine and Turkey, and followed up with presentations before the United Nations, the European Union, and the Arab League. Most recently, Nancy's pro bono work on behalf of political refugees fleeing the current Iranian regime has led her to organize and participate in the Court Hearings of the Iran Tribunal in London and travel to Turkey to prepare Iranian refugees for UNHCR interviews.

At home, Nancy founded the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Education Network and worked on behalf of Central American asylum applicants during the 1980s and 1990s.

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.

Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) was a prominent immigration lawyer who specialized in the defense of the civil rights of immigrants and who was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild.

Debra Evenson Venceremos Award

Jeanne Mirer



Jeanne Mirer is Co-Chair of the International Committee and a Guild member of 42 years. She practices labor, employment and civil rights law in New York City with the firm of Eisner & Mirer P.C. Among her clients are Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange who she has helped to confront the poison's U.S. manufacturers.

Jeanne has an extensive history of work in both the international and domestic spheres. One of her specialties is the application of international laws, standards, and treaties to the United States. She has authored numerous white papers, briefs, and articles on topics ranging from the human right to peace to women's rights to labor law.

Jeanne is also currently President of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, and a board member of the NLG's Sugar Law Center. She played a key role in founding and leading the International Commission for Labor Rights and has long been active in the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee, the National Employment Law Association, and the NAACP.

She earned her J.D. from Boston University and B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Former Guild President Debra Evenson was a leading expert on Cuba's legal system and a staunch defender of the country at home. The award named in her honor, now in its second year, is given annually by the International Committee of the National Lawyers Guild in recognition of brave work to extend justice beyond borders.



TO JIM LAFFERTY
KEEP MARCHING!

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**Cheers to the Honorees and
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- Dante Alighieri

Jim,

For who you are, and all you have done, we humbly thank you.

Micki L. Levin, J.D., Ph. D.



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for his years of service

and joins the NLG in recognizing the passion, dedication, and achievements of all the honorees.

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*Jim Lafferty, Law for the People Award
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Congratulations Jeanne!

The members of the Labor and Employment Committee Steering Committee are proud of our long-time activist and hero Jeanne Mirer for receiving the Debra Evenson Venceremos International Committee award!



We appreciate all that you do!

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Your tireless work on behalf of peoples' struggles for human rights inspires us all!



Love,
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When Buck Davis came to Detroit in 1968 as a VISTA Volunteer lawyer, Jim Lafferty became one of his principal mentors in progressive political analysis and legal practice. In the fall of 1969, the plan for the Guild's Detroit Mass Defense Office was launched at Lafferty's firm and Buck volunteered to staff it. Jim was a leader of the draft resistance movement. It was Detroit's great loss when Jim moved to LA. But his history there demonstrates his continuing leadership.

Cynthia Heenan got to know Jim after she became active in the Guild in 1995, ultimately becoming a Regional VP on the NEC. She experienced first-hand Jim's leadership, unwavering commitment, insight, sense of humor and friendship. In the organizational and political issues faced by the Guild, Jim's experience, patience, openness, flexibility and political maturity has always helped. We salute Jim Lafferty for all that he has contributed to the Guild and the Movement and pay him respect by carrying on the struggle.

*Hugh "Buck" Davis, Cynthia Heenan, John Philo,
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for
75 glorious years
and celebrates heroes of the Guild
like
Lynne Stewart
who is currently a political prisoner in Texas.

Congratulations, Jim!

We love you,

Linda, Steve, Carol & Ted

**Congratulations NLG
on 75 Years!**

**May your revolutionary
spirit live on!**

Mumia Abu-Jamal

J I M :

THANKS!

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**In honor of an old friend and admired
fighter, Jim Lafferty.**

Bruce Levine



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The Guild has been a cherished member of the
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*We congratulate our President, Jeanne Mirer, on receipt of the Debra Evenson
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spirit continues to inspire and empower us!*

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INDIFFERENT ARE FORGOTTEN; THEY
NEVER KNOW THE FIGHTING JOY OF
LIVING.**

—ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!

DEBORAH AND HENRY WILLIS

Congratulations Amy!

Your spirit, energy and dedication to public service has been an inspiration to the entire Cardozo community.



We will miss you!

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Professor Jonathan Oberman
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Your work is an
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- Ian Head



**The Detroit & Michigan
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salutes the Detroiters being recognized
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Thank you for your commitment to justice

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The working families of the AFL-CIO
congratulate
Neidi Dominguez
and
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and thank them for
their longstanding commitment to
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Congratulations also to Margaret Burnham, Jim Lafferty and Amy Lien Cross.

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“We recognize our old friend, our old mole,
who knows so well how to work
underground, suddenly to appear:
the revolution.”

-Karl Marx

**CONTRATULATIONS TO OUR OLD MOLE
JIM LAFFERTY**

**NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
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FROM THE PALLISTER STREET GANG

**No gold watch or hearty handshake.
Just love and respect for a great comrade.**

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Recipient of the Debra Evenson Venceremos International Committee Award

For her lifelong dedication to activist lawyering –

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Bringing international labor rights to the struggle

We love and admire you, Jeanne!

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It is our duty to fight for our freedom.
It is our duty to win.

**We must love each other and support each other.
We have nothing to lose but our chains.**

-Assata Shakur

**The NLG-LA Chapter congratulates our dear beloved friends
Jim Lafferty and Neidi Dominguez on this much-deserved
recognition of their courage and tireless commitment to the
struggle for freedom and justice.**

Jim - thank you for your decades of innovative and
fearless leadership of the NLG-LA chapter.

Neidi - we look forward to your continued brilliance
in the immigrant rights movement.

With everlasting love and respect, we salute you both for
showing us that fighting for freedom requires
anger at injustice *and* love for the people.

NLG-LA Chapter Executive Board

Rejoice, we've done it. NLG & NLG-NYC are celebrating their 75th anniversaries....

Congratulations...

to Margaret Burnham, Neidi Dominguez and Nancy Hormachea on their extraordinary accomplishments and commitment to justice. Amy Lien Cross, whose creativity exemplifies the best of the next generation of the NLG, with a special shout-out to our brother in L.A., Jim Lafferty, for his life long contributions to the Guild.

And to our own Jeanne Mirer, tireless defender of human rights.

—New York City Chapter

**The board, staff, and members
of the
National Immigration
Project/NLG**

Salute

**the National Lawyers Guild
on its 75th Anniversary and**

Congratulate

this year's award recipients.

Love to
Margaret Burnham,
From



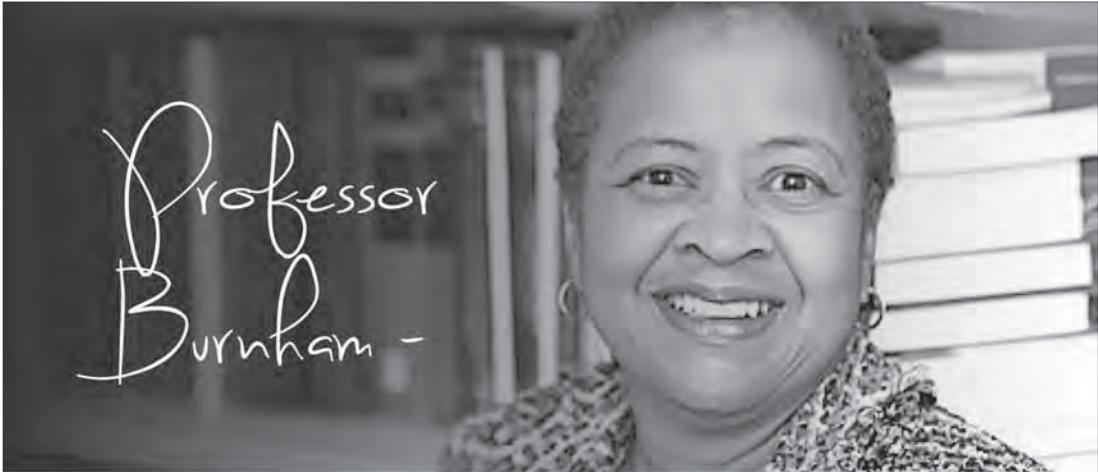
and the
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Congratulations DAD !!



*We Love You
Shannon Lafferty & Scott DeRaad*



Whether during 1L Con Law, as our clinical professor later, or through the events you continuously offer all of us in the law school, you have taught us so much about the history of the struggle for justice in this country. More importantly, you provide us your example of not just a career, but a life dedicated to serving the people and communities in that struggle.

Thank you. - From all your students in the NUSL NLG Chapter

Dear, dear Jeanne—



We are so very proud of you, our sister, colleague and role model. There could be no one more deserving of an honor in Debra's name.

*The Board and Staff of the
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**In solidarity
with
Lynne Stewart
and all
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Jeanne Mirer

**on the conferring of
The Debra Evenson International
Venceremos Award – 2012
upon her
by the National Lawyers Guild**

Jeanne is a tireless, creative and committed advocate for justice and compensation for Agent Orange victims, for friendship and solidarity between the U.S. and Vietnamese people and for peace, justice and equality everywhere!

We join with you in celebrating Jeanne's example. We love you Jeanne!

*Dan, Jeanne, Jonathan, Marjorie,
Marty, Merle, Nhan, Paul & Susan*

Please sign the postcard to Congress at www.vn-agentorange.org/postcard_sign.php

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JIM "FEARLESS LEADER"
AND THE FELLOW
HONOREES.**

Paul Fealk

**We applaud our
long-time
friend and
dedicated
internationalist,
Jeanne!
You go girl!**

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for 75 years of law for the people
and

**Jim Lafferty
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and Carlin Meyer**

JAMES LAFFERTY

Honoree, Honorable and worthy of being honored; that's Jim Lafferty!

The Office of the Americas is proud of you as our friend and Board President

during these many years of your powerful and effective organizing for justice and peace.

And your recent leadership in the OCCUPY MOVEMENT was a hopeful inspiration for future successes.



Theresa and Blase Bonpane

For the Board of Directors of the Office of the Americas



United Steelworkers District 12

Congratulations to this year's Honorees

And to the National Lawyers
Guild on its 75th Anniversary

*Margaret, congratulations on your
National Lawyers Guild Award!*



Recognized the world over as a true
champion, we are honored to claim you as
one of our Founding Mothers.

South Africa Partners
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Congratulations to this year's honorees.

Congratulations 75 times to the
National Lawyers Guild and the
New York City Chapter.
A remarkable run that in the
future will be admired and cherished.

Cheers,
Daniel Meyers & Joan Max Reinmuth

Congratulations, Margaret, Jim,
Neidi, Jeanne, and Amy!
May your light continue to shine
and inspire others to work
in the struggle for justice!

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In appreciation of Jim Lafferty on the 75th Anniversary of the National Lawyers Guild

We salute your decades of leadership in the Guild. Your passionate defense of striking workers, political prisoners, people of color, radicals, LGBT folk, women, immigrants, and anti-war, anti-Nazi and Palestinian activists epitomizes the Guild's steadfast commitment to social and economic justice. Thanks for your strong advocacy of independent working-class political action and left collaboration and for being such a great pleasure to work with in the NLG's Marxism and the Law Committee, on your radio program, and in the community. See you on the next picket line!

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A SALUTE TO JIM AND BONNIE

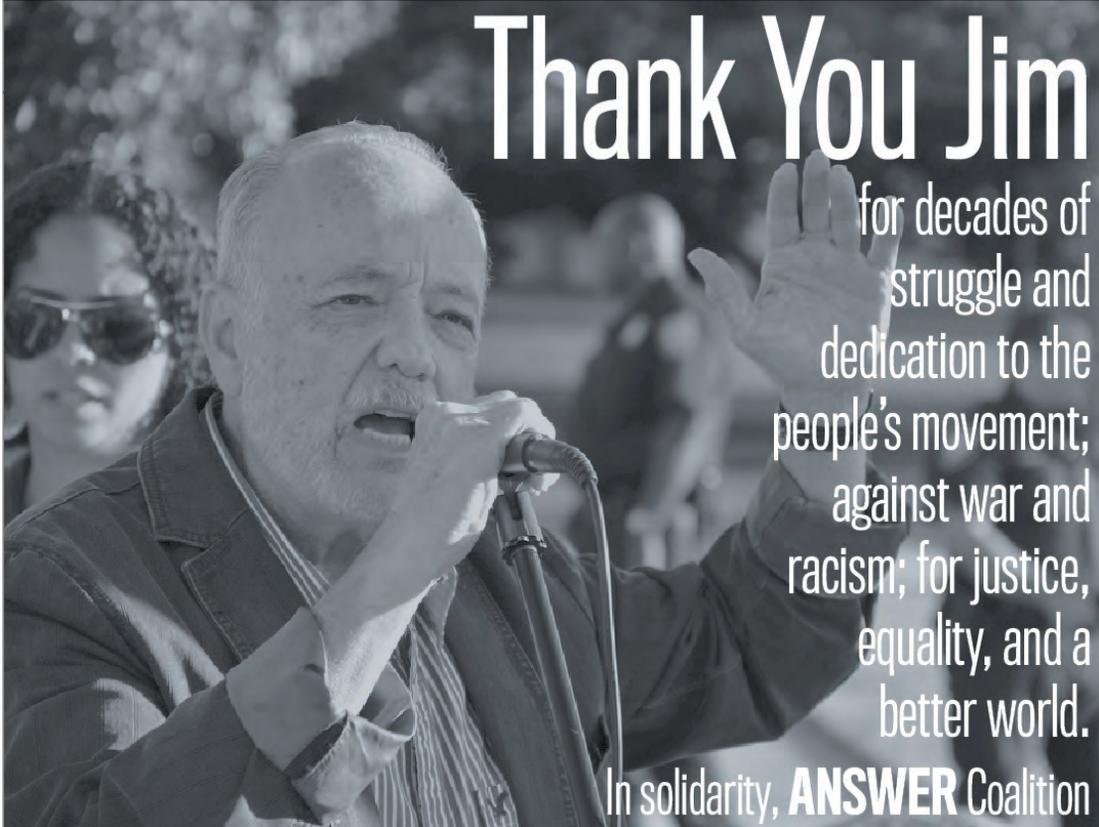
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We Salute Jim Lafferty!

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Thank You Jim

for decades of
struggle and
dedication to the
people's movement;
against war and
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equality, and a
better world.

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&

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**CONGRATULATIONS
JIM**

**We appreciate
all your work
over the years!**

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ON AN
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FOR ONE OF OUR PERSONAL HEROES

With love and admiration,

Deborah and Paul Haggis

Congratulations to the Guild and its Honorees!

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Jim, You are our hero.

Ken and Mary Hanes

Congratulations to you, Jim, on your well-deserved and long overdue recognition for a life devoted to ending wars and attacks on people who dare to stand up for themselves.

I've always admired your negotiating skills and your cool-- whether in coalition building or resolving differences among activists with the same goals.

You're a kind and gentle friend and are always there to lend a hand to whoever is in need.

Thanks for all you do!

--Terry Hillman

As NLG co-hosts at one Pacifica Station to NLG host at another, this Supreme Court holding resonates:

“Indecent but not Obscene”

**Federal Communications Commission
v. Pacifica Foundation 438 U.S. 726 (1978)**

Uncompromising rebel, Jim, your message is decorously “indecent,” on the airwaves and off!

Heidi Boghosian ♦ Michael Ratner ♦ Michael Steven Smith
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Congratulations to All the Honorees!

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and Peace congratulates the
National Lawyers Guild
for their courageous work defending
the rights and liberties of all!



*Religious communities must
stop blessing war and violence...*

**Congratulations Neidi and Jim!
A well deserved honor.
You are an inspiration!**

Cynthia Anderson-Barker

Congratulations, Jim.
And thanks for all the
good work you do.

Love from K.C. and Don

Congratulations to
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all our Honorees
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Dear Jim,

**You've Been a Beacon for Us
All These Years**

Keep On Shining!

Love,

**Steve Byrnes · Jamie Mandelbaum
Sammy & Lizzy**



"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."
-Nelson Mandela

**Thank you for your lifelong commitment to lifting humanity.
WE LOVE YOU. AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.**

Dave, Barb, Mary, Phyl, Steve, Jasmine, Peter, Nicole, Lily and Ruby

**Congratulations to Jim Lafferty
for his leadership in the struggle for
Peace and Justice.**

Aris Anagnos

**Jim and Bonnie –
You are the best!
Love,
Lisa Jaskol**

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Congratulations to

Jim
Margaret
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Amy
Nancy
Jeanne
and the entire



for 75 years of law for the people.
Here's to 75 more.

National Executive Committee

To My Very Dear Friend Jim:

Your dedication to the cause has been resolute and steadfast.
You are truly a **champion of justice and peace!**
My heartiest congratulations on this richly deserved award.

Richard L. Solomon

Jim Lafferty
Thanks for all your years
of service.
Mary and Peter Sears

JIM AND NEIDI

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**Congratulations to our friend Jim Lafferty
and to all the honorees.**

“It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate,
tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people’s minds.”

-Samuel Adams

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Congratulations to fellow Office of the Americas
Board Member Jim Lafferty for your years of
leadership in the legal profession and your endless
quest for international justice.

Noam Chomsky

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**Jim,
You're our hero.
Penny Stallings
Barry Secunda**

**Congratulations
Jim
Joanna and Michael**

**Congratulations
to all the
Honorees!**

*I look forward to
working with you for
many years
to come.*

JEANNE MIRER

**CONGRATULATIONS
& THANKS
TO JIM
FOR MANY YEARS
OF SERVICE**

—————
SANDRA PETTIT

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the NLG for 75 years of leadership
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**I SALUTE
NEIDI DOMINGUEZ!**

A GREAT NATIONAL LEADER
OF THE DREAM ACT
MOVEMENT!

**WITH NEW NLGers LIKE
NEIDI, THE GUILD'S NEXT
75 YEARS WILL BE
IN GOOD HANDS!**

With Great Respect & Affection,

Jim Lafferty



commend Jim Lafferty on his many years working to unite the lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers to function as an effective force in the service of the people, to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests.



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Congratulations to the Guild on 75 years of AMAZING WORK!

And congratulations to all the Guild honorees and especially our good friends and comrades Jeanne Mirer Jim Lafferty & Nancy Hormachea!

Adelante!

**Jody LeWitter & Marc Van Der Hout
San Francisco**

**To Neidi,
for making the dream a reality**

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**FROM ONE OLD WARHORSE TO ANOTHER:
CONGRATULATIONS.
IT ALWAYS FELT GOOD TO KNOW YOU WERE THERE.
RAMONA RIPSTON**

Congratulations Nancy.

You have been a wonderful friend to MECA and to all the children in Palestine for 25 years.

–Barbara Lubin, Ziad Abbas and the staff at the
Middle East Children's Alliance

The Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild is proud to be a part of 75 years of people's law! Congratulations to Jim Lafferty, Jeanne Mirer, Neidi Dominguez, Margaret Burnham, and Amy Lien Cross!



Congratulations Uncle Jim!
With love from the
Garvin Family in San Francisco

Solomon Fisher
Pleasant Hill, CA

Congratulations to Outstanding Comrades
Margaret Burnham
Jim Lafferty and Jeanne Mirer
From
Wilhelm H. Joseph

In joining with Jim Lafferty's numerous supporters and admirers, I am honored to pay tribute to Jim's outstanding contributions to the causes of peace, justice, equality, civil liberties, civil rights, women's rights, gay and lesbian rights, Occupy rights, student rights, and the list goes on.

My association with Jim dates back to the late 1960s during the struggle to end the Vietnam war. In the nearly half-century since, he has proven to be one of the great figures of our times, not only because of his deep involvement in all the most critical social struggles, but also because of the personal qualities he embodies. Jim has always been an activist with uncompromising principles, while at the same time displaying a flexibility geared to unifying people of diverse views in the interest of building the strongest possible united front against the warmakers and the corporate elite. As leader, strategist, organizer, spokesperson, negotiator, administrator, and unifier, Jim has few, if any, peers.

So, Jim, tonight I salute you, embrace you, and thank you for your friendship, comradeship, and the devotion and love that we share.

Jerry Gordon

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Gordon', written in a cursive style.

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A Lawyer Without Borders

Keep on Keepin' on

Mirer Family

***Frank, Elisabeth, Michael,
Anna, Jonah and Max***

To Our Friend and Colleague Nancy,

Congratulations on receiving the Carol King award!!

Nancy, we honor your stalwart defense of the rights of immigrants and your devoted support of the National Immigration Project. From your early days in the 1970s representing anti-Shah Iranian student activists in Texas, to your work on behalf of Central American asylum applicants during the 1980s and 1990s, to your most recent fight on behalf of Iranian refugees in Turkey, you have always demonstrated an unswerving dedication to immigrants' rights.

Without fanfare or economic benefit, you generously provided pro bono services and mentored and encouraged generations of immigration lawyers.

Your commitment inspires us!!!

Love from your friends and colleagues,

Jan Austerlitz

Patty Blum

Richard Boswell

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Jack Holmgren and Laura Ramirez

Raha Jorjani

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Karen Musalo

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Marc Van Der Hout

Charles Wheeler

Jeanne

You combine a life-long passion for justice
with a capacity for humor and love
that endears you to us all.

We are very, very proud of you!

Andy Cohn

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*“Humanity is outraged in me and with me.
Let us not dissimulate nor try to forget this indignation
which is one of the most passionate forms of love.”*

George Sand

Dear Jim,

What an honor this is for the organization you have devoted half your life to..... (Okay that's an exaggeration. Let's start over.)

What a fitting honor that you are receiving this award from the organization you have devoted your entire adult life to building, defending and leading.

We are so proud to know you as friend, activist, grumbler, organizer, protester, fighter, champion of unpopular causes, speechifier, leader, marcher, legal observer, radio host, dinner guest, dinner host, art and music lover, karaoke singer, officiator at weddings and marriage vow renewals, smart dresser..... and fellow traveler (seriously, Italy was fantastic, wasn't it?).

You are amazing and tireless and the world is a better place because of all you have done in it.

CONGRAUTLATIONS TO YOU AND TO THE
NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD!

With enormous respect and love...

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With all my respect,

Pablo ben Herb



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