

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Legal Aid Society of San Diego Raises Over \$237,000**

*Masquerade Gala proceeds support Civil Rights Mission*

San Diego, CA – The Legal Aid Society of San Diego’s April 12 Masquerade Gala raised more than \$237,000 to help in its mission to advance equal justice for all.

Themed “Behind the Mask,” the evening honored the untold stories and unseen struggles at the heart of the organization’s work.

“Behind every statistic, behind every mask, lies a face, a story, a person in need,” CEO/Executive Director Joanne Franciscus said during her remarks. “I envision a future where every individual who seeks help will find a door that is open, an advocate who listens, and a justice system that serves them as it was meant to.”

The evening also marked the announcement of the organization’s newly approved strategic plan. The Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) is a nonprofit organization that works to improve lives by advancing justice through effective, efficient and vigorous legal advocacy, outreach and education.

Watch [CBS 8’s Gala Coverage Here](#).

Watch [Legal Aid Society of San Diego’s Mission Video Here](#).

Event photos will be available soon. A full album will be shared via email and posted to the Legal Aid Society of San Diego’s website and social media channels.

The success of the Gala would not have been possible without the dedication of staff, volunteers, and the generosity of sponsors and donors. Most importantly, it was powered by a community committed to ensuring that justice is not a privilege, but a right and a reality — for all.

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