

Jim Sandman, President of LSC, to Speak at EJU 2011

The Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services is pleased to announce that Jim Sandman, president of the Legal Services Corporation, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Equal Justice Conference. As many of you know, Jim Sandman became president of LSC this past January.

Sandman has more than three decades of legal experience. He became the general counsel for the District of Columbia Public Schools in 2007 after a 30-year career at Arnold & Porter LLP, where he served as the firm's managing partner from 1995 to 2005.

Sandman served as the elected president of the D.C. Bar from 2006-2007 and served on the Bar's Board of Governors from 2003-2008. He is currently the chair of the Bar's Pro Bono Committee and formerly chaired the Bar's Pro Bono Initiative Working Group.

Sandman is the co-chair of the District of Columbia Judicial Conference Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services and is a member of the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Project Advisory Committee. From 2007-2008, he served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service.

He is a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's District of Columbia State Advisory Committee. He also is vice chairman of the Washington Performing Arts Society and on the boards of the International Senior Lawyers Project and the Meyer Foundation.

Sandman previously served on the boards of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program of the District of Columbia, the NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education, Wilkes University, the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Whitman-Walker Clinic. He also has served on the scholarship selection committee of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Sandman received the University of Pennsylvania Law School Alumni Award of Merit in 2007 and was named one of the "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years" by the Legal Times in 2008. He also was recognized as a "Star of the Bar" by the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia in 2006.

He is a graduate of Boston College and received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He clerked for Judge Max Rosenn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

ABOUT LSC

LSC is the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. Established in 1974, LSC operates as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. LSC distributes about 95 percent of its total funding to 136 independent nonprofit legal aid programs with more than 900 offices that provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and families throughout the nation.

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