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Pasadena, CA: Immigration Attorney Heather L. Poole of Pasadena, California is to be awarded the Hon. Benjamin Aranda III Outstanding Public Service Award by the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) on June 27, 2013 for her over 900 hours of community service on behalf of domestic violence survivors in the Los Angeles Superior Court over the past decade.

Immigration Attorney Heather Poole has been a volunteer attorney with LACBA's Domestic Violence Project ("Project") for the past 12 years. The Project consists of volunteer attorneys who donate their time in Los Angeles County Superior Court's Central and Pasadena courthouses to help domestic violence survivors obtain Temporary Restraining Orders in family court. Volunteer attorneys prepare the legal forms, explain the process, what to expect in court and how to plan for permanent restraining order hearings. The Project has helped thousands of women and men regain their safety and gain access to the justice system, which otherwise can seem especially intimidating and scary to those who cannot afford an attorney.

"Working with the Project is extremely rewarding work. Attorneys see the justice system work quickly and effectively and help protect those most vulnerable from future harm. There is instant gratification in knowing your actions could help protect a child and change a person's circumstances to give these survivors a fighting chance at a better life." Attorney Heather Poole

The LACBA Project empowers domestic violence survivors and serves a vital need in the local community and is in constant need of new attorneys to volunteer their time. The LACBA Awards Ceremony takes place on Thursday, 6/27/2013 at 7pm at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles. For more information about LACBA and the awards ceremony: www.lacba.org

A large part of Immigration Attorney Heather Poole's private practice also focuses on helping immigrant women and men in abusive and controlling marriages obtain or save their permanent residency status under the Violence Against Women Act's immigration provisions.

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Attorney Heather Poole is a private immigration attorney in Pasadena, CA, focuses on complex family and marriage-based immigration cases. She is the vice chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association Southern California Chapter, a frequent attorney trainer and author on complex immigration issues and teaches Immigration Law at Fullerton College. To contact Attorney Heather Poole, call 877.486.2678 or email heather@humanrightsattorney.com