

IN MEMORIAM JOHN DONALD ROBB, JR. JANUARY 11, 1924 – JULY 13, 2014

John D. Robb, Jr. was a champion of justice who advocated passionately and tirelessly on behalf of the poor. He established himself as a leading lawyer in environmental and natural resources law and litigation in Albuquerque, New Mexico after he served in World War II. In addition, his deep commitment to public service led him to become one of the great heroes of the national legal aid movement.

John was a leader during the formative years of legal aid. Early in his career, John served on the boards of the Albuquerque Legal Aid Society and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. He was appointed to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, and served as chairman of the Committee for six years. He also served on the United States Office of Economic Opportunity's National Advisory Committee. In that role, John helped lay the foundation for the establishment of the Legal Services Corporation. In the 1990s, he worked tirelessly with Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico to lead a bipartisan effort to preserve the Legal Services Corporation in response to proposals to phase out its funding. Because of his efforts, hundreds of thousands of people who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation have received and continue to receive legal aid services.

The members of the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors were deeply saddened by John's recent passing and, by this writing, adopted on October 7, 2014, we wish to formally express to his family, the Rodey Law Firm, and the New Mexico Bar Association our deepest sympathies and to assure them that he will long be remembered for his many contributions to improving access to justice in America.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation

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