
Orange County Law Community Supports Local Job Seekers **WHW's 7th Annual *Suits for a Cause* draws almost 60 Law Firms** **in support of putting people to work**

SANTA ANA, California, March 14, 2017 – Southern California law firms and legal groups have come together during the month of March to host clothing drives in support of Orange County's challenged job seekers. "Suits for a Cause" was created by Laurie Rowen, Founder and Co-owner of Montage Legal Services, who was looking for a way to mobilize the legal community behind the mission of WHW, which is to provide the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. *Suits for a Cause* provides thousands of pieces of professional clothing and accessories to job seekers who lack the resources that would enable them to be interview-ready.

Now in its seventh year, *Suits for a Cause* continues to be one of WHW's largest clothing drives providing some of the highest quality of professional attire for the job seekers served by the organization. Ron Brand, a Shareholder with Jackson Tidus, A Law Corporation who is serving as Honorary Chair of this year's *Suits for a Cause* campaign says, "As a practicing lawyer for 17 years, I truly believe that community service helps attorneys to practice law through a more prolific lens. I believe we have a moral responsibility and obligation to serve those struggling to become self-sufficient in our own backyard."

This mission not only inspires those who are practicing law but extends to those who provide supportive services. The Orange County Bar Association is encouraging their members to play an active role in this community project. "I and the OCBA leadership believe that this worthy cause provides our members with a special opportunity to get their entire firm involved, by helping others to feel empowered and to succeed in life. Dignified and professional clothing assist with people feeling confident and comfortable in an interview, allowing them to focus more on the interview conversation, without feeling self-conscious because of an inadequate wardrobe," says President of the OCBA Board, Michael L. Baroni.

Ashely Walton of Aptus Reporting, a firm that provides premier litigation support, also stands behind WHW. "Obtaining a good job and increasing the household income moves families from struggling to economically self-sufficient." Not only does Walton stand behind the organization's mission but wants to recognize all the firms who are stepping-up to be a part of the *Suits For A Cause* campaign by sponsoring a breakfast reception that is being hosted by the Orange County Bar Association on Wednesday, March 29th.

Since 1993, WHW has provided a full array of Employment Readiness services, including educational workshops, computer training, job placement assistance, employment retention support as well as professional apparel, equipping thousands of local job seekers who face barriers to employment each year to be marketable job candidates. "Last year WHW was able to help 75% of our job seekers secure employment within four months, which is three times quicker than the national average," noted WHW CEO Janie Wolicki Best. "We get to see lives transformed on a daily basis because for many a good job is more than a paycheck, it is a lifeline."

7th Annual *Suits for a Cause* Sponsors:

- Bisnar Chase
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- Carlson & Jayakumar
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- Little, Reid & Karzai
- Miller Barondess
- Montage Legal Group, LLC
- Regal Court Reporting
- Snell & Wilmer, LLP
- Verdon Law Group

To see the list of all the 2017 *Suits for a Cause* participants, please visit <http://whw.org/contribute/suits-for-a-cause/>.

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About WHW: WHW is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 80,000 job seekers referred by over 275 partner agencies at no charge. Each year thousands of job seekers participate in programs focused on making them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel. For more information on WHW and how you can support their job seekers, please visit www.whw.org.

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