

# **Orange County's Legal Community Joins Together to Support Job Seekers of Nonprofit WHW During its "Suits for a Cause" Clothing Drive**

*The Month-Long Clothing Drive Throughout March Concludes with a Luncheon on March 29*

**WHAT:** The Orange County legal community has joined together during the month of March for its 8th Annual Suits for a Cause clothing drive to support the job seekers of nonprofit WHW, which provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Sixty-nine law firms and legal businesses and organizations are working together to donate professional suits to WHW for one of the nonprofit's largest clothing drives of the year, particularly for complete suit donations for job seekers.

## **Irvine Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

The Brand Law Firm  
Carothers, Disante & Freudenberger  
Buchalter  
Page & Jorgensen LLP  
Montage Legal Group  
Haeggquist & Eck, LLP  
Law Office of Suzanne A. Fidler  
Knobbe Martens  
Triage Law Firm, P.C.  
Kang, P.C.  
Pivotal Law Firm, Inc.  
Aronson Law  
Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP  
Singer Lewak  
The Raitt Law Firm  
Shustak Reynolds & Partners, P.C.  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP  
Pacific Dental Services  
Aviso Legal Group LLP  
Special Counsel Jus Chowdhary  
University of California, Irvine, School of Law  
Kading Briggs, LLP

## **Newport Beach Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Bisnar Chase  
Carlson & Jayakumar  
Rynn & Janowsky, LLP  
OC Women Lawyers Association  
Call & Jensen  
Archer Norris  
Ferruzo & Ferruzo LLP  
Risner & Associates, Inc.  
The Foley Group, PLC  
One LLP

Constitutional Rights Foundation  
Blue Law Group  
Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.  
Janice A. Ramsay ALC

**Costa Mesa Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Snell & Wilmer, LLP  
Talon  
Rutan & Tucker LLP  
Haynes Boone  
Songstad Randall Coffee & Humphrey, LLP

**Tustin Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Hughes & Hughes  
Johnson Employment Law  
Law Office of Jennifer Johnson  
Unlock Legal

**Laguna Hills Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Skorheim & Associates, AAC  
Best Best & Krieger LLP

**Laguna Beach Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Schalu Rogers

**Ladera Ranch Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Colantoni, Collins, Marren, Phillips & Tulk, LLP

**Orange Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Cottle, Keen, Lopiccolo & Heyde, LLP  
Amezcu-Moll & Associates, P.C.

**Santa Ana Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Bock & Plummer, Attorneys at Law  
Law Offices of Katie Walsh  
Law Offices of Shelley M. Liberto  
Public Law Center  
Law and Mediation Offices of Stephanie S. Lee  
District Attorney Yvette Patko  
Law Office of Caroline Hahn

**San Juan Capistrano Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Meg Smith Law

**Mission Viejo Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Ghassemian Law Group, APC  
Elite Court Reporting

**Lake Forest Law Firms or Legal Businesses and Organization Participants Include:**

Santoni Investigations

Horwitz + Armstrong LLP

For more information about Suits for a Cause and the full list of participating legal firms, groups and companies visit: <http://whw.org/contribute/suits-for-a-cause/>.

The Suits for a Cause clothing drive will conclude with a celebratory luncheon on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Orange County Bar Association located at 4101 Westerly Place in Newport Beach, Calif. During the luncheon, Justice Eileen C. Moore will provide an exclusive presentation on “Gender Issues in the U.S. Supreme Court and Hollywood Movies” which will look at law and culture with regard to women including how issues involving women have evolved in the nation’s highest court and how the movie industry has portrayed women at these same times. Her presentation is MCLE certified and fulfills the Elimination of Bias requirement for attorneys.

**WHY:** WHW was founded by two legal professionals and survivors of domestic abuse who faced the task of rebuilding their professional wardrobes and self-esteem to return to the workforce in 1993. WHW has grown from providing 63 women with professional apparel to help prepare them for interviews 25 years ago to now serving more than 8,000 job seekers (men and women) each year and empowering them to navigate a complex job search with a multitude of tools. WHW is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and since its inception has served over 90,000 job seekers with programs including Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel including interview-appropriate apparel and accessories.

WHW helps people get and keep good jobs including through educating job seekers on relevant social media strategies, elevator speeches, networking, mock interviews, informational interviews, Skype interviews, business cards, digital resumes, personal branding and marketing strategies that enable a candidate to clearly demonstrate the value they bring to an employer. WHW is the only agency in Orange County addressing these items and more within a comprehensive employment support program provided to all job seekers at no cost.

WHW accepts donations year-round including clothing donations at its Irvine location (2803 McGaw Avenue). At WHW, 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to making an impact, more than 80% of job seekers obtain a job within three months and 90% of those keep that job, which increases their household income by over 300%.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Clothing Drive—Throughout the month of March at participating law firms and groups  
Celebratory Luncheon—Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Orange County Bar Association located at 4101 Westerly Place in Newport Beach, Calif.

*Media are invited to attend the luncheon with advance RSVP to Kait McKay at 949.933.0768 or [kait@kaitmckayphotography.com](mailto:kait@kaitmckayphotography.com).*

**INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Interviews with WHW CEO and Executive Director Janie Best, Suits for a Cause Founder Laurie Rowen of Montage Legal Group, Suits for a Cause Honorary Chair Ron Brand of The Brand Law Firm and members of other participating law firms.
- Great visuals including law firms with suit donations for WHW job seekers.

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**About WHW**

WHW is a nonprofit organization which provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 90,000 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. In 2018, WHW is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For more information on WHW, please visit [www.whw.org](http://www.whw.org).

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