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Celebration! CLP Commemorates 20 Years of Service

Last month, CLP celebrated its 20th year of service with a gathering at California Western that included many of the community members that have helped CLP reach this important milestone. Past and present CLP friends came together to share stories and reminisce about a program that has grown into a well-recognized legal provider in San Diego. The evening was full of warmth, gratitude, and laughter. A big thanks to everyone that helped make the evening wonderful!



From left to right: Staff members of the San Diego Law Library; CLP Founder Linda Morton and CLP staff Dana Sisitsky, Ted Janowsky, and Liz Cervantes; CLP Advisory Council Member Ken Klein and CLP Partner Dr. Ellen Beck.



From left to right: Executive Director of the Karen Organization of San Diego, Nao Kabashima, CLP Assistant Director Ted Janowsky and CLP Volunteer Attorney Rebecca Levine; CLP Executive Director Dana Sisitsky and CWSL Dean Miriam Baer.

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From left to right: CLP fall 2025 students; CLP Alumnus and Volunteer Attorney Noemy Cruz and CLP Volunteer Attorney Claudia Ignacio; CLP Volunteer Attorney Bhashini Weerasinghe and Friend of CLP Tammy Sumontha.



From left to right: CLP Student Leader Louisa Twitchell and CLP Volunteer Attorney Han Hershman; CLP Alumnus Matt Cannon and CLP Friend Jeff Chinn; Former CLP Student Leaders Michelle Valania and Verenice Meza.

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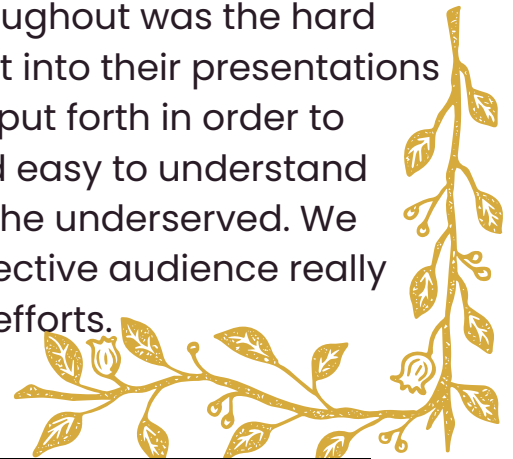
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A Closer Look: Fall Student Presentations



Our students have completed the term, which also means they have completed their community education presentations. They presented to a variety of audiences, from parents of elementary school-aged children to senior citizens. Likewise, the topics were varied and included coverage of workplace rights to tenant rights and more. The common thread throughout was the hard work our students put into their presentations and the energy they put forth in order to provide valuable and easy to understand legal information to the underserved. We know that each respective audience really benefited from their efforts.



From left to right: CLP students Jennifer Garcia and Hilda Betancourt presenting to a group of parents at Casa de Amistad in Solana Beach; CLP student Sydney Janssen and Mackenzie Rivera (not pictured) doing a presentation on Estate Law to a group of seniors at Mira Mesa Library; CLP students Naakoshi Imhotep and Angie Gonzales presenting at Crawford High School; CLP students Yasmin Ureno and Dani Vallejo (with Liz Cervantes interpreting) presenting on Family Law issues to a group of parents at Rosa Parks Elementary School

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Spotlight: Awards and Recognition

CLP has yet another reason to celebrate this year. The San Diego Law Library Foundation awarded CLP with the Witkin Award for Excellence in Legal Education. We are honored to have received this award on behalf of all who help make our program a success. It was especially rewarding to share the evening with CLP students, volunteer attorneys, and CWSL staff that support our program.



From left to right: Ted Janowsky, Jack Dailey, Louisa Twitchell, Sydney Janssen, Dean Miriam Baer; Dana Sisitsky, Bhashini Weerasinghe, Mackenzie Rivera, Linda Morton, Vice Dean Liam Vavasour, and Michelle Valania.



From left to right: CLP Executive Director, Dana Sisitsky, accepting the award on behalf of the Community Law Project.



From left to right: Michelle Celleri, Linda Morton, Dana Sisitsky, Ted Janowsky, and Mariza Lockhart.

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