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Washington Wizard John Wall, U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins, Advocates to Receive Awards for Work to End Homelessness; Ted Leonsis and Gwen Moore to Present Awards

Honorees Include: Washington Wizard John Wall, U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins, Dechert LLP, and Ms. Angela Spencer

Washington D.C. - On Thursday September 22, 2016 the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty ("the Law Center") will be honoring **Washington Wizard John Wall, U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins, Dechert LLP and Angela Spencer**, at the 18th annual McKinney-Vento Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. The Law Center will also celebrate 27 years of high impact work to protect the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness and to end homelessness in America. **Dana Jacobson**, an award winning TV sports personality and correspondent and anchor for CBS News and CBS Sports, will emcee. **Ted Leonsis** and **Congresswoman Gwen Moore** will join us as awards presenters.

The Law Center will present the Stewart B. McKinney Award to **John Wall** of the Washington Wizards and the Bruce F. Vento Award to **U.S. Senator Susan Collins**. Both honorees have worked to address the issue of youth homelessness, with John Wall donating his time to help homeless children and U.S. Senator Susan Collins advocating for legislation to prevent homelessness among young adults, foster children, and families.

This year's Pro Bono Counsel honoree, **Dechert LLP**, has been instrumental in advocating for the voting rights of homeless and other low income people in Wisconsin, devoting countless pro bono hours and legal talent in a long and effective fight against discriminatory voter ID laws, a fight that has special resonance in this election year.

The Personal Achievement Award goes to **Ms. Angela Spencer**, a Texas mother who became homeless when she was furloughed from her job and lost her home to foreclosure. When her son, Amarion, was denied enrollment in school because of his homelessness, Angela worked tirelessly with her attorney and the Law

Center to combat this wrong and to fight for her son's educational rights. She and her son are no longer homeless, and her son continues to excel in school.

The McKinney-Vento Awards pays tribute to Congressmen Stewart B. McKinney and Bruce F. Vento, co-authors of the first major legislation addressing the national homelessness crisis. The 18th annual McKinney-Vento Awards will be held on Thursday September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at The Liaison Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.

Members of the press, please contact Grace Beal at (202) 638-2535 ext. 105 or gbeal@nlchp.org to RSVP.

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The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (www.nlchp.org) is the only national organization dedicated solely to using the power of the law to prevent and end homelessness. With the support of a large network of pro bono lawyers, we address the immediate and long-term needs of people who are homeless or at risk through outreach and training, advocacy, impact litigation, and public education.