



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF ESTHER LARDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Esther Lardent founded the Pro Bono Institute (PBI) in 1996, leading the organization for almost 20 years;

**WHEREAS**, Esther believed that leveraging the talents and resources of America's law firms and corporate law departments could have an enormous impact on improving access to justice for low-income Americans;

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure at PBI, Esther helped convince 137 top-tier law firms and 145 corporate legal departments to increase their commitment to pro bono services, thereby doing more to increase pro bono work by big law firms and corporate legal departments than any other person in the history of American law;

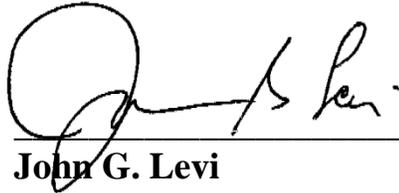
**WHEREAS**, Esther's commitment to expanding access to justice was long standing, as she founded one of the nation's first organized bar pro bono programs, the Boston Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project, served as a member of Legal Services Corporation's Pro Bono Task Force, and served as an independent legal and policy consultant for the Ford Foundation, the American Bar Association, state and local bar associations, and public interest and legal services programs;

**WHEREAS**, Esther galvanized the entire legal profession through her vision of a society in which everyone receives equal treatment under the law;

**WHEREAS**, Esther's leadership and achievements were widely recognized, including in 2015 when she received The American Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation expresses its profound appreciation and gratitude for Esther Lardent – a tireless champion of equal access to justice in America.

**Adopted by the Board of Directors  
On April 19, 2016**

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**John G. Levi**  
*Chairman*

Attest:

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**Ronald S. Flagg**  
*Vice President for Legal Affairs,  
General Counsel, and  
Corporate Secretary*