

William E. Morris Award

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Recognizing extraordinary contributions in making legal services available to persons who otherwise could not afford them.

Stanley Friedman



Retirement for some means you stop working. For Stanley Friedman it meant law school. Stan left his thriving insurance business in New Jersey to his sons and started law school to be admitted in 1998. After he and his wife moved to Arizona, he was determined to continue to use his legal skills to serve the community. Under Rule 38e he began to demonstrate his creativity and commitment to pro bono service. He worked to develop and provide pro bono help to tenants at the San Marcos Justice Court; he created printed materials and a video presentation to educate tenants; he reached out to other retired attorneys to encourage them to join in his volunteering; and he recruited law students to help provide presentations to educate the community on landlord-tenant issues.

At Community Legal Services, Mr. Friedman has his own phone extension that he monitors several times a day to respond to callers in need. He told CLS to use him as a resource for phone advice to tenants in immediate emergency situations. He never says no when the VLP calls! During 2012, Stan devoted at least three hours a week, every week of the year, to providing pro bono service to tenants. He assisted at least 27 families in addition to providing many other people with brief advice or referrals.