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Escape. Relax. Raffle. Success!

Houston Volunteer Lawyers held its second annual Escape. Relax. Raffle. event at the House of Blues on Thursday, June 5. It was a huge success! The Raffle is a spin on the traditional fundraiser. Instead of asking for money, HVL asked lawyers to pledge their time for the chance to win big prizes. This year's Raffle resulted in pledges for 61 pro bono cases!

HVL thanks the generous donors of this year's raffle prizes: Golf Club of Houston, Zadok Jewelers, the Houston Texans, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Beautique Salon & Day Spa, House of Blues, the HVL Board of Directors, and "Personality Prizes" Rusty Hardin, Harry Reasoner, Ruthie White, and John Eddie Williams. A special thanks, too, to Lainey Balagia, for donating the time of her talented band for the second year in a row!

At the Raffle, HVL also recognized some of its most outstanding volunteers. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

"On the Go" award for attending the most clinics - Bob Devlin (Retired)

"Newcomer" award for most active new volunteer - Evelyn Gordon, Law Office of Evelyn L. Gordon

"Trailblazer" award for innovation in pro bono programming - Ellyn Josef*, Vinson & Elkins LLP, and Monica Karuturi, LyondellBasell

"Roadrunner" award for the longest running pro bono case - Jack Edwards, A Jamie LLP

"Big Shoes" award for being an irreplaceable lifetime volunteer - Stewart Gagnon, Fulbright & Jaworski

"Triple Threat" award for being a lawyer, volunteer, and rock star - Lainey Balagia, McGinnis Lochridge

See you again next year!

*Watch Ellyn's award acceptance speech [here!](#)

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