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Hyde Park Resident Being Recognized for Human Rights Work

Minneapolis, MN (06-10-14) --- Julie Shelton, Hyde Park resident and attorney with Faegre & Benson in Chicago, has been selected to receive The Advocates for Human Rights' Volunteer Award for her volunteer work on a number of projects, including the organizations work in Africa.

The award will be presented to Shelton at The Advocates' Human Rights Awards Dinner being held Wed., June 25, at the Minneapolis Hilton.

In her volunteer association with The Advocates, Shelton served as the team leader for a pro bono needs assessment in Cameroon, worked on a report on LGBTI rights in Cameroon, and drafted bills for post-conflict Somali law reform. "Julie has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty," says Jennifer Prestholdt, The Advocates' deputy director and director of its International Justice Program.

At Faegre & Benson, Shelton is a member of the firm's real estate and construction litigation group and practices product liability litigation. With more than 27 years' experience as a trial lawyer, she has represented Fortune 100 and other companies in a variety of complex matters, and she has defended cases at both the trial and appellate levels.

The Human Rights Awards Dinner honors individuals for their significant contributions to the promotion of human rights, and it celebrates the work of volunteers whose efforts have made an impact on the support of human rights locally and internationally.

Others being honored include the event's keynote speaker, Marilyn Carlson Nelson, who is receiving the Don and Arvonne Fraser Human Rights Award for her work to combat sex trafficking; Chimgee Haltarhuu, an immigrant from Mongolia now living in Minnesota, for her initiatives to halt domestic violence in Mongolia; Laura Tripiciano, a Minnesota attorney, for providing pro bono legal representation to people seeking asylum; and Mark Petty, an attorney editor at Thomason Reuters, who has since 2012 donated more than 100 hours translating in French and Spanish for The Advocates.

The Advocates, a volunteer-based non-profit organization headquartered in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, conducts cutting-edge research, education, and advocacy to save lives, fight injustice, restore peace, and build the human rights movement in the United States and around the world. The organization is the largest provider in the upper Midwest of no-cost legal services to low-income refugees seeking asylum.

For information about The Advocates, visit TheAdvocatesForHumanRights.org

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