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Welcome

to the inaugural issue of our Angel Awards, in which we honor California lawyers who demonstrate a fierce commitment to pro bono work. The awards this year recognize 16 attorneys throughout the state for a wide range of work—from helping victims of domestic violence to protecting the rights of asylum seekers. These dedicated lawyers include sole practitioners and attorneys from small firms as well as from large international firms. The Angel Awards are our way of thanking them for their service.

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In September 2005 Condon took the appeal of a case challenging the restrictive criteria that the California Department of Health

Services imposes on doctors seeking approval for serostim (human growth hormone) treatments for patients with AIDs wasting syndrome. The case had previously been handled by Arnold & Porter LLP partner Suzanne Wilson and associates Tricia Cross, Johanna Pirko, and Thad Pope, who in 2004 were referred the case by the HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance in Los Angeles. Condon is also advising an EPA-funded community organization in Pacoima on investigating and pursuing action to reduce environmental hazards. In addition, along with partner John Carlton and associates Michael Lavetter and Steve Park, he represents the surviving heir of a small estate whose property was taken by a family caregiver. Earlier this year Condon settled a civil case on behalf of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles.