



# Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

Children's Law Center (CLC) is a nonprofit, direct legal services provider that acts as the voice in court for close to 100% of Los Angeles County's over 25,000 abused and neglected foster children. Our 220 person staff of committed attorneys, social work investigators, and paralegals is a tireless team of advocates for these vulnerable youth, guiding them through the complicated and often overwhelming foster care system and accompanying court process.

**Whenever possible, CLC aims to preserve and strengthen families so children can be raised in their own homes.** Although these stories are not often publicized, they represent the positive outcomes that CLC wishes for all of its clients. Take, for example, the story of Katya and Joselyn. These young sisters were detained from their parents due to an unexplained head injury. Their CLC attorney fought to show, through the use of expert medical testimony, that the head injury was accidental. This attorney's hard work and dedication paid off; Katya and Joselyn were reunified with their parents, and the case was closed six months later.

In another case, five-year old Martin was removed from his mother's care and later went to live with his father. Once his relationship with his father was on solid ground, court jurisdiction was terminated. On the day that his case was closed with a custody order to his father, Martin gave a drawing to his attorney that said, *"I love you like a friend."* Another client, Robert, was detained due to his parents' domestic violence and his father's drug abuse. He was returned to his mother's custody early in the case and was eventually successfully reunited with both parents. Robert kept in touch with his attorney even as he entered his first year of college, and wrote to her in a letter, *"Your ambition and commitment to reuniting my family shall not be forgotten. With all the sincerity in my heart, thank you!"*

**CLC is thrilled to be a part of Family Reunification Celebration Week.**

**Congratulations to all of the nominees and award recipients!**

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