

Simmons Hanly Conroy Announces \$100,000 Leadership Gift in Support of Program to Preserve Public Access to the Courts & Jury Trials

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Founding Gift in Support of Public Justice Foundation's 'Justice for All' Program Will Help Keep Courts Open for Workers, Consumers and Those Fighting Injustice

Washington, DC – The Public Justice Foundation, a non-profit litigation and advocacy organization that pursues high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses, announced today that Simmons Hanly Conroy, a national law firm, has made a \$100,000 gift in support of the Foundation's new 'Justice for All' fund. The fund, launched earlier this year, is dedicated to preserving public access to the courts and to jury trials for workers, consumers and those battling corrupt corporations, discriminatory employers and others seeking to roll-back critical legal protections.

"We are enormously grateful to Simmons Hanly Conroy for their generous investment in our work to preserve public access to justice and counter the increasing attacks on Americans' right to their day in court," said Paul Bland, executive director of Public Justice. "We created the 'Justice for All' fund to grow Public Justice's capacity to break down unreasonable barriers to class actions, fight forced arbitration, expose court secrecy and stop federal pre-emption. This founding gift from Simmons Hanly Conroy will be immeasurably important in our ability to take on corporate-funded attacks on the individual right to a jury trial and access to the courts."

In recent months, Public Justice has won two landmark U.S. Supreme Court victories in favor of workers battling forced arbitration and consumers fighting attempts by Fortune 500 companies to make it more difficult to litigate class action lawsuits. The organization's recently announced 'Justice for All' fund was developed in response to an increasing number of corporate lobbying campaigns aimed at blocking access to the

courts. Founded in 1982, Public Justice has a long track record of significant court victories and advocacy campaigns in support of plaintiffs' rights to have their cases heard in a court of law.

“All of us who advocate for families and individuals harmed by corporate wrongdoing appreciate Public Justice’s tenacious quest to ensure the courtroom doors are not blocked by corporate lobbyists,” said Mitchell Breit, a shareholder with Simmons Hanly Conroy. “The advocates at Public Justice have been on the frontlines of ensuring that ‘Justice for All’ isn’t merely a catchphrase, but a true commitment our justice system lives up to every day. We are proud to support their important and inspiring work.”

Public Justice pursues high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth’s sustainability and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses. For more information, visit www.PublicJustice.net.