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Houston Legal Charities Get Big Boost from Record-Setting Year for *Lawyermania*

Houston, Texas – February 6, 2016 – Legal charities across Houston benefited from the hard work and talent of singing and dancing lawyers and judges. **Night Court**, the Houston lawyer theatrical troupe, awarded a total of \$105,000 to six area charities from proceeds of their 2015 production, *Lawyermania*, an homage to the Beatles and 1960s culture. This year's six-figure total is the most the troupe has ever raised for charity in a single year.

More than 30 Houston-area lawyers and judges wowed audiences this past August at the Hobby Center where the ensemble marked its 26th anniversary. Since its inception, **Night Court** has raised over \$930,000 for legal charities in the Houston area.

“Night Court’s loyal audience and our generous sponsors are crucial to our success”, says Executive Producer Scott Davenport. He added “and we have some unique sponsorship perks!” At the higher levels, sponsors are written into the show. This year’s top sponsors, Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc., The Common Source, LP, Navigant, The Hancock Firm, LLC and U.S. Legal Support, Inc. were featured in their own Beatles-themed songs.

“We are already fundraising and developing our next show, *Texas: Law and Order*, a send up of the popular and long-running legal drama that hits the stage in August of 2016 at the Hobby Center,” says Davenport.

Beneficiaries are chosen by a selection committee and the 2015 recipients who will share in the proceeds are:

- The **Houston Area Women’s Center Children’s Court Services Program** which assists child victims of crime and/or witnesses to crimes and their families as they participate in the criminal justice system;
- The **Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence** organization which provides legal services to women who have been domestically abused but have little access to information on legal rights or the services of an attorney;
- The **Tahirih Justice Project** that focuses on helping female immigrants and human trafficking victims seeking justice in the United States from gender-based violence;
- The **Family Intervention and Infant Toddler Court** which helps families experiencing substance abuse problems work through the legal system with a focus on reuniting families and maintaining the family unit;
- The **Cathedral Health and Outreach Ministries d/b/a BEACON LAW** that assists clients with housing problems focusing on helping people who are homeless; and
- **Lone Star Legal Aid’s Houston-Area Military Veterans Unit** which assists active military, veterans, and their dependents with various civil legal issues.

For more information, visit www.nightcourt.org or call Executive Producer Scott Davenport at 713-963-4898

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