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The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs has been a strong voice for civil rights for nearly five decades. The Committee has fought for equality in education, against housing and employment discrimination, and to protect the rights of immigrants, prisoners and persons with disabilities. The Committee, in

partnership with local law firms, has achieved much, but more work needs to be done. The national conversation on race, equality of opportunity and criminal justice demonstrates that the work of the Committee is as important today as it was when the Committee was formed.

John L. Burke, Jr. was a stalwart champion for the Committee for more than 20 years. John served with distinction as the Committee's General Counsel and as a volunteer attorney on a series of significant Committee cases. Shortly after his untimely death in 2004, the Committee's Pro Bono Breakfast was renamed in his honor and a fund bearing his name was established. We express our deep appreciation to all of the volunteers and donors who have contributed so much to our success.

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