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## Your Kennedy Center Headliner: Lawyers

The Schmoosarama road show continues. On Thursday, Sept. 27, we'll be at the *Tysons Rise*. Join us for open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and top-notch networking. [Sign up today!](#)

Last night, it wasn't Placido or Baryshnikov drawing crowds to the Kennedy Center. It was the annual Helping Children Soar benefit for the Children's Law Center, DC's largest legal nonprofit, that had 400 lawyers packing its rooftop terrace restaurant and raising a record \$750k.



We found CLC executive director **Judith Sandalow** smiling happily, flanked by the night's co-chairs: global tech firm Advisory Board Company GC **Evan Farber** (a CLC board member) and CLC pro bono attorney **Betsy Downes** (who's married to another CLC board member, Arnold & Porter partner **Pat Doyle**). Judith drew the nonprofit from three staff members to 80, plus over 400 active pro bono lawyers who together represent more than 2,000 at-risk DC children each year.

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GE senior counsel **Aimee Imundo** (and a helper **Todd Ruhkamp**) showed us the Children's Pro Bono Champions award GE picked up. The company and her former firm, **Arnold & Porter**, both earned an award for their innovative partnership on special education pro bono cases. Amy helped create the partnership and tells us it connects with GE's \$6B healthcare initiative, **healthymagination**, and gives the company a deeper connection to DC.



DC Superior Court Judge **Jennifer DiToro** with CGI VP and GC **Joe Right**, a CLC board member. Judge DiToro was nominated to the court last year by President **Obama** after seven years as CLC legal director. And the chief judge of her court, **Lee Satterfield**, also happens to be a fan of the nonprofit: he introduced speaker Sen. **Mary Landrieu** last year and won the '06 Distinguished Child Advocate Award.



Alvin Gump's **Jason Denby** and McDermott's **Bob Zelnick**. In honor of **DC Fashion Week** (which kicks off unofficially tomorrow), Bob tells us he thinks the Second Circuit got the **Louboutin** red sole decision exactly right. The former nine-year global trademark practice head has been busy with trademark work for **Absolut** vodka. Each new brand and flavor goes through trademark clearance first. We learned that many flavors originated as city brands (for instance, the popular Absolut Acai started off as **Absolut LA**).



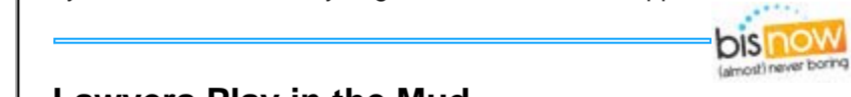
### 40 For DCRCC



Over at **Reed Smith**, the firm hosted the 40th anniversary celebration of the DC Rape Crisis Center, one of the first in the country. The firm's DC managing partner, **Scott Bolden**, stands with DCRCC executive director **Denise Snyder**.



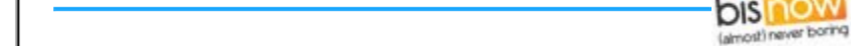
DOJ's **Bea Hanson** picked up a Visionary Award on behalf of Attorney General Eric Holder. She was named the acting director of DOJ's **Office on Violence Against Women** in April after joining the DOJ last May. Rep. **Gwen Moore** (D-WI) was also honored with an award, and White House Advisor on Violence Against Women **Lynn Rosenthal** came by to give the President's support.



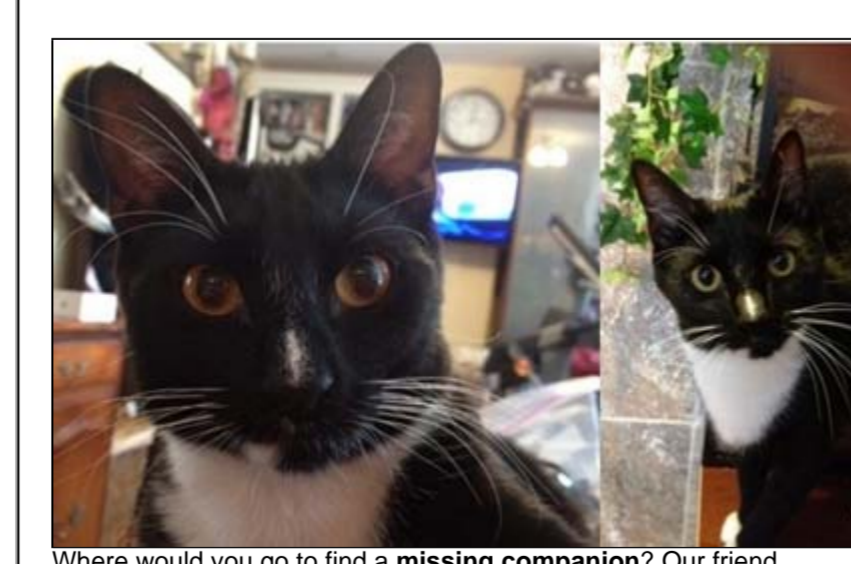
### Lawyers Play in the Mud



Lawyers are tough! These braved the **Tough Mudder** run to raise money for the **Wounded Warrior** project. Getting ready to race above (you can tell it's before because they're not covered in mud) is **France, Gresham, Ebe, Heath, and "Kah"** from real estate law firm **France Gresham, Simon Lawyers Tom Dilaconi and Jocelyn Guber, Holland & Knight's Chris Gamara, JBG Rosenfield's Krista Dilaconi, Edens' Jess Bruner and Kristy Inman, Chipotle Real Estate's Matt France, and Long and Foster counsel Arthur Nguyen.**



### Help: Missing Cat



Where would you go to find a missing companion? Our friend, Capital City Ball's **Tanya Sabat**, has lost her cat and could use your advice on who to contact. Most places we asked wanted to charge her **\$3.6 million** for a missing cat ad. (Note: the only person we asked was NFL Commissioner **Roger Goodell**). Well, of course, we're putting this out free of charge, in hope she can be reunited with the feline who she says "works with me every day on my desk. He is very judgmental. I trust his taste, though." If anyone knows who she can contact, or better yet, has found the little guy, [let us know](#).

Enjoy the weekend, get muddy, and send story ideas to [Robana@bisnow.com](mailto:Robana@bisnow.com)

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