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## **Valley Bar Association's 2010 President's Award will go to David I. Karp.**

**San Fernando Valley, CA, August 31, 2010** -- At the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Annual Autumn Gala and Installation of Officers on October 2, 2010, Mediator David I. Karp will be honored with the Association's 2010 President's Award. President of the Association, Robert F. Flagg, Esq., will make the presentation.

A member of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association (SFVBA) for many years, Karp volunteered to establish, and for two years led, the Association's teen youth group. It was created with a focus on character development and career education through the Law and Government Exploring program of Learning for Life.

The youth group came under the auspices of the Bar Association's Diversity Committee, of which Karp has been a member for a number of years, with a goal of bringing together a diverse group of teens from throughout the San Fernando Valley interested in a career in law and/or government.

A score of young people from the San Fernando Valley, ages 14-20, male and female, from many cultural groups, has participated in the program and has thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The program has thus succeeded beyond expectation, helping the Bar Association to achieve its goals of inspiring diverse young people to become our lawyers of the future.

With Karp's retirement from leadership in the SFVBA's teen program, incoming Association President, Seymour I. Amster, Esq. and other volunteers seek to expand the program's boundaries beyond what Learning for Life/Exploring offered, to help more young people become involved.

Karp is a professional mediator based in Van Nuys, CA, who devotes his full time attention to assisting in the resolution of real estate and business conflicts. Before turning to mediation full-time six years ago, Karp conducted a real estate and business litigation practice for 25 years.

A graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School, Karp has a Peer Review Rating of "AV-Preeminent," the highest possible rating in legal ability and ethical standards, from Martindale-Hubbell Inc.

In 2006, Karp was acknowledged by the Los Angeles Superior Court for "Outstanding Volunteer Contributions" to its Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. He has been given many other awards for his service to youth.

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