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**LEGAL AID'S MAUI OFFICE MANAGING ATTORNEY, NICOLE FORELLI, TO BE GIVEN
THE LAWYER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD BY THE MAUI COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Managing Attorney, Nicole Forelli will be given The Lawyer Community Involvement Award by the Maui County Bar Association at the MCBA's Annual Dinner on December 5th 2008.

The Lawyer Community Involvement Award is given to a Maui attorney who exemplifies admirable conduct and active participation with other groups and individuals in the community while ensuring equal justice for all people.

ABOUT NICOLE FORELLI

Nicole Forelli assumed the role of Managing Attorney for Maui County (Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i) in 2004. Besides managing the day-to-day operations of the three island's offices, Nicole also uses her extensive experience in family law to assist in child welfare matters, and other cases.

Previously, Nicole was the Managing Attorney for the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) formerly the Domestic Violence Clearing House and Legal Hotline, Maui Office. In addition to her experience in family law with DVAC, she prosecuted domestic violence cases with the Maui Prosecutor's Office. Before moving to Maui, Nicole was an Assistant Attorney General on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for eight years, where she prosecuted all types of misdemeanor and felony cases. She also served as a staff attorney for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in its criminal motions division and was an associate at a prominent San Francisco law firm in its environmental law group.



About her work at Legal Aid, she states, "I look forward to furthering the reputation of Legal Aid in the Maui community and to creating more awareness of the services that Legal Aid provides."

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