Whistleblowers Protect Freedom And Democracy

Pacifica Radio Network Supports
Whistleblower Summit™ for Civil and Human Rights

Over the last ten years members from the Make it Safe Coalition (MISC) have arranged an assembly of whistleblowers in Washington, D.C. each year for an annual conference originally known as Washington Whistleblower’s Week. ACORN 8 (www.ACORN8.com) will host this year’s Whistleblower Summit™ for Civil & Human Rights on July 27-28, 2017. We are proud to announce the Pillar Human Rights Award recipients this year.

Senators Corry Booker (D-NJ) and Rand Paul (R-KY) for Criminal Justice Reform Legislation;

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) for Whistleblower Legislation

Eleanor Holms Norton (D.C. Delegate) for Criminal Justice Reform

Ashia Brown (Mayor of Compton, CA) for Community Activism

Shelia White — (Frank Wills & Martha Mitchell Award)

And a posthumous award to Ken Williams & Caroline Hunter for founding the Polaroid Revolutionary Workers Movement (Anti-Apartheid) — (Grace Lee Boggs Award).

We also would like to recognize broadcasters/journalists with Pillar Awards; Frank Serpico / Antonino D’Ambrosio (Documentary Film). The Pillar is awarded to notable civil and human rights champions; previous recipients include Senator Charles “Chuck” Grassley (R-IA) and Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO).
The public and all whistleblowers and their advocates, as well as the entire civil rights community are invited to participate. Special thanks to the Government Accountability Project, Public Citizen and Project On Government Oversight for sponsoring the Pillar Awards Reception; and the National Whistleblower Center will sponsor the National Whistleblowers Day Celebration. The Whistleblower Summit™ includes various workshops and panel discussions:

Celebrating National Whistleblower Appreciation Day

Whistleblower Legislative Campaigns in the 116th Congress

American Justice... Pro Se?

Whistleblower Author Talk & Book Signing

Whistleblower Film Screening

Justice Reform—Guardianship

Using The Media for Environmental Whistleblowing

Office of Special Counsel / Merit Systems Protections Board

Pillar Human Rights Award Reception

Whistleblower Solidarity Dinner

The Whistleblower Summit™ includes a historic panel discussion with distinguished authors and filmmakers of whistleblower books and films who will be present to autograph and discuss their creative works. The book signing will be followed by film screenings of “Pillar Award” nominated documentary films. Thus “Movie Night” with the whistleblowers is one of the highlights of our annual summit, because it gives whistleblowers, advocates and conference attendees an opportunity to interact with the general public in a relaxed atmosphere that promotes camaraderie and builds broad community support.
The Author Talk and Book Signing and Whistleblower Film Screening at Busboys & Poets on July 27, 2017 (6:00—10:00 PM).

Invited Authors:


- Bradley Birkenfield, “Lucifer’s Banker”—The Untold Story Of How I Destroyed Swiss Bank Secrecy.


- Michael McCray / Marcel Reid, ACORN 8: Race, Power & Politics—Memoirs of an ACORN Whistleblower.

- Andrew Kreig, “Presidential Puppetry” (2nd Edition)

Documentary Film Screenings:

- ACORN and the Firestorm

- Frank Serpico (2017)

Finally, the Whistleblower Summit™ will close at the Stewart R. Mott House on Capitol Hill including a symbolic empty chair ritual honoring courageous whistleblowers who cannot be present due to retaliatory imprisonment, untimely death or increased prosecution. The conference will also feature a Press Conference and Solidarity Dinner at the National Press Club.

1 The MISC is an assortment of various public interest/advocacy groups including the ACORN 8, the Government Accountability Project, the International Association of Whistleblowers, the American Federation of Government Employees, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Project On Government Oversight, Public Citizen, the No FEAR Coalition, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Voices for Corporate Responsibility, and International Brotherhood of Teamsters. MISC members focus on significant areas of public concern and individual rights, such as First Amendment, federal workforce, medical safety, national security, judicial reform, etc.

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