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BIO FOR GREGORY E. KNOLL, ESQ.

Gregory Knoll has served as the Executive Director/Chief Counsel for Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. since 1974. As the Chief Executive Officer of this non-profit law firm, he has complete responsibility for the administration, management, and supervision of the legal work performed by an 80-person staff including 25 lawyers and 25 paralegals/advocates. The law firm provides a wide-range of free legal services to the indigent residents of San Diego County.

Mr. Knoll is also the Executive Director of Legal Aid Society's Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, one of the first comprehensive education and advocacy centers for physical and mental health consumers eligible to receive healthcare from federal, state, and county programs. The Consumer Center opened in May of 1999 as a result of Mr. Knoll's efforts in establishing the Health Consumer Alliance, a collaborative effort of nine California legal services programs, the Western Center on Law & Poverty, and the National Health Law Program.

In addition to serving as both member and as chair of various San Diego County boards, commissions, task forces, and stakeholder groups concerned with healthcare reform, Mr. Knoll was long time Chair and is current Vice Chair of the Oversight Committee for the San Diego County Geographic Managed Care Medicaid Program known locally as "Healthy San Diego". Mr. Knoll is the Vice Chair of San Diegans for Health Care Coverage.

While Mr. Knoll currently specializes in health policy and systemic change and quest lectures on these and other topics at various universities and medical schools, he also has extensive litigation experience and has been the recipient of the Loren Miller Attorney of the Year Award from the NAACP, the San Diego County Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award and the Cesar E. Chavez Social Justice Award.

Mr. Knoll is a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey.