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Attorney Jenifer Rodriguez of Colorado Legal Services Awarded Wage Justice Champion Award by Colorado Workers Rights Organization

<u>December 3, 2019</u>: Today, the Colorado non-profit workers rights organization Towards Justice announced that it will be awarding one of its annual Wage Justice Champion awards to Jenifer Rodriguez, managing attorney of Colorado Legal Service's Migrant Farmworker Division (MFWD).

Prior to becoming the managing attorney in 2013, Jenifer was a staff attorney in the MFWD since 2007. The MFWD provides comprehensive legal services to agricultural workers throughout Colorado, including survivors of labor trafficking. In addition to assisting agricultural workers who are survivors of trafficking or other types of criminal workplace abuses on applications for immigration relief, the MFWD also litigates wage and hour, discrimination, trafficking, and other employment claims in civil lawsuits and administrative agency proceedings. Prior to joining the MFWD at Colorado Legal Services, Jenifer held staff attorney positions in the housing and homelessness prevention units at Colorado Legal Services and Greater Boston Legal Services. Jenifer graduated Northeastern University School of Law in 1997.

The Wage Justice Champion Award recognizes the more than a decade of work that Jenifer has dedicated to fighting for farmworkers in Colorado. "Jenifer is a tireless advocate for some of the lowest paid and most marginalized workers in our state," said David Seligman, Executive Director of Towards Justice. "Her tremendous lawyering on behalf of countless indigent clients often occurs outside of the limelight. More people should know how important her work is, and we're thrilled to honor her as one of this year's Wage Justice Champions."

About Towards Justice: Towards Justice is a nonprofit law firm that seeks to advance economic justice through impact litigation, strategic policy advocacy, and collaboration with workers, community groups, and governmental agencies.

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