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Fariba Soroosh Receives 2019 Leonard Edwards Champion of Peace Award

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (October 23, 2019): Fariba Soroosh, Supervising Attorney of the Superior Court's Self Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office (SHC/FLFO), received the 2019 Leonard Edwards Champion of Peace Award. Ms. Soroosh's dedication and commitment to families, the community, and the Court's work assisting those impacted by domestic violence earned her this well-deserved distinction.

Ms. Soroosh was honored on October 18, 2019, at the 26th Annual County of Santa Clara Domestic Violence Conference. The Conference examined the journey of the survivor of violence from crisis to empowerment and provided attendees with practical information for clinicians, attorneys, court administrators, and survivors, with a focus on prevention, response and empowerment.

Under Ms. Soroosh's direction, the SHC/FLFO provides assistance to the underserved and underrepresented. The SHC/FLFO provides assistance with divorces, custody and visitation matters, child support matters, unlawful detainers, small claims, civil matters, and day-of-court mediation. The Restraining Order Help Center (ROHC) is also operated by SHC / FLFO staff and provides the state's only center devoted solely to helping people deal with violence prevention cases. All services are provided at no cost to litigants.

Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan expressed the Court's gratitude: "These important services to the public in need would not run as efficiently or as effectively without the guidance, direction, and supervision of Fariba Soroosh. The Court thanks Ms. Soroosh for her dedication and service to the Court and our community."



Fariba Soroosh, center, at the Domestic Violence Conference – flanked by attorneys and staff of the Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator’s Office