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***Cy Pres Awards Allow Towards Justice to
Expand Access to Justice for Wage Theft Victims
Across Colorado Thanks to The Sawaya Law Firm***

March 3, 2017, Denver, CO: Towards Justice is honored to receive \$8,500 in cy pres awards negotiated by class action litigators on The Sawaya Law Firm’s Wage and Hour Team. Those litigators not only did justice for their clients, they also thought strategically about how best to combat wage theft in our state when negotiating complicated settlement agreements. Those agreements prevent money that cannot be dispersed to the class from reverting to defendants, and instead donate that money to Towards Justice, a Denver-based non-profit committed to combating wage theft.

Wage theft, shorthand for a wide variety of wage and hour violations that cheat workers out of hard-earned wages, victimizes over half a million Colorado workers each year – depriving them of \$750 Million in earned wages. [Colorado Fiscal Institute, 2014]. Such theft not only deprives workers of their money, time, and dignity, it undermines economic growth in our state. Towards Justice fights back by expanding access to justice for wage theft victims and representing workers in strategic class action litigation.

“Donations like the cy pres awards negotiated by The Sawaya Law Firm make our work possible,” said Nina DiSalvo, Executive Director of Towards Justice. “We are simultaneously inspired and humbled by the confidence that The Sawaya Law Firm has placed in our organization. I would like to thank Sawaya not only on behalf of Towards Justice, but on behalf of the thousands of working families we serve.”

“My team is pleased to support Towards Justice,” said David Miller, head of The Sawaya Law Firm’s Wage and Hour Team. “Although we could select any number of nonprofit organizations as a cy pres recipient, the work Towards Justice is doing on behalf of low-wage workers is truly inspiring. They are not only litigating cutting-edge national cases, they are directly engaged with the Colorado community connecting dozens of workers to justice each month.”

Please Join Us: This afternoon Friday March 3, 2017 at 1:30pm for a Cy Pres Donation Ceremony at Towards Justice, 1535 High Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80218. At the event, you will hear from David Miller, Head of **The Sawaya Law Firm** Wage and Hour Team, former Legal Director for the ACLU of Colorado, an accomplished class action litigator, and the strategic thinker behind the cy pres awards announced here, as well as from Nina DiSalvo, Executive Director of **Towards Justice**.

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