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## ***Workers Rights Settlement Allows Towards Justice to Expand Access to Justice for Wage Theft Victims Across Colorado Thanks to The Law Offices of Brian D. Gonzales***

**March 8, 2018, Denver, CO:** Towards Justice is honored to receive a \$10,350 award negotiated by workplace justice attorney Brian D. Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales not only did justice for his clients, he also thought strategically about how best to combat wage theft in our state when negotiating a complicated settlement agreement. This agreement prevents money that cannot be dispersed to workers from reverting to defendants, and instead donates 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 award negotiated by The Law Offices of Brian D. Gonzales make our work possible,” said Nina DiSalvo, Executive Director of Towards Justice. “We are simultaneously inspired and humbled by the confidence that Brian has placed in our organization. I would like to thank Brian not only on behalf of Towards Justice, but on behalf of the thousands of working families we serve.”

“I am pleased to be able to support Towards Justice in this way,” said Brian Gonzales. “Their work is aligned with my private efforts to do justice for workers, and I am pleased to help Towards Justice to build the systems and networks necessary to ensure that workers receive their hard-earned wages.”

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