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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Italian Cultural & Community Center Gala Reaching our Vision Spotlighting the Italian Influence On Law**

The **Italian Cultural & Community Center** of Houston will spotlight the Italian Influence on Law by recognizing members of the legal community who are of Italian descent and whose personal and professional achievements exemplify character, leadership, community service, and the Italian spirit. The following legal professionals, listed in alphabetical order, have been selected by the members of the ICCC to receive this year's recognition:

**Ms. Tina Maria Arkenberg**

**Mr. Giorgio Caflich**

**Ms. Maria-Vittoria "Giugi" Carminati**

**Mr. Michael J. Cenatiempo**

**Mr. Paul J. Coselli**

**Mr. Gary W. DeSerio**

**Mr. Louis M. Ditta**

**Mr. Gérami Anthony Granello**

**Honorable Diane M. Guariglia**

**Mr. Louis Frank Gusemano**

**Mr. Victor Longo**

**Honorable David M. Patronella**

**Mr. Michael B. Patronella**

**Mr. Richard L. Petronella**

**Mr. Claudio R. Roman**

**Mr. Anthony P. Troiani**

**Mr. John Tufano**

**Mrs. Dominique Marshall Varner**

The Gala will be held at 6 p.m. on **Saturday, June 13** at the **Westin Hotel at Houston Memorial City, 945 Gessner Road Houston, TX 77024.**

The Gala will also feature a casino where guests can test their luck at the gaming tables. Proceeds will be used to support the ICCC's numerous educational programs, scholarship fund and to preserve the Milford House, home of the ICCC. The Milford House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated as a Houston landmark.

Joanna Palasota, 2015 President of the ICCC said "we are pleased with our membership's selection of honorees as these individuals truly exemplify character, leadership, community service and the Italian spirit."

A portion of the proceeds from this year's Italian Cultural & Community Center's gala will benefit the Houston Volunteer Lawyers, a non-profit service of the Houston Bar Association. The organization connects low-income individuals who need legal assistance with pro-bono attorneys.

The **Italian Cultural & Community Center** is a 501c3 whose mission is to preserve, celebrate and advance Italian culture and heritage. To learn more about Italian Cultural & Community Center's multiple programs and offerings visit our website: [www.icchouston.com](http://www.icchouston.com)

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