We celebrate advocates tonight—people animated by the understanding that we are all interconnected, part of a community of individuals and families, those who speak loudly and others who cannot speak at all. Advocates speak, work, devise, strive, and love on behalf of people they have never met.

We celebrate leadership tonight—that which emerges as we learn to connect with one another and with what matters at the core. It is simple, it is passionate, and it is transformative.

Advocacy takes many forms. We celebrate Kathy Hudson—scientist, thought-leader, and compassionate visionary. We celebrate Frank Swain—lawyer, negotiator, and dedicated mediator. Both have given themselves over selflessly to articulating the importance of protecting our personal genetic information from misuse. Both have done this on their own time, with their own resources. We collectively share our immense gratitude with them tonight.

One more celebration this night—look at each other, look at yourself. We are all advocates dedicated to different parts of the same cause, and together we shall win the day. In this gathering, we are present to one another and to the needs of the millions of individuals suffering from genetic conditions. Thank you for your advocacy, for your dedication, and for your vision. Let’s have fun!

Sharon F. Terry
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Positive Exposure Exhibit

Rick Guidotti unveils the newest addition to Positive Exposure at the Genetic Alliance 2007 Gala. This amazing supplemental collection to THE SPIRIT OF DIFFERENCE multi-media exhibit will introduce some of the worlds most stunning and gorgeous individuals living with genetic conditions that have recently collaborated with Positive Exposure. The exhibit will explore, through photographs and video imaging, with your input, innovative and exciting opportunities to change public perceptions of the beauty of human diversity.

Genetic Alliance Honors Advocate Kathy Hudson

Kathy Hudson, Ph.D.
Director, Genetics and Public Policy Center
Tonight we honor Kathy Hudson for her work as a technical expert on genetic information nondiscrimination. In 1995, Dr. Hudson saw the need to educate others about the threat of genetic discrimination. Since then she has worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, in her quest for an informed public.

Always informing through intelligent discourse, Dr. Hudson has published papers in prominent journals, educated the public, testified before Congress and provided technical assistance to policymakers. Her expertise has provided an excellent foundation for the advocates who have worked to prevent misuse of genetic information. We are immensely grateful to her for all of her wisdom.

About Kathy Hudson

Dr. Kathy Hudson is the founder and Director of the Genetics and Public Policy Center and an Associate Professor at The Johns Hopkins University. The Center was established with a grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts. Hudson founded the Center to focus exclusively on public policy issues raised by advances in human genetics. She leads the Center's efforts to address legal, ethical, and policy issues related to human reproductive genetic technologies, genetic testing quality and oversight, and public engagement in genetic research. To inform genetic policy decisions, the Center has published a series of analytical reports on the scientific, legal, ethical and policy issues raised by human genetic technologies.

Hudson serves on the boards of the Health Privacy Project, the Guttmacher Institute, the Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics, the 21st Century Medicine Coalition and PXE International, the Personalized Healthcare Working Group for the Department of Health and Human Services, the Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Social Issues Committee for the American Society of Human Genetics.
Frank Swain, JD  
Senior Vice President, B&D Consulting

Genetic Alliance and the Coalition for Genetic Fairness engaged B&D Consulting early in 2005 to aid them in the quest to pass the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Frank Swain represented the firm with great vigor, though this is but a small part of why we honor Mr. Swain tonight.

Frank Swain has worked with a strong dedication to the issue that goes far beyond the responsibilities of his job. In fact, he has volunteered his own personal time over the past year and a half, working at all hours of the day and night and drawing from his rich expertise in employment law. Mr. Swain personifies the passionate advocate, and we celebrate his exemplary commitment this night.

About Frank Swain
Frank Swain has special expertise in the regulation of government-sponsored loan and finance programs, and in budget expenditure issues affecting those programs. He counsels clients on opportunities and issues related to government contracts and privatization of government services. Frank has extensive experience with tax exempt organization legal issues, including issues related to trade associations and charities.

Previously, Swain served as the Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the United States Small Business Administration. He also served as legislative counsel to the National Federation of Independent Business and was in private law practice in New York. He holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from Colgate University.

He currently serves as President of the Friends of Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Trustee and Secretary of the Margaret Thatcher Foundation, the Director of the Research Institute for Small and Emerging Business, and as a volunteer for the Coalition for Genetic Fairness. He is a former member of the Commission on Worker Compensation Fraud, National Council on Compensation Insurance.
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