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CACJ REMEMBERS SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER JEFF ADACHI
California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ) Statement on The Passing of Jeff Adachi

SACRAMENTO, CA- California Attorneys for Criminal Justice President Jacqueline Goodman issued the following statement on the passing of San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi:

The criminal justice community lost one of the greatest champions it has ever known. A former member of the Board of Governors and close ally of CACJ, Jeff was a visionary, relentless in the fight for justice and equality. He was truly gifted. And he used his many gifts to lift us to all to a higher purpose. He was a living example of the best a criminal defense lawyer could be — a smart, charismatic humanitarian. He was fearless and he was kind. And restless as hell—always working on the next big idea to benefit the underserved, the overlooked. Tributes have been pouring in from across the country. Eric Schweitzer, CACJ’s Vice President, perhaps said it best when he said, “Surely there will never be another so gifted in all our days.”

We extend our condolences to Jeff’s wife, Mutsuko, their daughter, Lauren, and to all who knew him.

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