



Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 384(b)

“... the court shall...direct the defendant to pay the sum of the unpaid residue or unclaimed or abandoned class member funds, plus any interest that has accrued thereon, to nonprofit organizations or foundations to support projects that will benefit the class or similarly situated persons, or that promote the law consistent with the objectives and purposes of the underlying cause of action, to **child advocacy programs**, or to nonprofit organizations providing civil legal services to the indigent.”

Examples of recent cy pres awards received by CAI

- In 2018, CAI received over \$179,000 in cy pres funds to support its work on behalf of commercially sexually exploited children.
- In 2017, the Los Angeles County Superior Court approved a cy pres award to CAI of over \$143,000 to support CAI's mission of improving the health and well-being of children and youth.
- In 2017, CAI received a cy pres award of over \$43,000 to engage in efforts aimed at protecting and promoting the privacy interests of children and youth.
- In 2015, CAI received over \$80,000 in cy pres funds to support its core programs and activities.



About CAI

The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI), founded at the nonprofit University of San Diego School of Law in 1989, is one of the nation's premiere academic, research, and advocacy organizations working to improve the lives of children and youth.

Conducted through offices in San Diego, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C., CAI's research and advocacy component seeks to leverage change for children and youth at the federal and state levels through impact litigation, regulatory and legislative advocacy, and public education.

In its academic component, CAI trains law students and attorneys to be effective child advocates. Its Dependency and Delinquency clinics allow law students to represent parties in juvenile court cases, under the guidance of experienced attorneys and CAI faculty, and its Policy Clinic allows law students to engage with CAI staff on ongoing policy advocacy projects.



What makes the Children's Advocacy Institute an ideal cy pres recipient?

- California law explicitly authorizes the award of unpaid, unclaimed, or abandoned class member funds to child advocacy programs (CCP § 384(b)).
- CAI has successfully leveraged change for children since 1989, and is one of the nation's leading academic, research, and advocacy law firms working to improve the lives of children and youth through impact litigation, legislative and regulatory advocacy, and public education.
- CAI's advocacy covers a broad range of issues, such as child abuse and protection, poverty, education (including protecting students from predatory practices by private for-profit postsecondary schools), health and safety, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, special needs, child care, juvenile crime and detention, custody, civil liberties, privacy, and issues specific to transition age foster youth and homeless youth.
- A cy pres award to CAI furthers the public interest by supporting powerful and effective advocacy on behalf of the population most in need of protection and promotion – children and youth.
- CAI has been the recipient of dozens of cy pres awards and is highly qualified to utilize such funds in an effective, frugal, and appropriate manner.
- 100% of a cy pres award to CAI is allocated to research and advocacy, as opposed to overhead or administrative expenses.



Cy Pres Awards



Thank you for considering CAI as a nominee for a cy pres award. If you would like to discuss whether CAI might be appropriate cy pres recipient in a particular case, please contact Elisa Weichel, CAI Administrative Director / Senior Staff Attorney, at (619) 260-4806 or eweichel@sandiego.edu.

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