



Cy Pres – Impact on Justice Campaign

May 27, 2009 – The Texas Access to Justice Commission and Foundation have launched a statewide campaign to seek *cy pres* awards to help impact funding for legal aid. *Cy pres* awards are residual funds from a class action or other proceeding that cannot be distributed to class members or the intended beneficiaries for a variety of reasons.



First *Cy Pres* – Impact on Justice Campaign Award

The first significant award of the campaign – totaling \$230,160 – is from a federal labor case settled by a team of attorneys. Pictured above: Jeff Rasansky, The Rasansky Firm, Dallas; Tom Godbold, TAJF Board Member of Houston; Jeremi K. Young, The Young Law Firm of Amarillo; and not pictured Michael C. Smith of Seibman, Reynolds, Burg, Phillips & Smith, LLP of Marshall.