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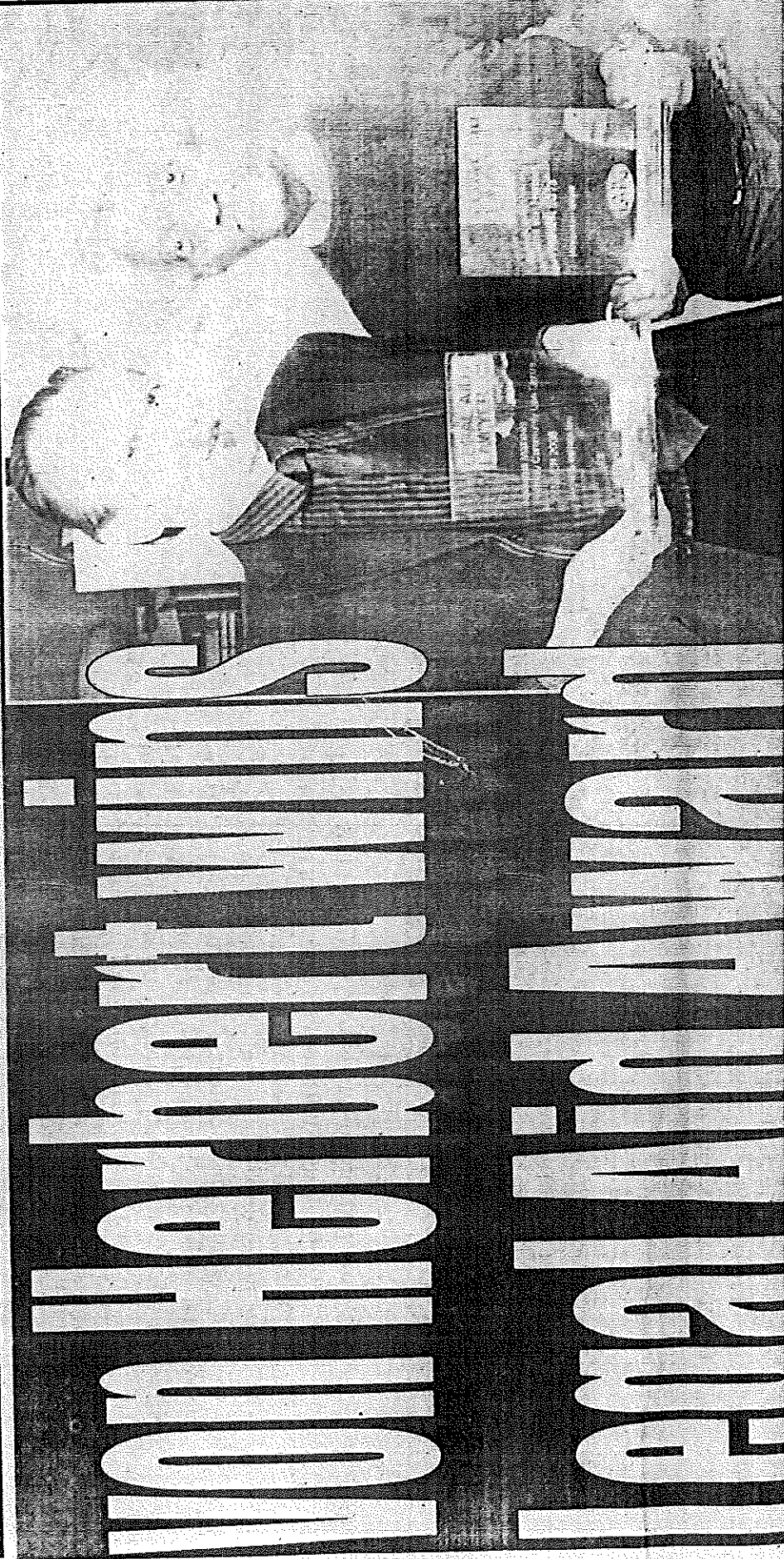
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# Legal Aid Lawyer Award

On Tuesday 2nd July 2013, at a special awards ceremony at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Hilton von Herbert, our superb senior Immigration Caseworker, won the 2013 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Award for his outstanding work as an Immigration lawyer. The Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards (LALYs), run by the formidable Legal Aid Practitioners Group (LAPG), are now into their 11th year. They are held to collectively take the opportunity to recognize the invaluable contribution that legal aid practitioners make to social justice and the rule of law.

When LAPG launched the awards in 2003, they say that they wanted to bring the profession together to celebrate the remarkable but unsung work that goes on in legal aid offices throughout the country, day in, day out and, just as importantly, to show solidarity with the clients that all Legal Aid Lawyers are all proud to serve.

With well over 10 years of experience as an accredited Senior Caseworker and Immigration Supervisor, in the field of Immigration, Asylum and Nationality, Hilton joined Hackney Community Law Centre in April 2009, having previously worked at Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau, Nucleus Legal Advice Centre and Lambeth Law Centre.

Hilton qualified with a Law Degree from the University of London and has many years of experience in delivering training in Immigration Law. He has also been involved in some high profile parliamentary lobbying which has brought about significant changes in UK immigration law and undoubtedly benefitted the lives of thousands of people.

Commenting on winning a 2013 LALY award, Hilton von Herbert said: "I am delighted to have won this award. It is a significant



Hilton (pictured above center) was presented with his 'Immigration lawyer of the Year' award by John Howard, former BBC Radio 4 presenter (pictured above left) and Lord Justice Andrew McFarlane QC (pictured above right).

recognition of hard work and dedication to my work. It will inspire me to continue to fight for the vulnerable and I hope that the award will also serve as an inspiration to the younger generation of lawyers- especially those who wish to forge a career in the not for profit sector."

Hilton is a Sierra Leonean national who attended the Prince of Wales School in Freetown.