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## Volpe and Koenig, P.C., Announces Recipients of 2017 IPromise Charitable Giving Fund \$20,000 Grants

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PHILADELPHIA, PA (November 14, 2017) – Volpe and Koenig, P.C., an intellectual property law firm with offices in Philadelphia, PA, and Princeton, NJ, announced today that the **Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society** (PAWS) and **Welcoming the Stranger** have been awarded grants through its 11th Annual IPromise™ Charitable Giving Fund (“IPromise”) competition. Checks were presented to the PAWS on November 8, 2017, and to Welcoming the Stranger on October 21, 2017. Established in 2007, IPromise helps two qualifying Greater Philadelphia or Princeton area non-profit organizations each year, advancing their work by awarding \$20,000 grants. This year, organizations dedicated to animal welfare and community development were invited to apply. To date, Volpe and Koenig, P.C. has awarded more than \$400,000 in IPromise grants.

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Volpe and Koenig, P.C. presents \$20,000 IPromise check to the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society. Standing from left to right is: Tamara Smith, Rich Island, Volpe and Koenig Shareholder John C. Donch Jr., Angela Peterdi, Volpe and Koenig Executive Director Beth A. Collins, PAWS Executive Director Melissa Levy, Volpe and Koenig Co-Founder C. Frederick Koenig III, Allison Lamond, and Jake Gordon. Kneeling in front: Sara Davidson.

PAWS is dedicated to saving Philadelphia's homeless, abandoned and unwanted animals. Through its three no-kill shelters and foster care network, PAWS finds loving homes for thousands of animals each year. PAWS works to make Philadelphia a no-kill city where every healthy and treatable pet is guaranteed a home. Melissa Levy, executive director at PAWS, commented, “We are honored to receive this incredible show of support from Volpe & Koenig. As a 2017 IPromise Charitable Giving Fund winner, PAWS will be able to save and serve more of the animals who need us most. Doing so depends entirely on the generosity of the community, so we are grateful to



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welcome Volpe & Koenig as a lifesaving partner. Together, we are bringing Philadelphia one step closer to becoming a no-kill city. IPromise funding will support PAWS in its efforts to build a containment center for animals with infectious but treatable diseases, and enable them to take in more rescue animals.

Volpe and Koenig, P.C. presents a \$20,000 IPromise check to Welcoming the Stranger. Students from Syria, Colombia, Liberia, South Korea, Russia, Guinea, Ukraine, Mexico, Dominican Republic, China, Iran, Japan and Brazil stand with Volpe and Koenig Co-Founder C. Frederick Koenig III [second from the left]

Welcoming the Stranger provides free classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), computer skills and U.S. citizenship exam preparation to adult immigrants and refugees in the Philadelphia metro region. Since 1999, Welcoming the Stranger has taught more than 3,500 students from 100 different countries with the help of paid teachers and volunteers. Meg Eubank, Welcoming the Stranger's executive director, said, "Welcoming the Stranger is honored to be chosen as the 2017 IPromise Charitable Giving Fund winner for the community development grant from Volpe and Koenig, P.C. These funds will help us to meet the many needs of our new immigrant and refugee neighbors in the Philadelphia metro

region as they find their footing in a new country. Our programs strive to help immigrants and refugees get the educational opportunities and resources needed to become productive, contributing members of the community. We send our heartfelt thanks to the Volpe and Koenig team for supporting our work."

Applications for 2018 IPromise grants will be available next June on the firm's website.