

## **INTRODUCTION**

Philadelphia's legal community is built on a long tradition of public service. This new edition of Spotlight on Pro Bono provides an overview of Philadelphia's vibrant and rich public interest and pro bono legal community. It contains a survey of private law firm pro bono programs as well as a description of many of the non-profit organizations, most of which provide pro bono referrals to the private bar.

We hope that this publication will educate and inspire law students and lawyers to devote their legal skills for the public good. More specifically, we hope it will help do the following:

- Learn more about private firms' pro bono policies and activities
- Think creatively about private-public partnerships
- Encourage readers to consider a firm's approach to public service and pro bono work as criteria by which they evaluate the firms as prospective employers

The directory lists programs in two sections: law firm pro bono policies and public interest agencies. Within each section, programs are listed alphabetically. Following the program listings is an alphabetical index of the programs listed in this guide and a subject index designed to assist in identifying areas of interest.

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## PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

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### AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 600

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Phone (215) 587-9377 Fax (215) 587-9902

[www.aidslawpa.org](http://www.aidslawpa.org)

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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Founded in 1988, the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania is a non-profit, public interest law firm providing free legal services statewide to people with HIV/AIDS and others affected by the epidemic. Each year, the AIDS Law Project receives about 1,700 calls for assistance at its home office in Philadelphia. The AIDS Law Project also educates the public about AIDS-related legal issues, and works at local, state and national levels to achieve fair laws and policies.

### DESCRIPTION

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- **Case Management Advocacy Training:** Intensive two-day training for HIV case managers using our comprehensive public benefits advocacy manual
- **Educational Seminars:** The AIDS Law Project conducts three seminars each month in Center City which are free and open to the public
- **Family program:** Free legal services for parents living with HIV/AIDS who need help planning for their children's future care
- **HIV Housing Advocacy Program:** Free legal services for people with HIV/AIDS who are facing eviction or experiencing difficulty maintaining secure, affordable housing
- **HIV and Immigration Project:** Free legal services to assist people living with HIV who are not U.S. citizens. Services include legal representation in immigration hearings to avoid deportation and establish legal residence. Individuals are also linked to HIV-experienced physicians who accept patients' without health insurance
- **Publications:** Written materials to educate clients and advocates about AIDS-related legal issues, including a handbook, *AIDS and the Law: A Guide to Your Rights in Pennsylvania*

### SPECIALIZATION

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- AIDS discrimination
- HIV confidentiality
- Wills, living wills, and power of attorney
- Housing
- Access to health care
- Welfare benefits/Social security
- Family law
- Insurance
- Immigration
- Financial issues and debt

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## American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania

Greater Philadelphia Branch  
125 South 9<sup>th</sup> St. P.O. Box 1161  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105  
Phone (215) 592-1513 Fax (215) 592-1343  
[www.aclupa.org](http://www.aclupa.org)

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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ACLU is the nation's foremost advocate of freedom, liberty, and equality. Its main objective is to preserve for each new generation all of the protections guaranteed especially by the Constitution's Bill of Rights, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and the nineteenth amendments.

### DESCRIPTION

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- Engages in litigation, lobbying, and public education on an array of issues affecting civil liberties
- Nonprofit and nonpartisan organization with over 400,000 members nationwide
- More than 12,000 members of the ACLU in Pennsylvania; offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg

### SPECIALIZATION

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- **Decriminalization of Abortion:** The ACLU remains in the forefront of the struggle to protect the right to choose and to achieve women's equality on all forms.
- **Internet Censorship:** The ACLU successfully challenged a federal law that would have imposed censorship on the World Wide Web. In *ACLU v. Reno*, the ACLU successfully vindicated important First Amendment Rights so that all of us can use the Internet without government regulation of its content.
- **Equal Rights for Gays and Lesbians:** In 1986, the ACLU established a national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. Working with the ACLU's 53 affiliates nationwide, this Project coordinates efforts to promote civil rights for lesbians and gay men, repeal existing sodomy laws, and protect the rights of freedom of speech and association for gay and lesbian social, political, and student organizations.

### ACLU OF PENNSYLVANIA

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- Fighting police abuse and misconduct
- Protecting children in foster care
- Battling for adequate representation of indigent criminal defendants
- Lobbying against numerous legislative efforts to restrict individual freedom and liberty

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**The Center for Disability Law and Policy**

1617 J.F.K. Blvd. Suite 800

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Phone (215) 557-7112 Fax (215) 557-7602

Toll free (888) 745-2357

[www.equalemployment.org](http://www.equalemployment.org)

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Center for Disability Law and Policy is a public interest law center, which provides advocacy and legal services to individuals with disabilities throughout Pennsylvania.

**DESCRIPTION**

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- Established in 1976 as Southeastern Pennsylvania Legal Services for the Deaf
- Served as the state-wide advocate for persons with disabilities seeking or receiving services under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 since 1981
- Administers Client Assistance Program (CAP)

**SPECIALIZATION**

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- Represents individuals with claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Litigation of employment discrimination and other disability rights cases

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## The Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 605

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone (215) 731-1447 Fax (215) 731-1544

[www.center4civilrights.org](http://www.center4civilrights.org)

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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The Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights' mission is to advocate equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in Pennsylvania through direct legal services, education, and policy reform.

### DESCRIPTION

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- Founded in 1996 as the Center for Lesbian and Gay Law and Public Policy
- The Center is the only lesbian and gay civil rights organization providing direct legal services in Pennsylvania

### SPECIALIZATION

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- **Legal Clinic:** The Center represents individuals in legal actions and refers them to other attorneys and community groups.
- **Anti-Violence Project:** The Center assists LGBT victims of domestic violence, violence, hate crimes, school bullying and harassment through representing them in court, negotiating the criminal justice system and advocating for students with school administrations.
- **Domestic Partnership:** The Center works with the City of Philadelphia's Solicitor to appeal the court decision invalidating the City's domestic partner ordinances.
- **Employment Discrimination:** The Center assists individuals facing employment discrimination through direct representation before employers, and administrative and judicial systems.
- **Education:** The Center speaks to thousands of Pennsylvanians at public forums, seminars, and workshops. It interacts with thousands more at pride festivals.

### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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- Respond to calls received on legal hotlines
- Conduct the initial intake
- Provide general legal advice and information to callers
- Draft pleading and research legal issues

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**Community Legal Services, Inc.**  
1424 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 981-3700 Fax (215) 981-0435  
[www.clsphila.org](http://www.clsphila.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Community Legal Services helps low income residents obtain justice by providing them advice and representation in civil legal matters, advocating for their legal rights, and conducting community education about legal issues.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- CLS offers statewide consultation, training, and legal advocacy for consumer law, welfare, and SSI
- CLS conducts trainings in the community
- CLS assists with policy development
- CLS handles class action lawsuits
- CLS works with clients on legislative and administrative matters

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- DHS (involving complaints of child abuse)
- Employment
- Private housing (landlord/tenant)
- Public Housing
- Student loans
- SSI Disability Benefits
- Utilities
- Bankruptcy
- Food Stamps
- Loans and Consumer scams
- Medical assistance
- Mortgages
- Nursing homes and other elderly issues
- Welfare

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**Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project**

42 S. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Fourth Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 981-3770 Fax (215) 981-3866

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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CBAP was created by a group of consumer and business bankruptcy lawyers, member of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference, Community Legal Services, Inc., and the Philadelphia BAR Association's VIP as a Pennsylvania non-profit organization. Attorneys, paralegals, and law students volunteer through CBAP's Fresh Start Clinic to provide direct, pro bono legal representation to the indigent seeking to obtain the protection of Bankruptcy Court.

**DESCRIPTION**

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- Through the Fresh Start Clinic, CBAP trains attorneys, law students, and paralegals to provide direct representation to clients in chapter 7 bankruptcy.
- After volunteers attend a training clinic taught by an experienced bankruptcy practitioner, volunteers handle their case from the initial interview to the final discharge.

**SPECIALIZATION**

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- Chapter 7 bankruptcy

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**Defender Association of Philadelphia**  
1441 Sansom Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 568-3190 Fax (267) 765-6989  
[www.phila.gov/summary/defender](http://www.phila.gov/summary/defender)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Defender Association of Philadelphia is dedicated to the ideal of high quality legal service for indigent criminal defendants. Some two hundred and ten full time assistant defenders represent clients in adult and juvenile state and federal trial and appellate courts and at civil and criminal mental health hearing as well as state and county violation of probation/parole hearings. Association attorneys also serve as the Child Advocate in neglect and dependency court.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Represents 70% of all persons arrested in Philadelphia
- Full-time assistant defenders rotate their assignments by representing clients in the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, at preliminary hearings and misdemeanor bench trials.
- Attorneys also appear in the Court of Common Pleas at preliminary hearings, miscellaneous motions court, juvenile delinquency hearings, and felony bench or jury trials.
- Has an expanding civil and criminal mental health practice
- Has the largest criminal defense appellate practice in Pennsylvania handling misdemeanor, felony, homicide, and death penalty appeals

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- The office offers an innovative training program, which emphasizes the training of quality trial litigators.
- The Association is an accredited CLE provider and sponsors Mandatory Pennsylvania CLE programs.
- The office offers a twelve-week summer law intern program primarily directed to second year law students.

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**Disabilities Law Project**  
1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 238-8070 Fax (215) 772-3126  
[www.dlp-pa.org](http://www.dlp-pa.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Disabilities Law Project (DLP) is a non-profit statewide public interest law firm that provides legal assistance and other services to individuals with disabilities, their organizations, their families, and their advocates. DLP's main purpose is to advocate for the civil rights of persons with developmental, mental and physical disabilities, especially their right to live as integral parts of their communities. DLP works to ensure that people with disabilities have equal and unhindered access to employment, transportation, public accommodations, and government services; to enforce their rights to vocational, habilitative, post-secondary educational, health, and other services; and to protect them from abuse and neglect. DLP identifies systemic issues which are important to people with disabilities and seeks change and reform through litigation, administrative advocacy, and public education.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- DLP also sponsors and participates in workshops and training programs on the legal rights of people with disabilities. Upon request, DLP provides speakers and programs to interested advocacy and consumer groups.
- DLP publishes information on legal issues of interest to persons with disabilities and their families, including materials on the ADA, estate planning, guardianship, fair housing, and employment discrimination.
- DLP is the legal backup center for Pennsylvania Protection & Advocacy, Inc. and a legal resource center on disability issues for other advocates and attorneys. DLP is also the national backup center on community integration issues for protection and advocacy agencies.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- ADA issues
- Access to community services
- Employment discrimination
- Education (post-secondary)
- Housing and zoning
- Personal care services
- Architectural barriers
- Abuse and neglect
- Institutional rights
- Guardianship

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**Education Law Center**  
1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 238-6970 Fax (215) 772-3125  
TTY (215) 238-5892  
[www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Center is a non-profit law firm dedicated to insuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Advise families, advocates and others on how to implement students' legal rights
- Develop materials for use by parents, advocates and students
- Conduct workshops and training programs for parents and professionals
- Provide consultation to private and public attorneys
- Analyze important state and national proposals in the education and child welfare fields
- Represent parents and children in lawsuits that seek important reforms

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- The right to a quality education free from discrimination based on race, gender, ethnic origin, disability or economic status
- The right of children with disabilities to free and appropriate special education services
- The right of children whose home language is not English to receive the help they need to success in school
- The right of parents to be active partners in their children's education and in school decisions

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**Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.**  
924 Cherry Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 733-0878 Fax (215) 733-0876  
[www.friendsfw.org](http://www.friendsfw.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Friends of Farmworkers works to provide free legal services and education on legal right to agricultural day laborers in Philadelphia and agricultural workers and their families in Pennsylvania.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Volunteers include undergraduate students; law students; law graduates; attorneys; and interested members of the community.
- FOF offers direct legal services to farmworkers, mushroom workers and food processing workers in Pennsylvania and to migrant farmworkers who have been employed in Pennsylvania and have claims arising out of their employment.
- FOF offers community education on legal rights of farmworkers, mushroom workers and food processing workers. This includes outreach to farm labor camps, community groups, and to students and families in schools with students whose families do farm work.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Minimum wage and wage payment problems
- Violations of workers' rights under federal and state protective statutes
- Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions
- Problems associated with substandard housing provided to groups of workers
- Remediating discrimination or retaliation against workers for exercising their legal rights
- Enforcement of state and federal laws for protection of safety in the work place and labor camp housing
- Establishment of eligibility rights to public benefits
- Discrimination in employment and housing on the basis of race, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status
- Providing legal assistance to income eligible worker organizations
- Providing community legal education to farm workers and mushroom workers about issues related to their legal rights

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## HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia

2100 Arch Street, Third Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 832-0900 Fax (215) 832-0919  
[www.hiaspa.org](http://www.hiaspa.org)

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia provides law-related immigration services to the foreign-born and their families who seek refugee status, asylum, family unification, permanent legal status and citizenship.

### DESCRIPTION

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- Founded in 1882 as the Association of the Protection of Jewish Immigrants, HIAS now works with refugees and immigrants from scores of countries without regard to national origin, race, religion or handicap.

### SPECIALIZATION

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- **Refugee services:** Pre-migration counseling and processing for refugees resettlement largely for those from the former Soviet Union. Adjustment of status and “green card” processing for refugees.
- **Immigration counseling and representation:** Family unification, political asylum, adjustment of status, citizenship, representation in the Philadelphia Immigration Court and BIA, and Federal court work
- **Community Education and Outreach:** Updates on immigration law and policy, advocacy for the rights of foreign-born, linking refugees and immigrants to broader community services
- **Specialized Services:** Translations from Russian, location of displaced persons, reparations claims processing

### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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- Law student internships and fellowships
- Pro bono immigration work

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**Homeless Advocacy Project**  
1424 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 523-9595 Fax (215) 981-3866  
[www.libertynet.org/-hap](http://www.libertynet.org/-hap)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Philadelphia Bar Association's HAP is a non-profit, public interest organization whose mission is to provide free legal services to homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia. Its goals are to:

- Provide direct civil legal services to 900 homeless individuals and families per year
- Connect homeless clients with other needed social services
- Advocate for the needs of Philadelphia's homeless population and promote positive policy changes to address those unmet needs
- Provide legal assistance to community organizations developing low-income housing units and other services for persons who are homeless in Philadelphia

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- HAP collaborates with shelter providers, homeless advocates, social and medical service providers and the public and private legal community to provide homeless clients with legal representation and to connect them with other social services.
- HAP recruits volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and law students to go directly to shelters and soup kitchen throughout the city to meet with homeless clients at HAP's legal clinics.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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### **General Legal Clinic**

- Social Security Income (SSI)
- TANF benefits
- Credit/debit problems
- Wage/benefit issues
- Family law
- Emergency shelter
- Landlord/tenant dispute
- Estate administration
- Healthcare benefits

### **Children and Families Legal Clinic**

- Special education
- Supplemental security income
- Welfare benefits
- Child custody
- Child support

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**Juvenile Law Center**  
1315 Walnut Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 625-0551 Fax (215) 625-2808  
www.JLC.org

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Juvenile Law Center ensures that the child welfare, juvenile justice and other public systems provide vulnerable children with the protection and services the need to become happy, healthy, and productive adults.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- JLC works on behalf of children who have come within the purview of public agencies, such as abused or neglected children at risk of placement in foster homes, delinquent youth sent to residential treatment facilities or adult prisons, or children in placement with specialized services needs, including mental health services.
- JLC ensures that children are treated fairly by systems that are intended to help them.
- JLC is concerned that the juvenile justice and child welfare systems be used only when necessary, and that children who are served by those systems receive adequate education, and physical and mental health care.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Ensuring that the child welfare system promotes teenagers' successful transitions to adulthood
- Ensuring that juvenile justice policies and practices are aligned with principles of adolescent development, and respond to youths' mental health needs
- Ensuring that juvenile justice and child welfare systems have the capacity to address the unique needs of adolescent girls
- Reducing the number of youth tried as adults
- Ensuring that youth in juvenile justice and child welfare systems have access to education, and are not impeded in their educational opportunities by "zero tolerance" policies

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**Lawyering Together: Villanova University  
School of Law's Pro Bono Project**  
299 North Spring Mill Road  
Villanova, Pennsylvania 11908  
Phone (610) 519-7228

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Lawyering Together: Villanova University School of Law's Pro Bono Project works to blend service and learning by partnering Villanova Law students with attorney mentors to work on pro bono cases in Philadelphia.

### **DESCRIPTION**

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- In an effort to make pro bono legal service an important part of legal education, the law school created Lawyering Together, an innovative partnership involving law students, alumni, the law school and pro bono organizations. Interested alumni and students are matched based on their indicated case preferences. Each pair will be assigned to work with one of three co-sponsoring public interest organizations.
- Approximately thirty-five students and twenty VLS alumni attorneys are participating in the newly created "Lawyering Together" program.
- The program, which was created as a joint initiative of the Pro Bono Society and the Alumni Association, matches volunteer VLS alumni with law students, who then represent indigent clients referred from several Philadelphia pro bono organizations, including Senior Citizen Judicare Project, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP).

### **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Domestic relations (including custody, adoption, and domestic violence)
- Immigration
- Wills and other personal planning documents
- Consumer rights
- Personal injury litigation defense.

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**Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc.**  
1513 Race Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 587-3350 Fax (215) 587-3166

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Legal Clinic for the Disabled provides free legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties. The clinic's principal goal is to assist as many eligible people as possible through direct representation, individualized advice and referral, or community action. The clinic promotes equal access to justice for persons with disabilities and assists this population in becoming more independent through the vehicle of the law.

### **DESCRIPTION**

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- The Legal Clinic provides these services through an in-house staff of two fulltime and two part-time attorneys and a large panel of over 200 volunteer attorneys.
- The Anti-Violence initiative provides direct legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and abuse and neglect by caregivers.
- Legal Services for the Deaf project provides direct legal services to people who need the assistance of sign language interpreters to effectively work with an attorney.

### **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Public benefits
- Insurance claims
- Domestic violence
- Consumer protection
- Social Security disability
- ADA and domestic relations
- Health care benefits
- Disability related income
- Housing
- Access to community

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## **National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women**

125 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 302  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 351-0010 Fax (215) 351-0779

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women is a resource and advocacy center that provides information and other kinds of support to battered women charged with crimes and to their defense teams.

### **DESCRIPTION**

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- The staff works with members of a battered woman's defense team by identifying defense strategies, providing relevant cases law and examples of litigation materials, locating expert witnesses, and helping to identify support networks for women who are facing trial or whose cases are on appeal.
- National Clearinghouse maintains a resource library of relevant articles, case law, litigation materials, and statutes.
- National Clearinghouse coordinates a national network of advocates and conducts community and professional training seminars.

### **SPECIALIZATION**

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The organization works with battered women charged with any crime in which their history of abuse is relevant or potentially relevant to their legal defense.

- Battered women charged with killing their abusers
- Women who have been coerced into criminal activity
- Women who have been charged with a crime as a result of "failing to protect" their children from their batter's violence and/or abuse
- National Clearinghouse staff works with battered women defendants throughout the criminal legal process including those who might be facing trial or considering a plea, going through a trial, waiting to be sentenced, or whose case is on appeal.

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**Nationalities Service Center**  
1300 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone (215) 893-8400 Fax (215) 735-9718  
[www.nationalitiesservice.org](http://www.nationalitiesservice.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The mission of the NSC's Legal Services Department is to provide high-quality immigration legal services to low-moderate income immigrants in the greater Philadelphia area. They represent immigrants who have cases before the INS or in Immigration Court.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Nationalities Service Center (NSC) is a United Way member agency which provides legal, social and educational services to immigrants, refugees, limited and/or non-English speakers
- Volunteers are needed for classroom instruction and office work.
- The Legal Services Department needs lawyers, who can volunteer to take on pro bono, reduced fee, or sliding fee cases for the poor, who are involved in cases with the INS and paralegals interested in volunteering to help with immigration cases.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Family Sponsorship
- Political Asylum
- Deportation Defense
- Naturalization
- Application for Permanent Resident (green) cards
- Work Permits
- Travel Documents
- VAWA Cases (for abused spouses)

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**Pennsylvania Health Law Project**  
924 Cherry Street, Suite 300  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 625-3663 Fax (215) 625-3879  
[www.phlp.org](http://www.phlp.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Through advocacy, research and policy formulation, the Pennsylvania Health Law Project works tirelessly for the health of the poor. PHLP gives voice to those in Pennsylvania who need it most-the impoverished, the working poor, Medicaid recipients, and children.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- PHLP is the health law back up center for the nineteen legal services programs that cover Pennsylvania's 67 counties.
- PHLP monitors all legal and administrative developments that affect the low income and disabilities communities and disseminates the information in newsletter and bulletins to hundred of low income and disabled persons and their representatives throughout the state.
- PHLP also provides advice and direct assistance annually to thousands of low income Pennsylvanians through its toll free help line.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Health insurance
- Access to health care for the poor, disabled, and elderly
- Medicaid recipients

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## Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center

3214 East Market Street  
York, Pennsylvania 17402  
Phone (717) 600-8099 Fax (717) 600-8044  
[www.pirclaw.org](http://www.pirclaw.org)

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) is a *pro bono*, non-profit legal service organization founded in 1996 to provide access migrants and asylum seekers access to legal services and information. When Congress passed the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act in 1996, immigrants and asylum seekers were often faced with severe victimization by the enforcement methods used by the INS (now Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement: BICE). PIRC has since become a crucial resource for providing competent legal services to great numbers of otherwise unrepresented detained immigrants.

### DESCRIPTION

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- PIRC believes that detained immigrants have a right to adequate information concerning their immigration status and access to effective legal resources. Our goal is to ensure access to justice and social services for immigrants who are detained by the BICE and facing removal from the United States.
- PIRC evaluates individual cases and issues, provides educational and legal resources, delivers "Rights Presentations," conducts *pro-se* workshops, and provides direct legal representation.
- Through its legal support, PIRC empowers detainees to evaluate and manifest their defenses against removal from the United States by allowing them to make well-informed decisions about their immigration
- PIRC is actively involved in offering training on the legal issues of BICE detainees to attorneys and volunteers. PIRC conducts legal training workshops for attorneys interested in handling pro bono cases through bar associations and law firms.
- Law students are invited to volunteer or intern with PIRC during the academic year or summer.
- Third-year law students who are interested in applying for a post-graduate fellowship should contact PIRC the summer before their third year.

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**Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project**  
924 Cherry Street, Suite 523  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Phone (215) 925-2966 Fax (215) 925-5337  
[www.pailp.org](http://www.pailp.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project seeks to deliver civil legal services to the institutional population. Difficulties with access and the unique nature institutional legal issues require a specialized method of delivering such services. The Project was created and designed to meet the needs of low-income residents of our prisons, jails, state hospitals, and state centers. The goal of the Institutional Law Project is to ensure equal access to justice for indigent institutionalized persons.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- The PA Institutional Law Project provides legal assistance to incarcerated or institutionalized low-income people whose constitutional rights have been violated within the institution.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Direct Representation-Individual civil cases are taken based on their merit and program priorities.
- Information and Referral
- Class Representation
- Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
- Group Representation

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**Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts**  
100 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 700  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 569-1150 Fax (215) 569-9153  
[www.pmconline.org](http://www.pmconline.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Created in 1987, Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization committed to improving Pennsylvania's judicial system in order to achieve better courts for all Pennsylvania citizens. PMC is the only organization in Pennsylvania dedicated solely to helping citizens better understand and have positive experiences within the court system.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- PMC takes very seriously its mission to educate the public about the judicial branch, its impact on everyday life, and the need to ensure the existence of impartial and independent courts.
- PMC is also committed to encouraging every citizen to fulfill the invaluable civic duty of jury service.
- In addition to producing and disseminating written information, PMC both participates in, and sponsors public information programs, classroom seminars and community meetings.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Providing information to citizens about their roles as jurors and litigants
- Improving the jury system to encourage and enhance jury service
- Combating racial and gender bias in the courts
- Advocating a change in the way judges are selected in Pennsylvania

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**Philadelphia LawWorks**  
1424 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone (215) 981-3733 Fax (215) 981-0436

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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To provide pro bono opportunities for corporate lawyers by matching volunteer counsel with non-profit community organizations and small businesses serving low-income communities. LawWorks is a collaboration of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Law Section and numerous local public interest organizations.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Philadelphia LawWorks refers eligible non-profit organizations and business clients to volunteer lawyers for free legal assistance. Legal services are provided in those substantive areas in which prospective clients generally need the greatest assistance, such as incorporation, real estate, tax, and estates issues.
- LawWorks provides needed services and pro bono opportunities for transactional lawyers.
- LawWorks is a collaborative effort, resulting from the vision and work of many individuals and organizations, including Philadelphia VIP (Volunteers for the Indigent Program), Philadelphia Regional Housing Legal Services ("RHLS"), Community Legal Services ("CLS"), and The Homeless Advocacy Project.
- Another component of LawWorks is community education. This will help non-profit and business clients by giving them the information they need to solve some of their own problems without legal help.
- A substantial expansion of transactional pro bono efforts has enormous potential to benefit the community. Unlike most litigation clients, LawWorks clients typically will be those trying to build and sustain various kinds of business or non-profit entities.

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**Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program**

42 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Phone (215) 523-9550 Fax (215) 564-0845

[www.phillyvip.org](http://www.phillyvip.org)

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) is dedicated to providing indigent individuals equal access to the legal system in civil matters by referring them to volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and others who provide legal services free of charge.

**DESCRIPTION**

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- VIP clients are low-income Philadelphia residents or out-of-county residents that have a case pending in Philadelphia.
- Many of the clients are referred to VIP through Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, AIDS Law Project, the Education Law Center, Regional Housing Legal Services among other organization.

**SPECIALIZATION**

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- consumer litigation
- domestic relations
- estate planning
- immigration
- landlord-tenant
- non-profit organizations
- probate
- real estate
- special education and school discipline
- tax
- tort defense

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**Regional Housing Legal Services**  
2 S. Easton Road  
Glenside, PA 19038  
Phone (215) 572-7300 Fax (215) 572-0262

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Regional Housing Legal Services' mission is to provide legal and technical assistance to clients in a manner which enables such clients to develop affordable housing, create economic opportunities, and revitalize communities.

### **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Non-profit corporations
- Entity selection
- Real estate finance and development
- Structuring joint ventures and partnerships
- Non-profit tax matters
- Structuring complex entities including subsidiaries and inter-organizational relationships
- Transactional matters, affordable housing and economic development programs and policies

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**Senior Law Center**  
100 S. Broad Street, Suite 1810  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19110  
Phone (215) 988-1244 Fax (215) 988-1243  
[www.seniorlawcenter.org](http://www.seniorlawcenter.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Senior Law Center protects the legal rights and interests of Philadelphia's elderly. It provides a combination of legal services, community education, outreach, and advocacy, incorporating a comprehensive approach to representing and empowering its clients. Senior Law Center also acts as a vital link in the complex network of services available to Philadelphia's senior citizens.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- Each year, Senior Law Center provides direct individual legal services and representation to thousands of needy senior citizens, which enable them to keep their homes, terminate family violence, rectify consumer and financial exploitation, and gain custody rights over children in their care to address their medical, educational, and care needs.
- Senior Law Center also strives to prevent legal problems from occurring through extensive community outreach and education. Pursuing the belief that many legal and social crises can be prevented through knowledge and outreach to the at-risk community, Senior Law Center staff seeks to empower older Philadelphians with information about their legal rights and interests so that they may become self-advocates.

## **SPECIALIZATION**

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- Avoiding Financial Exploitation
- Protection From Elder Abuse
- Custody for Grandparents and Other Kinship Caregivers
- Fair Housing Issues
- Homeowners Assistance Program
- Personal Planning for Senior Citizens
- Revocable Living Trusts
- Selecting a Nursing Home
- Hearing Aid Sales and Legislation
- Identity Theft

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**Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight**

1314 Chestnut Street, Suite 750

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Phone (215) 731-1775 Fax (215) 732-5725

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight works to preserve and improve Philadelphia's visual environment by providing free technical and legal services to civic associations and resident groups seeking enforcement of Philadelphia's sign control laws.

**SPECIALIZATION**

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- Empowering citizens to protect the visual environment in their neighborhoods through education and technical and legal assistance.
- Promoting public appreciation and support for policies that protect the scenic environment.
- Collaborating with government agencies to ensure consistent enforcement of quality-of-life regulations and the protection of the visual environment.
- Preserving Pennsylvania's aesthetic and scenic values by controlling outdoor advertising.

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**Support Center for Child Advocates**  
1900 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19110  
Phone (215) 925-1913 Fax (215) 925-4756  
[www.avokid.org](http://www.avokid.org)

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Support Center for Child Advocates, founded in 1977, is the country's oldest and largest pro bono legal and social services agency for children. Its mission is to advocate for abused and neglected children in Philadelphia, with the goal of securing a permanent, nurturing environment for every child.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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- A non-profit organization founded in 1977, the *Support Center for Child Advocates* offers free legal and social services to Philadelphia's abused and neglected children.
- *Child Advocates* teams specially trained volunteer attorneys with staff social workers and lawyers who are specialists in child welfare practice and children's legal issues.
- In the past year, *Child Advocates* provided legal and social service advocacy to more than 700 abused, neglected, abandoned and medically needy children.
- Four Core Programs are Child Protection, Medically Needy Children, Kinship Care, and Adoption.
- Referrals come from the courts, District Attorney's Office, Department of Human Services, hospitals and private social service agencies.

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**Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Inc.**

100 S. Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19110

Phone (215) 686-7082 Fax (215) 686-7041

[www.waasafe.org](http://www.waasafe.org)

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Legal Center is a nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence. Staff attorneys represent victims in civil proceeding to obtain and enforce protection from abuse orders as well as in custody and support cases. Legal Advocates provide support and options counseling for these clients as well as for victims pursuing criminal prosecutions and victims who have been arrested for defending themselves against their abusers. Legal Center staff also engages in systems advocacy and impact litigation designed to advance the rights of domestic violence victims on the local, state and national levels.

**DESCRIPTION**

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- The Legal Center offers a Volunteer Attorney Project, which allows private attorneys to represent petitioners in Protection from Abuse cases on a pro bono basis.
- During the summer the Legal Center accepts five law students for its internship program. Through that program interns receive forty-five hours of domestic violence training. Interns spend the remainder of the summer working directly with domestic violence victims in court as well as in the office.

## PRO BONO FIRMS

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### **Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP**

1735 Market Street, 51<sup>st</sup> Floor

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-7599

Phone (215) 665-8500, Fax (215) 864-8999

[www.ballardspahr.com](http://www.ballardspahr.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Lisa F. Whiteley
- 249 Partners, 189 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

#### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

#### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners & Associates worked a combined total of 24,311 Pro Bono hours during 2002.
- Summer Associates are permitted to shadow at a public interest organization.
- New Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

#### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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| • ACLU                                   | • Federal Court Prisoner Civil Rights Panel and Title VII Panel |
| • AIDS Law Project                       | • Friends of Farm Workers                                       |
| • Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project | • HIAS  |
| • Education Law Center                   | • Homeless Advocacy Project                                     |

#### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • AIDS                           | • Employee/Retirement Benefits |
| • Civil Rights                   | • Environmental                |
| • Death Penalty                  | • Family Law                   |
| • Economic/Community Development | • Immigration/Asylum           |
| • Bankruptcy                     |                                |

**Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP**

One Logan Square

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Phone (215) 569-5500, Fax (215) 569-5555

[www.blankrome.com](http://www.blankrome.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Kathy E. Ochroch, Esq.  
(215) 569-5711, ochroch@blankrome.com
- 221 Partners, 179 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Encouraging attorneys and paralegals to render at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services per year
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners and Associates worked a combined total of 5,400 Pro Bono hours during 2002.
- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters. Blank Rome hosts a pro bono “road show,” which is designed to introduce the new attorneys to the many different public interest providers in Philadelphia

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Children’s Law Center
- AIDS Law Project
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled
- New York City Bar Fund
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for Arts
- Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program
- Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight
- Women Against Abuse Legal Center

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Arts Law
- Child Advocacy
- Civil Rights
- Disability Law
- Elder Law

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**Cozen O' Connor**  
1900 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 665-2000, Fax (215) 665-2013  
[www.cozen.com](http://www.cozen.com)

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- Pro Bono Contacts: Peter Rossi, Esq., Evelyn McGravey, Esq.

### **Firm Philosophy**

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Cozen has adopted the Georgetown University Law Firm Pro Bono Project's definition of pro bono work which requires that all pro bono work be rendered to people of limited means or organizations assisting such individuals.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving up to 50 billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities
- Developing a pro bono award to be given to attorneys who complete 60 hours

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer law clerks are assigned their own pro bono case to handle.
- New Associates are required to do 60 hours of pro bono work.
- The firm's total pro bono hours in 2002 was approximately 3,700 hours.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Senior Law Center
- AIDS Law Project
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled
- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Contract and tort defense
- Special education
- Guardianship, custody, divorce
- Trusts, estates
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy
- Juvenile justice issues

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**Dechert**

1717 Arch Street, 4000 Bell Atlantic Tower  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 994-4000, Fax (215) 994-2222

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- Pro Bono Contact: Amy Ginensky
- 226 Partners, 449 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm Philosophy:**

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The firm believes that providing pro bono legal services is an important part of our professional responsibility. Exemplary of this longstanding commitment, the firm is a signatory to the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge and has committed to contribute annually an amount equal to three percent of the firm's total billable hours to pro bono work.

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by:**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts:**

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- Partners and Associates worked a combined total of 27,780 Pro Bono hours during 2002.
- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following:**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| • Support Center for Child Advocates | • US District Court, Prisoner Civil Rights Panel |
| • Legal Clinic for the Disabled      | • Juvenile Law Center                            |
| • Homeless Advocacy Project          | • Philadelphia VIP                               |
| • ACLU                               |  |

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas:**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Child Advocacy                 | • First Amendment    |
| • Civil Rights                   | • Landlord-tenant    |
| • Criminal Defense/Death Penalty | • Immigration/asylum |
| • Family Law                     | • Veterans           |

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**Dessen, Moses & Sheinoff**  
1814 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 546-5600, Fax (215) 564-2879  
[www.dms-lawyer.com](http://www.dms-lawyer.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Cateria R. McCabe  
Phone (215) 242-3830  
Fax (215) 242-6750
- 3 Partners, 19 Associates

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities
- Allowing attorneys to do pro bono work during firm hours

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Philadelphia VIP
- Bar Association programs

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Dependency
- Consumer
- Administrative Appeal
- Real Estate
- Domestic Relations

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**Dilworth Paxson, LLP**  
3200 Mellon Bank Center, 1735 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 575-7000, Fax (215) 575-7200  
[www.dilworthlaw.com](http://www.dilworthlaw.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Steven B. Goodman
- 64 Partners, 37 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

### **Firm Philosophy**

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The firm has a strong commitment to pro bono legal service and endorses the American Bar Association's Model Pro Bono Policy, including Rule 6.1, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Pro Bono Initiative.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- CBAP
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Philadelphia VIP

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Trusts & Estates
- General litigation (contracts, etc)
- Family law
- Immigration law
- Bankruptcy

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**Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP**  
One Logan Square, 18<sup>th</sup> & Cherry Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 988-2700, Fax (215) 988-2757  
[www.dbr.com](http://www.dbr.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: David F. Abernethy
- 198 Partners, 281 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

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**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

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**Pro Bono Facts**

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- The firm encourages summer associates to accept pro bono referrals and has participated in the Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship Program, which was administered by the Philadelphia Bar Association. The fellowship is underwritten by the private law firm employer, who spreads the first year salary over two years; the law firm employer also provides benefits.
- In 2002, Drinker lawyers spent 14,594 hours on pro bono work.

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**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts
- Pro Bono Partnership
- Federal District Courts in NJ and PA (Prisoner Civil Rights cases)
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- AIDS Law Project
- Philadelphia VIP

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**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Litigation
- Family law
- Transactional and corporate advice and drafting

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**Duane Morris, LLP**  
One Liberty Place, Suite 4200  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 979-1000, Fax (215) 979-1020  
[www.DuaneMorris.com](http://www.DuaneMorris.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Lawrence J. Koder
- 97 Partners, 69 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates are encouraged to do pro bono work.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- Philadelphia VIP
- Women's Law Project
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Family law
- Transactional and corporate advice and drafting

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**Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Schleifer, Weinstein & Winkler, P.C.**

1634 Spruce Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Phone (215) 546-6610, Fax (215) 546-0118

[www.eisenbergrothweiler.com](http://www.eisenbergrothweiler.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Brian Hall, Esq.
- 8 Partners, 6 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners & Associates worked a combined total of 480 Pro Bono hours during 2002.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Philadelphia Volunteer for the Indigent
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Personal Injury Defense
- Social Security
- Real Estate Disputes
- Probate

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**Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel, LLP**

2000 Market Street, Suite 1000  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215)299-2000, Fax (215) 299-2150  
[www.frof.com](http://www.frof.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Jacqueline M. Carolan
- 132 Partners, 90 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates are encouraged to do pro bono work.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project
- Philadelphia VIP
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled
- Senior Law Center
- Legal Aid for the Arts

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Litigation
- Domestic relations-custody
- Real estate-title
- Bankruptcy
- Estate planning
- Guardianship

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**Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin**  
One Logan Square, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 568-6200, Fax (215) 568-0300  
[www.hangley.com](http://www.hangley.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Henry E. Hockeimer, Jr., Esq.
- 23 Partners, 23 Associates

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**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

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**Pro Bono Facts**

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- The firm encourages summer associates and new associates to do pro bono work.
- Partners and Associates worked a combined total of 1,848 Pro Bono hours during 2002.

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**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- Philadelphia VIP

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**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Child Custody
- Social Security
- Negligence
- Quiet Title
- Immigration

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**Hepburn, Wilcox, Hamilton & Putnam, LLP**

1100 One Penn Center  
1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 568-7500, Fax (215) 751-9044  
[www.hepburnlaw.com](http://www.hepburnlaw.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Susan White
- 8 Partners

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Permitting use of support staff and resources

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners worked 320 pro bono hours during 2002.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Philadelphia Lawyers for the Arts

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Non-profit governance
- Entertainment law

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**Hoyle, Morris & Kerr, LLP**  
One Liberty Place  
1650 Market Street, Suite 4900  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 981-5700, Fax (215) 981-5959  
[www.hoylemk.com](http://www.hoylemk.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Walter M. Phillips, Jr.
- 7 Partners, 8 Associates

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**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

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**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates are encouraged to do pro bono work during their clerkships.
- Particularly effective pro bono work is considered positively when evaluating associate work for merit bonuses.

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**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Philadelphia VIP
- Federal Courts

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**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Prisoner civil rights
- Death penalty appeal
- Various VIP and support center projects
- Immigration appeal

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**Manko,Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP**  
401 City Ave., Suite 500  
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004  
Phone (484) 430-5700, Fax (484) 430-5711  
[www.mgklaw.com](http://www.mgklaw.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: John S. Kirk
- 12 Partners, 9 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners & Associates worked a combined total of 1,400 Pro Bono hours during 2002.
- Summer Associates are permitted to shadow at a public interest organization.
- New Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Family Services
- Environmental Issues

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**McCarter & English, LLP**  
1735 Market Street, Suite 700  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone (215) 979-3800, Fax (215) 979-3899  
[www.mccarter.com](http://www.mccarter.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Alexander Kerr, Esq.
- 96 Partners, 182 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

### **Firm Philosophy**

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The firm defines pro bono work as providing legal services to the poor or organizations that represent the poor. All of our representation falls into that definition except for our representation of World Trade Center victims.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities
- Encouraging its attorneys to become involved in community work, to sit on Boards of Directors and to engage in activities which are designed to increase the funding available for community, education, and religious organizations.

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- Partners & Associates worked a combined total of 8,200 pro bono hours during 2002.
- Summer Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.
- New Associates are expected to work on Pro Bono matters.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights
- Habitat for Humanity
- Philadelphia VIP
- Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Landlord-tenant
- Post-conviction capital representation
- Family law
- Immigration law/asylum representation
- Real Estate

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**Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP**

123 South Broad Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19109

Phone (215) 772-1500, Fax (215) 772-7620

[www.mmwr.com](http://www.mmwr.com)

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- Pro Bono Contact: Leonard A. Busby
- 59 Partners, 57 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

**Firm Philosophy**

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A successful pro bono program results from the dynamic interaction of top-down leadership by senior lawyers, and bottom-up idealism and energy of new lawyers. The most successful pro bono programs need steadfast lifetime contributors who accept pro bono work as a constant component of the practice of law, in combination with new people, new ideas, and new projects that reinvigorate and reinvent the program.

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- The firm supports the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Fellowship.
- Partners spent an average of 20.93 hours of pro bono work per year.
- Associates spent an average of 42.51 hours of pro bono work during 2002.
- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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| • ACLU  | • William Way Community Center |
| • Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers<br>for the Arts              | • Amnesty International        |
| • Philadelphia Bar Association's<br>Homeless Advocacy Project | • Women's Law Project          |
|   | • Philadelphia VIP             |

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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| • First Amendment     | • Bankruptcy      |
| • Death penalty cases | • Real estate     |
| • Public benefits     | • Landlord-tenant |

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Kevin M. Donovan  
(215) 963-5420  
kdonovan@morganlewis.com
- 388 Partners, 632 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

### **Firm Philosophy**

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The firm takes great pride in the accomplishments of its attorneys and staff in the area of pro bono. It actively looks for attorneys whose commitment to providing first-rate legal services includes a desire to provide services to individuals of limited means and the organizations that serve them.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- The firm's Public Interest and Community Service program allows its summer associates to devote a part their summer to work for a public interest organization while continuing to collect the standard summer salary.
- The firm has also supported incoming associates in year-long public interest fellowship programs.
- Summer Associates and new Associates can work on Pro Bono matters.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Women against Abuse
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
- Maternity Care Coalition
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for Arts
- Philadelphia VIP

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- First Amendment
- Death penalty cases
- Public benefits
- Bankruptcy

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**Pepper Hamilton, LLP**  
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- Pro Bono Contact: Janet G. Perry
- 165 Partners, 183 Associates
- Written Pro Bono Policy

### **Firm Philosophy**

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For at least four decades, Pepper attorneys have accepted unpopular and challenging pro bono cases, ranging from death penalty litigation to civil rights class action. The firm's work benefits the public, the individuals it serves, and the development of its attorneys' skill and sense of professional and public service. Firm policy encourages partners and associates to provide pro bono legal services.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities
- Publishing *Pro Bono News*, a newsletter which illustrates the breadth and depth of pro bono work currently being performed throughout the firm

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- Pepper Hamilton is a member of the American Bar Association Pro Bono Challenge.
- The firm offers split summer opportunities for summer associates.
- New associates have participated in the Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship Program.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Philadelphia Bar Association's Homeless Advocacy Project
- Clinic for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
- Philadelphia VIP
- Senior Law Center

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Poverty Law
- Business counseling and formation of nonprofit organizations
- Civil Rights/prisoner's civil rights
- Constitutional law
- Special education law

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- Pro Bono Contact: Suzanne Ilene Schiller
- 17 Partners, 31 Associates

**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates are encouraged to do pro bono work.

**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project
- Philadelphia VIP
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled

**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Bankruptcy
- Immigration
- Name changes
- Civil litigation
- Probate

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- Pro Bono Contact: Kimberly M. Dolan

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**Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities

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**Pro Bono Facts**

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- Summer Associates and new Associates are encouraged to do pro bono work.

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**Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Support Center for Child Advocates
- Philadelphia VIP
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Center for Legal Education Advocacy

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**Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- Death Penalty
- Family Law
- Civil tort defense
- Collection
- Probate
- Estate planning

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- Written Pro Bono Policy

### **Firm Philosophy**

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The firm's commitment to pro bono service, through dozens of pro bono referral sources, is extensive and longstanding. WolfBlock lawyers engage in a wide gamut of pro bono matters. The firm's public interest initiatives are aimed at providing attorneys with a strong foundation upon which to become excellent attorneys and leaders in the legal community.

### **Firm encourages Pro Bono activity by**

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- Giving billable hour credit for Pro Bono work
- Permitting use of support staff and resources
- Providing Pro Bono supervision/training opportunities
- Publishing Pro Bono newsletters

### **Pro Bono Facts**

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- In 2000, WolfBlock launched an innovative program to advance the firm's commitment to pro bono and to provide training and professional education to the firm's lawyers. The firm created the position of Director of Litigation Training and Pro Bono to ensure the quality of pro bono work done by the firm's lawyers and to enhance the training available to its lawyers. The Director and the firm's Pro Bono Committee work with a wide variety of pro bono referral agencies to take in and distribute pro bono cases to WolfBlock attorneys.

### **Firm has taken referrals from, or given Pro Bono assistance to the following**

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- Philadelphia VIP
- ACLU
- AIDS Law Project
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled

### **Firm has provided Pro Bono legal services in the following substantive areas**

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- AIDS combat
- Death penalty
- Tax and transactional work for nonprofit organizations

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