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The Paul Hastings Pro Bono and Community Newsletter

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CHAIR'S CORNER



**Barbara L. Johnson, Chair
Pro Bono and Community Committee
Employment Law Partner**

Welcome to the current issue of Pro Bono News. This edition contains many stories about *pro bono* and community involvement projects throughout the firm. For example, in recent months, Paul Hastings' *pro bono* efforts have led to greatly improved conditions of a federal immigration facility in downtown Los Angeles and the acquisition of a new facility for the Christopher House in Chicago.

We are also pleased to report that the firm received a Cornerstone Award from the Lawyers Alliance for New York during the American Bar Association's *Celebrate Pro Bono Week*, October 25-31, 2009. The Cornerstone Awards recognized outstanding contributions by members of the New York legal community to local non-profit organizations.

Pro bono continues to be an important focus of our firm. All of our attorneys are challenged to dedicate a minimum of 25 hours to *pro bono* work per year, and I am proud to say that we have gone above and beyond that challenge.

Last year, our U.S. attorneys committed an average of 83.1 hours of *pro bono* work. Globally, the firm dedicated more than 75,000 hours to *pro bono* and community service, ranking it in the Top 35 of *American Lawyer's* Top Law Firms for Pro Bono.

As we enter a new year and new decade, I want to thank everyone for supporting those less fortunate this past holiday season. The firm is involved in countless worthy endeavors year-round, and I encourage you to give of your time and talents whenever possible.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that appears to read "Barbara".

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SPECIAL FEATURES

PRO BONO & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Over the summer, the firm announced the winners of the first annual Pro Bono & Community Service Awards. This global recognition program acknowledges the attorneys and organizations that uphold the firm's long-standing commitment to serving our communities. A special edition of Pro Bono News was published in July to commend the winners. Pro Bono & Community Committee Chair, Barbara Johnson, traveled to many of the offices to present the trophies to the honorees. Congratulations to all the award recipients, and thank you to everyone who attended a pro bono recognition ceremony.



Barbara Johnson (center) and New York Office Chair Barry Brooks (5th from left) present the Pro Bono & Community Strategic Initiative Award to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum team



(L to R) Jeff Varga (LA), winner of the Pro Bono & Community Leadership Service Award, and James Gilliam (LA), Pro Bono & Community Lawyer of the Year



Weyman Johnson (ATL) accepts the Pro Bono Office of the Year Award from Barbara Johnson



(far right) Seth Zachary (NY) and Barbara Johnson present the award for Community Organization of the Year to Dr. Bruce Charash and the team at Doc to Dock



Pro Bono Partner, Tollie Besson (right), presents Orange County Office Chair John Simonis with the 2009 Community Service Office of the Year Award



(front left) Swafia Ames, Manager of Global Diversity & Pro Bono, presents the award for Pro Bono Organization of the Year to Paul Newdick, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, LawWorks London



*Retired Paul Hastings Partner Denny Vaughn presents
the Community Leader of the Year Award to Joyce
Nelson, President and CEO of the National MS Society,
at the National MS Society Conference in Chicago*

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ATLANTA

TEAM WINS MAJOR ARBITRATION VICTORY

Allen Maines, Emily Shoemaker, and Sarah Perry successfully obtained a \$482,047.22 arbitration award for their *pro bono* client, a group that represents deserving Asian artists by promoting and publicizing their works in art galleries and shows in North America. The client filed a Demand for Arbitration, seeking damages for fraud, conversion, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract after an art gallery and the owner of the art gallery converted five valuable pieces of art held by the gallery on consignment, secretly selling the works and maintaining all of the money from the sales. The arbitrator awarded actual damages, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees.

TEAM SUPPORTS THE ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION'S SATURDAY LAWYER PROGRAM

Members of the Atlanta office support the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's (AVLF) Saturday Lawyers Program. For 30 years, the Foundation, a collaborative effort between the Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers, the Gate City Bar Association, and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society (ALAS), has provided legal representation to the poor.

Through the Saturday Lawyers Program, a majority of AVLF's clients receive free legal representation. Eligible clients who have been prescreened by AVLF and ALAS staff are subsequently scheduled for a Saturday Lawyer meeting and assigned to a volunteer attorney. **Weyman T. Johnson, Jr.**, chairs the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Advisory Board.

OFFICE SUPPORTS TASTE OF ATLANTA AND THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Members from the Atlanta office volunteered at the 8th Annual Taste of Atlanta, a two-day outdoor food festival that raises money for the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB). Since 1979, ACFB has distributed several million pounds of food and donated groceries to more than 800 nonprofit organizations in the Atlanta area.

Taste of Atlanta also benefits Share Our Strength's Operation Frontline program, Atlanta's Table, and the Hospitality Education Foundation of Georgia's ProStart program.

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BEIJING



OFFICE WORKING WITH JOINT CENTER FOR CHINA-U.S. LAW AND POLICY STUDIES

The Beijing office is involved in a *pro bono* effort for the Joint Center for China-U.S. Law and Policy Studies (the "Joint Center"), a nonprofit organization established by Peking University and Beijing Foreign Studies University in 2005. The office's nonprofit practice team has been assisting the Joint Center since 2008 in a *pro bono* effort to organize an annual seminar at the Beijing office. This seminar is attended by senior members of the legal departments of various elite multi-national corporations based in China, the United States, Japan, and countries in Europe. The annual seminar provides a candid and practical forum for the exchange of ideas on common issues facing in-house counsel doing business in China (e.g., cultural challenges). The 2009 seminar was held in February.

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CHICAGO



(L to R) Jamillah Bowman (summer), Ericka Foster (associate), Emma Lange-Novak (summer), Stephenie Park (associate), Christopher House staffer, Elizabeth Pesses (summer), Leah Weiss (associate), Emily Englert (summer)

OFFICE HONORED AS THE LAW FIRM PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR AT MY HERO AWARDS

Paul Hastings Chicago was recently honored as the Law Firm Partnership of the Year at the 6th Annual My Hero Awards, part of the Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth program sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association. The firm was honored for strong support of Christopher House, which has included substantial *pro bono* representation in a number of practice areas.

For more than 100 years, Christopher House has strengthened and empowered disadvantaged children and their families throughout the community. Lawyers and staff from our Chicago office regularly donate their time and resources to provide a variety of services to this worthy organization. **Greg Spitzer** serves on the Christopher House board of directors.

DUO HELPS OBTAIN ASYLUM FOR REFUGEE FROM TOGO

Stephenie Park and **Michael Stefanelli** successfully obtained asylum on the basis of political opinion for their *pro bono* client, a refugee from Togo, who was a member of an opposition political party and was physically tortured for his political beliefs in his home country. Since the 2005 Togo presidential election, more than 500 people have been killed in political protests.

TEAM PETITIONS SUPREME COURT ON BEHALF OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROJECT TENANTS

Steve Catlett, Ericka Foster, Brad Ritter, Jessica Simons, and Kate Steffy, in cooperation with the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, recently filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of tenants of a federally subsidized housing project. The petition seeks the Supreme Court's review of a Seventh Circuit opinion holding that certain federal housing laws do not preempt state and local condemnation laws.

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FRANKFURT

PARTNER WORKS WITH AFGHAN YOUTH TO PROVIDE AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Edouard Lange assists *Skateistan e.V.*, an organization running Afghanistan's first skateboarding school. *Skateistan* is currently building an indoor skate park in Kabul. This nongovernmental organization reaches out to young Afghans from all social backgrounds and engages them in sport and other after-school activities.

Last October, the Canadian, Norwegian, and German governments contributed a combined funding of \$120,000 for the new skate park. The Kabul Parks Authority chose a site in a poor area of the city, about eight miles from the fountain where the founding skateboarders met. Noted ramp designer Andreas Schützenberger (IOU Ramps), plans to donate his services once the Skateistan park is built.

PARTNER SUPPORTS FILM DESIGNED TO RAISE MONEY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

Peter Smeets advised the filmmakers Blancke & Degenhardt Filmproduktion GbR Blancke & Degenhardt in connection with their project, "Der Schrei – Eine ganz alltägliche Geschichte" ("Scream – An Everyday Story"). Smeets drafted the contracts for the entire production, including financing documents, exploitation, licensing, talent, and intellectual property rights.

The film "Der Schrei – Eine ganz alltägliche Geschichte," which opened in more than 1,000 German movie theatres in June, tells the story of how Kevin, the main character, was sexually abused by his father for many years. Producer Carsten Degenhardt was inspired by the victim's strength to make this film a reality.

"Der Schrei – Eine ganz alltägliche Geschichte" was made possible through the sponsorship of BBBank and others and the legal advice of Paul Hastings. Another meaningful reason for this project was the support of the "Hänsel+Gretel" fund which helps sexual abuse victims.

"We are very pleased that we could help to realize this fantastic project. Over the last three years, the two producers have never stopped trying to make this film. Their enthusiasm and ambition was a great motivation for all of us at Paul Hastings and the many other sponsors to finally make this project happen," commented Smeets, the Frankfurt office chair.

LAWYER LENDS HELP TO CHARITY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Hergen Haas provided legal advice to the *Kinderschutzbund Frankfurt e.V.* (charity for children) in organizing a charitable betting competition at this year's Frankfurt City Triathlon.

Kinderschutzbund Frankfurt e.V. helps children in need. Its services include parent-child meetings, online and telephone counseling, and a public awareness campaign to benefit the welfare of children living in the Frankfurt area.

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LONDON

OFFICE RECOGNIZED BY LAWWORKS AT ANNUAL BALL

In April 2009, LawWorks announced that Paul Hastings had been named to the short list for the 2009 LawWorks Award. LawWorks is a charity that provides free legal help to individuals and community groups, and was the recipient of the firm's 2008 Pro Bono Organization of the Year Award. Members of the London office attended the LawWorks Ball in June at the Inner Temple in London. The evening included a reception, dinner, and live entertainment, in addition to the presentation of the LawWorks Awards.

LONDON CITY RUN



(L to R) Paul Hastings Team: Jessica Summerfield, Alice Mahoney, Lucy Swart-Wilson, Elinor Clark, Alex Morris, Daniela Holischeck, Phil Feder, George Weston, Isabel Tinsley, Keith Wilson, Don Methven. Not pictured: Chris Walter, Chris Bracebridge, Christian Parker, Karen Stretch, Helena Laughrin, Shane Taggart, Sarah Harris.

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INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS AT DOWNTOWN IMMIGRATION FACILITY WILL END UNDER TERMS OF LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT

Immigrants detained in a federal detention center in downtown Los Angeles can no longer be held for weeks on end in crowded cells without drinking water, changes of clothing or sanitary napkins, or be deprived of their ability to defend themselves, under the terms of a settlement announced by Paul Hastings, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California (ACLU-SC), and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC).

The settlement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency means an end to unsanitary conditions in the basement facility known as "B-18." It also puts a stop to the practice of shuttling detainees back and forth to overcrowded local jails in an effort to avoid rules prohibiting long-term detention at the facility. The agreement prohibits the agency from holding detainees there for more than 12 hours on any given day or over two consecutive days, subject to limited exceptions.

The settlement agreement stems from a federal lawsuit brought five months ago by the ACLU-SC, NILC, and Paul Hastings, charging that ICE often held immigrants for many weeks in terrible conditions at B-18, a facility which was intended only to hold detainees for short periods of time.

The settlement agreement also provides for on-site monitoring at the B-18 facility and review of government documents to assure continued compliance with the settlement. The settlement directly affects approximately 30,000 detainees a year and was widely publicized in the local and national press.

"This agreement shows that the government can create a clean, safe, and constitutionally run detention facility, and we hope that the settlement reflects a new priority of the Obama Administration," said **Tollie Besson**, one of the firm-wide *pro bono* partners.

Nick Begakis, Tollie Besson, Jamie Broder, James W. Gilliam, Jr., Amanda Gilman, Eleanor Mercado, Morgan Pietz, and Stephen J. Turanchik, along with Ahilan Arulanantham and Marisol Orihuela, of the ACLU-SC, Linton Joaquin and Karen Tumlin of NILC, and others served as counsel for the plaintiffs in this case.

TEAM COMPLETED FIRST *PRO BONO* CASE THROUGH PRO SE FEDERAL COURT CLINIC



*(L to R) Stephen Turanchik, Rebecca Loh, Victor Flood,
Melinda Gordon, Adam Cherensky*

Adam Cherensky, Melinda Gordon, Rebecca Loh, and Stephen Turanchik recently completed the firm's first case through Public Counsel's newly formed Pro Se Federal Court Clinic. The team successfully defended a *pro bono* client against a claim from a neighbor that he violated federal and state fair housing laws. Plaintiff also alleged that our client violated her civil rights by discriminating against her and her disabled child by harassing, terrorizing, and stalking her in an effort to force her from her apartment.

The Paul Hastings lawyers issued written discovery, took depositions, and participated in a successful mediation. In deposition, the Plaintiff not only revised her story about actions taken by our client, but she revised the timeline of when certain events occurred and whether she could even recall certain events. As a result of the discovery taken, the Plaintiff was persuaded at mediation to settle at terms for our client.

OFFICE SUPPORTS HOMELESS COURT

Paul Hastings lawyers continue to participate in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Homeless Court, where firm lawyers make an appearance with a homeless client who is having his or her warrants for lifestyle offenses, such as jaywalking or loitering, dismissed and help these clients get their lives back on track. The Homeless Court only dismisses warrants arising from nonviolent, relatively minor offenses in Los Angeles County. The clients are required to have participated in a rehabilitative program for at least 90 days, and to have gone at least six months without receiving any tickets. Paul Hastings lawyers who have participated include **Jamie Broder, Adam Cherensky, John Chi, Peter Cho, Lyn Diaz, Jeff Diener, Evan Fieldman, James Gilliam, John Giovannone, Liz Hanks, Nicole Herter, Elaine Liu, Colin MacMillan, and Susan Spira**.

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NEW YORK



(L to R) Partner Ken Friedman accepts Cornerstone Award from Edward Greene, Chair, Lawyers Alliance Board

OFFICE RECEIVES CORNERSTONE AWARD FROM THE LAWYERS ALLIANCE FOR NEW YORK

Paul Hastings received a Cornerstone Award from the Lawyers Alliance for New York during the American Bar Association's *Celebrate Pro Bono Week*, October 25-31, 2009. The Cornerstone Awards, which were held on October 27th at the Pfizer Conference Center, honor distinguished *pro bono* service to nonprofit organizations by members of the New York legal community. The *Celebrate Pro Bono* initiative was created to showcase the *pro bono* contributions lawyers make to society.

OFFICE WORKS WITH GE FOUNDATION'S LEGAL TEAM ON INNER CITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Members from the New York office have been working with the GE Foundation's legal group on a *pro bono* basis to target inner city high school students. GE Foundation grants encourage northern Manhattan's extensive network of community organizations to work alongside local educators to develop a pilot program that will identify improvement strategies to significantly boost math and science performance. New York is the sixth city to participate in the GE Foundation's Developing Futures program, which has been expanded by a grant investment of nearly \$150 million in six targeted U.S. school districts.

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ORANGE COUNTY

ATTORNEY HELPS LOW-INCOME FAMILY WITH GUARDIANSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CONCERNS

Bruce Lee represented a *pro bono* client referred by the Public Law Center, a nonprofit public interest law firm that serves low-income Orange County residents. Lee assisted the client in obtaining guardianship of her foreign-born nephew, whose mother had been killed in an automobile accident, whose father is unknown, and whose caretakers had abused him. As these circumstances also qualified the nephew for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), Lee represented the nephew in obtaining an adjustment of immigration status and is currently awaiting the nephew's green card.

ATTORNEY WORKS WITH THE PUBLIC LAW CENTER TO HELP CLIENT KEEP HER HOME

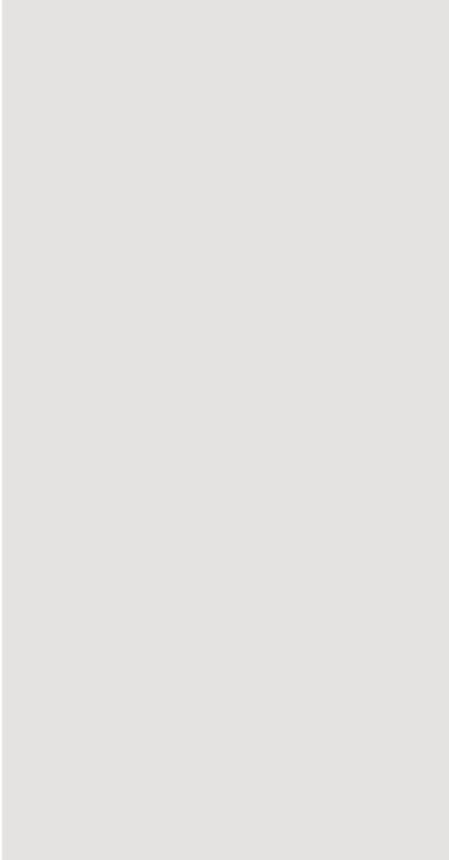
Carolyn Deverich successfully represented a *pro bono* client referred by the Public Law Center who was on the brink of losing her trailer home. The client had provided her trailer as collateral for a loan to a neighbor and gave the neighbor a copy of the trailer pink slip. The neighbor took the actual pink slip from the client's trailer, forged a bill of sale, fraudulently transferred the trailer title to himself through the DMV, and attempted to evict the client from her trailer home.

Deverich assisted in filing a complaint and request for permanent injunction against the neighbor, obtained a temporary injunction for the client, opposed the neighbor's motion to dismiss the complaint, and attended hearings on the motion to dismiss. This culminated in Deverich negotiating a settlement with the neighbor in which he agreed to return the pink slip and waive all claims to alleged debts owed to him by the client in exchange for the client's dismissal of the lawsuit against him.

OFFICE GIVEN JIM MURRAY MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD BY CANYON ACRES CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Paul Hastings Orange County was recently honored with the Jim Murray Memorial Service Award by Canyon Acres Children and Family Services. The award was presented at the Canyon Acres Annual Blue Ribbon Gala and was covered in local newspapers, including the *Daily Pilot* and *The Coto de Caza News*.

Paul Hastings was given this honor for its long-standing commitment and support for the organization. Over the past 20 years, the firm has provided Canyon Acres with support in many forms, including serving on its Board of Directors and providing *pro bono* legal services. In particular, Paul Hastings served as corporate counsel to Canyon Acres in a merger with Family Solutions.



Jim Herriott, **Alexander Lee**, and **Jason Rednour** helped negotiate the merger, review corporate diligence, and draft the definitive agreements. **Julie Schisler** assisted with evaluating and addressing various employment issues related to the merger and has provided *pro bono* employment law counseling, policy reviews, and on-site training for managers and staff at Canyon Acres for many years. Schisler currently serves on the Canyon Acres Board of Directors, succeeding the seat previously held by firm lawyers **Alexander Lee** and **William Simpson**.

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SAN DIEGO

PRESIDENT OBAMA RECOGNIZES WORK WITH THE EMILIO NAES FOUNDATION AT MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME

Paul Hastings San Diego is pleased to report that its *pro bono* client, the Emilio Nares Foundation (ENF), was recognized by U.S. President Barack Obama in a video address as part of a special ceremony prior to the 80th Major League Baseball All-Star Game in July.

The Presidential video address included appearances by President Obama along with former U.S. Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter. This is the first time that all living U.S. Presidents participated in the same sporting event ceremony.

The Emilio Nares Foundation was founded by Richard Nares after his young son died of cancer. Its Ride With Emilio program transports sick children to their weekly cancer treatments and medical appointments when their families lack access to transportation. For families coping with a child's illness, it's a vitally important service.

LAWYERS REPRESENT FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Paul Hastings lawyers in the San Diego and Washington, D.C., offices represented the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in an *amicus* brief supporting a petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. The case, *Truth v. Kent*, involved a group of high school students who had sought the approval of school authorities to form an extracurricular, student-led Bible study group. The rights of students to form groups is protected by the federal Equal Access Act, which provides that any public secondary school that has a limited open forum must provide the same access to religious or ideological student groups as the school provides to secular student groups.

Kentridge High School denied the students the ability to form the Bible study group because, although anyone would be allowed to attend the meetings, the group's constitution reserved membership for students who agreed to adhere to biblical principles. The school, however, allowed secular student groups, such as the EarthCorps and the Gay/Straight Alliance, to restrict membership to students who agreed to adhere to those groups' principles. School authorities maintained that to allow the Bible study group to do the same would be a violation of the school district's anti-discrimination policy, which prohibited discrimination on the basis of religion.

The issue before the Supreme Court was whether or not a religious student group's reservation of membership for

adherents was protected by the Equal Access Act and the First Amendment's freedom of expressive association. The *amicus* brief argued that implementing different standards between religious and secular groups amounted to discrimination on the basis of religion because the Equal Access Act and the First Amendment required that religious student groups be afforded the same rights as secular student groups.

Ray Bertrand and **Rebecca McGuire**, with contributions by **Steve Kinnaird**, wrote the brief.

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SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE PLEDGES MORE THAN \$250,000 TO 2009 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The San Francisco office's lawyers and staff pledged a total of \$263,447.83 to the United Way, with 91% of the office participating in the 2009 fund-raising campaign. Despite the economic downturn, the office actually beat last year's pledge results by an astounding \$42,187.83. The office also netted \$2,274.50 from its Silent Auction.

Once the rest of the campaign elements are tabulated, the San Francisco office stands an excellent chance of holding onto the Little Koko Award for the second straight year. The Koko Awards are given to Bay Area law firms that raise the most money to support the United Way's host of charitable causes. Paul Hastings San Francisco was also honored with two community impact awards, an Anchor Award and a Bronze Partnership Award, in recognition of the office's successful United Way campaign last year.

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SHANGHAI



LAWYERS HELP PROTECT IMPORTANT LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

Paul Hastings Shanghai continues to work with The Nature Conservancy, a global conservation organization, on a variety of employment, immigration, and some corporate issues with respect to its representative office in the People's Republic of China. Since 1951, The Nature Conservancy has protected more than 119 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of water sources worldwide. *Pro bono* team members include **Lesli Ligorner**, **Sherry Qian**, and **Barbara Tsai**.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE REPRESENTS CLIENTS REFERRED BY THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Lawyers **Derek Bottcher**, **Kelly DeMarchis**, **Michael Steele**, **Alana Prills**, and **Brock Weber** successfully represented clients referred to the firm by the Legal Aid Society.

Steele, under the guidance of **Ken Willner**, represented a client in a Social Security benefits case. The client suffered from numerous medical ailments and had been out of work for over a decade. He was denied disability benefits after applying in 2007 through the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Supplemental Security Income.

In their brief and during the 2009 hearing, Steele and Willner argued that the client met all the necessary criteria for SSI benefits and sought disability benefits retroactive to the client's 2007 application date. An unbiased vocational expert testified on the client's work abilities at the hearing and the client was awarded full SSI benefits as requested.

Bottcher and DeMarchis represented a client in connection with a landlord-tenant dispute. Their client was living in substandard housing in northeast D.C. and began withholding rent in an effort to force her landlord to make repairs to the property. The case was resolved during mandatory mediation, and the landlord agreed to make all of the necessary repairs, provide new blinds throughout the property, and provide regular pest removal services.

Prills and Weber also successfully represented a client in a landlord-tenant dispute. In this case, a \$9,192 default judgment had been entered against their client after the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) stopped making subsidized rent payments to the client's landlord. The client was never personally served with the summons or the complaint in this case and, indeed, only learned that a default judgment had been entered against her when she was evicted from the premises. Ultimately, the team was successful in moving the Court to vacate the default judgment and deny a last-minute motion by the landlord to amend the complaint.

ATTORNEY RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE BOARDS

Mark Poerio recently received the annual Award for Innovations in Social Services by the Maryland Association of Social Service Boards (MASSB). The MASSB is composed of members of local boards of Social Services. Local board members serve as volunteers who have demonstrated a desire to serve their community.

TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR WHITMAN-WALKER CLINIC

The D.C. office participated in the 2009 AIDS Walk Washington, a 5K run/walk hosted by the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Team captains **Jeff Allmon** and **Amy Flynn** spearheaded the campaign, which raised \$7,800 total, ranking the D.C. office 15th out of 478 fundraising teams. Donations benefitted the Whitman-Walker Legal Services Department, a frequent collaborator with the firm and Legal Aid on *pro bono* matters.



Partners, Associates, Summers, and Staff of the Paul Hastings D.C. AIDS Walk team, led by team captains Jeff Allmon (back row, second from left) and Amy Flynn (second from right)

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