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New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service
Law Firm Award

White & Case

The Legal Aid Society's 2017 Pro Bono Publico Awards

As Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals from 2009 through 2015 Judge Jonathan Lippman was at the forefront of a movement to address the unmet legal needs of low income New Yorkers. Recognizing the need to provide civil legal assistance to our most vulnerable citizens, in 2010 Judge Lippman established a first of its kind **Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York**. The initial findings of the Task Force (now Permanent Commission) identified a critical need for additional resources to provide legal assistance to address the “essentials of life”, including housing, family stability, access to health care, education and subsistence income.

Knowing that more than just funding would be needed to address the justice gap, Judge Lippman worked with the private bar, legal service providers, law schools and the courts to establish unique programs to make greater use of potential resources, including:

“Attorney Emeritus” Program (AEP) Created in 2010 for attorneys in good standing, who are at least 55 years old, with a minimum of 10 years’ experience. AEP attorneys volunteer in approved pro bono legal service programs putting their skills and experience to work helping New Yorkers who cannot afford counsel.

The 50 Hour Rule In September 2012, the Court of Appeals adopted a new rule requiring applicants for admission to the New York State bar to perform 50 hours of pro bono service in an effort to narrow the gap in legal assistance available and to expose new attorneys to the pressing needs of the less fortunate.

In-House Pro Bono Rule In December 2013, registered in-house counsel were authorized to provide pro bono legal services in New York State. The rule allows in-house counsel working, but not admitted, in New York to perform pro bono services for unrepresented New Yorkers.

Pro Bono Scholars Program Established in 2014, the Pro Bono Scholars Program allows students in their final year of law school to devote their last semester of study to performing pro bono service for the less fortunate.

Poverty Justice Solutions Fellowships These two-year fellowships place entry-level attorneys with civil legal service providers in New York City and focus exclusively on Housing Court cases representing clients facing potential eviction or seeking repairs.

The Legal Aid Society is proud to have been a partner with Judge Lippman in implementing these groundbreaking pro bono programs, and is grateful for the assistance and support he has provided through his vigorous advocacy for increased civil legal services funding. In recognition of his exemplary leadership and dedication to the needs of the less fortunate, the Society is proud to announce **The Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award**. The award will be presented annually to the law firm whose exceptional pro bono commitment to the Legal Aid Society and its clients has furthered Judge Lippman’s goal of “Making Equal Justice For All Not Just An Ideal, But Truly A Reality in Our Great State”.

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White & Case LLP is honored for its exceptional pro bono commitment to The Legal Aid Society and our clients. Under the leadership of **David Hille**, Partner and Legal Aid Society Board Member, **Louis O'Neill**, Pro Bono Director & Counsel, **Patrick Rickerfor**, Global Pro Bono Manager, and Partner **Paul Carberry** the attorneys, legal assistants and administrative staff at White & Case have demonstrated a sustained commitment to meet the needs of the less fortunate in New York City. The firm has done exceptional work with our Homeless Rights and Housing Units on behalf of disabled New Yorkers seeking accessible shelters and appropriate subsidies. Additionally, their continued work defending the Sixth Amendment's protection of the right to counsel, staffing the Criminal Defense Externship in Manhattan, providing counsel in criminal appeals, as well as handling both Immigration and Employment Law referrals through a unique *Attorney Emeritus* mentorship project, are only the most recent examples of a decades-long partnership with The Legal Aid Society.

Ensuring Reasonable Accommodations for Homeless People with Disabilities

In 2014 White & Case became actively involved in bringing *Butler et al. vs. City of New York*, a federal class action case challenging disability-based discrimination in the City's homeless shelter system. There are over 60,000 people sleeping the City's shelter system each night, and a high proportion of them have difficulties as a result of a disability. For some, it's a simple thing such as needing an air conditioned room to fend off asthma attacks or mitigate respiratory illnesses; or having a place to plug in an oxygen tank. For others it involves people who can't walk being left stranded on upper floors of buildings with no working elevators. The City's emergency shelter systems do not currently comply with numerous New York State statutes and federal civil rights laws governing accommodations of individuals with disabilities.

Partner **Paul Carberry**, along with Associates **Evelyn Fanneron**, **Jade Harry**, **Pauline Muto** and **Erin Smith**, worked alongside the Society's Homeless Rights Unit and in August of 2017 were able to secure a settlement with the City on behalf of a class of individuals who have a disability and who currently live in shelter, who will seek shelter in the future, or who tried to access shelter on or after May 14, 2012. The settlement will result in the City changing its policies, practices, and facilities to make them more accessible to people with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations. It will also require Department of Homeless Services to train its staff on the rights of people with disabilities, as well as making it easier for disabled individuals to request reasonable accommodations in shelter. This settlement is groundbreaking and will not only improve living in shelter for the over 42% of residents who are disabled, but also for their friends and families who will see improvements in services and access as a result.

Preserving Attorney-Client Confidentiality in Arraignments

In September 2015, the new Staten Island Courthouse opened replacing existing civil and criminal courthouses that were long ago outpaced by the demands of today's legal community. One of many long awaited needs were private interview booths for counsel to speak with detained clients awaiting arraignment in criminal court. With the opening of the new courthouse, The Legal Aid Society discovered that the City of New York installed and was ready to operate video cameras within the private attorney-client interview booths. White & Case worked with the Criminal Defense Practice to quickly assess and evaluate the best options to successfully end this Sixth Amendment violation of the right to counsel. As co-counsel with the Society, White & Case renewed Legal Aid's prior federal case before the Eastern District, *Grubbs v. Safir*, to obtain a temporary order ceasing recordings. Then, when NYC Law Department unilaterally decided to increase the use of the video cameras, White & Case returned to Court obtaining a full cease order.

In January 2017, the Department of Corrections (DOC) moved to end the full cease order triggering discovery demands. DOC quickly withdrew their application and White & Case discovered why: the DOC had violated the full cease order on several occasions by turning the video cameras on. Legal Aid and White & Case returned to court, this time to file a contempt motion against the City and the DOC. White & Case argued the contempt motion and the City's motion to vacate the cease order before the Court and we await the Court's decision.

The Legal Aid Society is proud to present White & Case with its 2017 Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico & Public Service Law Firm Award. Through its extraordinary pro bono commitment to The Legal Aid Society and its clients, White & Case LLP has clearly demonstrated that the firm shares Judge Lippman's goal of "making equal justice for all not just an ideal, but a reality".

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Public Interest Law Leadership Award

Joseph S. Genova, Esq. Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP

Joseph Genova is recognized for his extraordinary contributions as a volunteer attorney, as a leader of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy's acclaimed pro bono program, and for his constant support of The Legal Aid Society and its clients.

Joe has led the way in fostering the private bar's partnership with legal services organizations which has helped narrow the justice gap for low income New Yorkers. For nearly 25 years, Joe has served as Milbank's Director of Public Service and has been the driving force behind the firm's legendary pro bono practice. A former member of the Society's Board of Directors from 1995 through 2000, Joe has been instrumental in providing numerous Legal Aid clients with representation through both individual referrals and through the firm's renowned "Milbank Fellows" program. In addition to his responsibilities at Milbank, Joe has generously shared his knowledge and experience by serving in leadership roles at bar associations and public interest organizations at the city, state and national level.

We applaud Joseph Genova for his lifelong commitment to improving access to justice for all New Yorkers.

Protecting the Rights of Immigrants

The rights of immigrants have been at the forefront of social justice discussions throughout this country since last November. The overwhelming majority of those who came to this country are simply seeking a better way a life for themselves and their children. They are our friends, neighbors and families. Frequently fleeing violence, poverty, and the effects of natural disasters, as well as persecution based on their gender, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, many have made significant contributions to the communities in which they now live. Sadly, ignorance and misinformation has led to divisiveness and fear. Immigrants have been left vulnerable to bigotry, financial hardship, arrest and deportation with very few resources available to protect them.

In New York City, The Legal Aid Society is that resource. Working hand in hand with the private bar, Legal Aid has provided advocacy, representation and other critical resources to the immigrant community. Pro bono partnerships have been instrumental in:

conducting research projects focusing on;

- the impact of the Executive Order banning travel from Muslim countries;
- the rights of Sanctuary Cities;
- the legality of ICE agents arresting litigants in courthouses; and
- the effects of a potential Executive Order to deny forms of public assistance.

providing immigrant clients with representation in their petitions for;

- Asylum;
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA);
- Naturalization;
- Pardons through the New York State clemency program;
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS);
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS); and
- U Visas for victims of enumerated crimes.

representing clients, both at liberty and incarcerated, facing imminent removal by;

- making requests for Prosecutorial Discretion;
- filing Writs of Habeas Corpus; and
- litigating removal hearings in Immigration Court.

The firms listed below, with the support and mentorship of the Society's Immigration Law Unit, have made it possible for The Legal Aid Society to provide outstanding legal assistance to our most vulnerable neighbors.

- **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP**
- **Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP**
- **Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP**
- **Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP**
- **BNY Mellon**
- **Debevoise & Plimpton LLP**
- **Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP**
- **Dechert LLP**
- **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**
- **Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP**
- **Cooley LLP**

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- O'Melveny & Myers LLP
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- Ropes & Gray LLP
- Shearman & Sterling LLP
- Sidley Austin LLP
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- White & Case LLP
- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

The Hotline

A critical component of the Society's early response to changes in policy and enforcement has been our Immigration Hotline. A longstanding community resource for advice and assistance, the Society repurposed the Hotline, and on Saturday February 11th began staffing the Hotline around the clock in response to ICE raids in immigrant communities throughout New York City. The original goal was to provide assistance at any time to families of loved ones taken from their homes and places of business without warning.

In order to sustain this model, the Society turned to our pro bono partners. A request for assistance resulted in seven pro bono law firms providing Hotline coverage, day and night, seven days per week. In conjunction with the information technology teams at each of these firms, the Society's Management Information Systems unit was able to utilize communications technology to direct calls to the firm assigned coverage on a rotating schedule. Volunteers have not been limited to law firm staff in New York City, with several firms routing calls to offices throughout the country and the world. As the weeks have passed and new challenges have been presented, law firm volunteers are provided with updated training materials and access to resources to help callers with a variety of immigration questions.

We'd like to recognize the seven firms who have provide this exhaustive assistance on a project that continues to be staffed Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM, and as importantly, has established an infrastructure to respond to legal crises well into the future.

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Shearman & Sterling LLP

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Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

In addition to volunteers from the participating firms, we would also like to acknowledge the staff of the Society's **Management Information Systems**, without whom this project could not have happened:

- Edward Braunstein
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- Brian Escaravage
- Gregory Insardi
- Norman Parrish
- Joshua Perez
- John Wroblewski

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American International Group, Inc. attorneys provides direct representation to parents and children in matters handled by the Society's Education Law Unit.

EisnerAmper LLP has supplied accounting advice, assistance and expertise to clients and staff of the Society's Community Development Project and the Homeless Rights Unit.

KPMG US LLP has provided ongoing advocacy and assistance to the clients and staff of the Society's Homeless Rights Unit.

Outstanding Advocacy in Defense of the Accused

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP-Together with the Society's Special Litigation Unit and Exploitation Intervention Project, Cleary has filed *D.H. et al v. City Of New York* on behalf of eight plaintiffs. This groundbreaking case challenges the constitutionality of one of the last remaining New York loitering statutes – loitering for the purposes of prostitution- as well as the unconstitutional police practices that directly target women of color and particularly transgender women of color. Cleary's work has highlighted the vulnerability of clients in low-income communities when NYPD uses its overreaching power through quality of life policing. The Cleary team has worked tirelessly to fight both the City's litigation stalling tactics and the attempts to demoralize the brave women who agreed to be plaintiffs despite the injustices they have experienced.

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP –Seven years ago The Legal Aid Society filed a class action litigation, *Davis v. City of New York*, which challenged the unconstitutional and racially discriminatory police practices in NYCHA residences. Together with its companion cases, *Floyd v. City of New York* and *Ligon v. City of New York*, settlements reached have helped substantially alter NYPD patrol practices both in in public housing and city wide. The litigation teams have participated in a Joint Remedial Process that has continued reforms to policing throughout the City. In October 2016, The Legal Aid Society and the law firm of Davis Polk issued a White Paper which offered our vision of the continuing problems with and potential remedies for policing in our City. Major reforms proposed in the White Paper have been recommended to the presiding judge, and are likely to be referenced in his recommendations to the court.

DLA Piper US LLP- For several years the DLA Piper team has been advocating on behalf of a young client who was convicted of a crime while placed away from his family in foster care. Although only 15 at the time, he was eligible to receive youthful offender status, however the court denied the request based on inaccurate information. Now pursuing a career in the financial services industry, the conviction prevents him from obtaining necessary licenses. The DLA Piper team, under the supervision of the Criminal Appeals Bureau has moved to vacate the conviction based on a denial of his constitutional right to the effective assistance of counsel.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP- As one of the partnering organizations in the New York State Pro Bono Clemency Initiative, The Legal Aid Society was proud to provide training and supervision to a team of attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis who crafted a persuasive clemency application that led to the Governor granting a commutation of sentence to an inmate who had demonstrated extraordinary rehabilitation during his more than 20 years in prison.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP- Through a unique Parole Denial Appeal Project, Orrick counsels matters on behalf of clients who have consistently been denied parole despite demonstrated rehabilitation and remorse for crimes they committed as a child. Although there are clear constitutional restrictions on punishing adults indefinitely for crimes committed as children, the New York State Parole Board continues to deny parole on the basis of the instant offense. These clients were given indeterminate sentences and have demonstrated remorse and a lengthy history of rehabilitative efforts and good behavior, including participating in a very selective "college in prison" program offered by Bard College.

Winston & Strawn LLP- In March of this year, Winston, together with the Society's Special Litigation Unit and LGBT Initiative filed *Holden v PAPD of NY and NJ* which charges the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) with discrimination, targeting, and false arrests of men using restrooms within the Port Authority Bus Terminal. The suit highlights the unconstitutional practices of PAPD officers who engage in a pattern and practice of targeting men perceived as gay or gender non-conforming on baseless charges including public lewdness and exposure. Despite agreeing to co-counsel late in the Society's investigation, the Winston team hit the ground running and provided critical assistance in researching and drafting the complaint which highlights the issues of abusive policing among LGBTQ+ communities.

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