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Message from the Pro Bono Partner

As I sat down to write this issue's column, I perused the newsletter text for ideas. I was immediately struck by the names of the attorneys working on the typical, wide variety of pro bono matters—they were almost all associates. But for the pro bono program, I probably would never have met and gotten to know any of these talented lawyers. To me, this highlighted two aspects of pro bono work. First, associates are afforded an opportunity to step up and assume more responsibility on matters, and second, it has the potential to give us a chance to get to know someone with whom we would not otherwise work. So, I'd like to issue a challenge of sorts to my partners. Take on a pro bono client, together with an associate with whom you have not yet worked. Give the associate an opportunity to learn from you, and you'll get to know a terrific lawyer and colleague.

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"Over the past several years, the Immigration Practice Group has provided pro bono immigration services to the Children's Advocacy Center. My most recent experience working with them was assisting a sixteen-year-old Guatemalan asylee in applying for her permanent resident status (green card). This has been my most rewarding and touching experience to date. This young lady escaped from her home country, where she suffered brutal captivity, to come to the United States for a chance at a better life. Although she doesn't speak a word of English, and I don't speak any Spanish, when we met and I heard her story (through an interpreter), and I learned what she had been through, I knew right then the incredible importance of this work. I was proud that I could help her become a permanent United States resident."

—Josh Mirer

Pro Bono Awards

At the recent summer associate welcome party, [Melissa Mack](#) and [Kate Moran Carter](#) were presented with the first annual Robinson & Cole pro bono awards—Melissa for her continued contribution to Robinson & Cole's pro bono initiative and Kate for her commitment to [Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project \(PAIR\)](#). Congratulations to them both!

Pro Bono Highlights

[Kenneth Baldwin](#) recently received praise from Daniel E. Kleinman, chairman and legal counsel, and Mark Gardner, assistant tournament director, on behalf of the Travelers Championship and The Greater Hartford Jaycees Community Foundation for his work at the TPC River Highlands. Ken successfully led a team of land use lawyers in obtaining the necessary local land use permits and approvals for the development of a new state-of-the-art golf practice facility and youth learning center for [The First Tee of Connecticut](#) and The Greater Hartford Jaycees Community Foundation. The First Tee of Connecticut works to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

[Dana Horton](#) obtained a favorable result on behalf of another pro bono client. The client had obtained a judgment against her former landlord for failing to return her security deposit, and the judgment was never paid. Through Dana's assistance, the client ultimately collected on the judgment. The client was referred through [Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc.](#), a legal aid telephone hotline program, which takes calls from low-income clients about a variety of noncriminal legal problems, including family, employment, benefits (like social security, welfare, and medical), and housing matters.

[Asker Saeed](#) was recently recognized by [The Center for Women and Families](#), a not-for-profit organization dealing with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Asker was thanked for his expertise and quick response in connection with a City of Bridgeport HOME Loan to MHA at The Center's Yale Street property.

The Center also recognized [Jeff White](#) for his ongoing commitment to providing legal work. Jeff's continued pro bono assistance, which includes taking on various matters pertaining to responses to subpoenas, mandated reporting, and client confidentiality, allows The Center to focus on what they do best as well as use their limited resources for the direct benefit of clients.

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