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Pro bono publico: For the public good.

Pro bono legal services are rendered without charge to low-income individuals and the organizations that directly serve them, to individuals and organizations who are seeking to advance civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights, and to government and nonprofit organizations to further their public purposes when paying standard legal fees would drain limited resources.

Providing pro bono services is a core value of Morrison & Foerster—a value that our attorneys live out, in every one of our offices, every day.
There has never been a more important time for lawyers and firms to embrace their responsibility to serve their communities and to renew their dedication to providing legal services to those with limited access to justice. In the troubled economy, we see an increase in both the need for legal services and the number of people who cannot afford those services. At Morrison & Foerster, we have a long and proud history of providing free legal services to low-income individuals, to nonprofit organizations, and in matters that serve the public interest.

Since signing on to the ABA Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge in 1994, we have perennially exceeded our commitment to devote 5% of our billable hours to pro bono legal work. In 2009, Morrison & Foerster attorneys logged over 90,000 pro bono hours. The firm ranked 8th in the American Lawyer’s survey of pro bono work in the 200 largest firms. The firm and our attorneys received numerous awards for their pro bono contributions, including Gordon Erspamer, who was honored by the American Bar Association with the 2009 Pro Bono Publico Award for his efforts on behalf of disabled veterans.

At Morrison & Foerster, our dedication to pro bono work and to serving our communities is a fundamental component of our culture. We were particularly pleased to partner with clients on a variety of pro bono projects this year and look forward to continuing our pro bono tradition in 2010.

Keith C. Wetmore
Chair, Morrison & Foerster LLP
Welcome to the Morrison & Foerster Pro Bono Report for 2009. We are proud to share with you the wide-ranging legal services our lawyers have provided to needy individuals, organizations, and communities during the past year.

Our pro bono work this year responded, in part, to the needs created by the economy. For example, we launched a new program in New York to represent people whose unemployment insurance benefits are being challenged. We joined forces in San Francisco with our client, Apple Inc., to provide attorneys for low-income people who are facing eviction. We offered business advice to nonprofit organizations throughout the country that are struggling to survive the downturn.

Of course, the economy did not guide all our pro bono services. Our attorneys continued their dedicated representation of individuals seeking asylum to escape harm at home and find safety in the United States. They protected constitutional rights and helped at-risk young people get appropriate educations. They worked to foster economic development and to protect the environment, at home and abroad.

Morrison & Foerster recognizes that these matters benefit not only our pro bono clients, but also our attorneys and our communities. We urge every lawyer in the firm to take on at least one pro bono project each year and we bring to those projects the same diligence and professionalism that we apply to all our matters. Pro bono work engages our lawyers’ intellects and develops their professional skills. And perhaps most important, these close encounters with society’s most pressing needs teach lessons of the heart that last throughout a lawyer’s career.

The pro bono projects presented in the pages ahead give life to our firm’s lasting commitment to serve our communities and promote equal access to justice. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Jamie A. Levitt
Chair, Pro Bono Committee
AWARDS

On January 29, 2009, the New York State Bar Association recognized 56 attorneys in the New York office as Empire State Counsel Honorees for their high levels of pro bono service.

On March 19, 2009, Bay Area Legal Aid recognized the firm for our support of the 2008 Partners in Justice Campaign.

On March 24, 2009, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the firm’s outstanding contributions of time and legal expertise in support of the Ninth Circuit pro bono program.

On March 26, 2009, the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco honored the firm and individually recognized Richard S. Kinyon, Katie Ferrier, and Sandra Nazzal with its Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service Award for the firm’s unwavering support of pro bono in the Bay Area.

On March 26, 2009, the Federal Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Circuit recognized the firm’s Washington, D.C. office for our high levels of pro bono participation at the 40 at 50: Judicial Pro Bono Recognition Breakfast.

On April 30, 2009, the AIDS Legal Referral Panel recognized the firm with a certificate of appreciation for our generous participation in its Pro Bono Connections Initiative.

On May 7, 2009, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation honored Keith C. Wetmore for his tireless efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and recognized the firm for partnering with the Foundation to promote public health, to reduce new HIV infections, and to ensure care for those living in San Francisco with HIV/AIDS.

On May 19, 2009, the Colorado Lawyers Committee honored Steven M. Kaufmann with its 2009 Outstanding Contribution Award for his ongoing support and active participation in the organization’s pro bono matters.

On June 10, 2009, Legal Services for Children in San Francisco honored the firm for showing an extraordinary commitment to Bay Area children by enthusiastically encouraging and supporting our attorneys in taking on pro bono matters with LSC.

On June 18, 2009, the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes presented Linda A. Arnsbarger and Seth M. Galanter with its Rock the Law Award for Outstanding Achievement for Pro Bono Causes in recognition of their generosity in contributing pro bono representation for people with disabilities.

On June 29, 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California presented its Education Advocacy Award to partners Jack W. Londen, Matthew I. Kreeger, and Terri Garland for their work on the financing of public education in California.

On July 11, 2009, the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association presented Linda A. Arnsbarger with its Corporate & Pro Bono Service Excellence Award for her years of providing tax advice to nonprofit organizations.
On July 16, 2009, Public Interest Clearinghouse recognized Jack W. Londen at its 30th Anniversary Celebration for his outstanding service to PIC, and for expanding access to justice on a statewide and national level. PIC also announced the Jack Londen Public Service Award, to be given annually to an outstanding attorney in the private sector who follows Jack’s example of community service, pro bono work, and support of the legal services community in California.

On August 3, 2009, the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service honored Gordon P. Erspamer with a 2009 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award in recognition of his decades of extraordinary pro bono service on behalf of veterans.

On August 3, 2009, the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants recognized James J. Brosnahan, George C. Harris, and Ketanji Brown Jackson for the firm’s exceptional service in submitting an amicus brief to the Alaska Supreme Court about the right to counsel, in Office of Public Advocacy v. Alaska Court System.

On October 6, 2009, ABA Standing Committee on Law Aid and Indigent Defendants recognized James J. Brosnahan, George C. Harris, and Ketanji Brown Jackson for the firm’s exceptional service in submitting an amicus brief to the Alaska Supreme Court about the right to counsel, in Office of Public Advocacy v. Alaska Court System.

On October 6, 2009, Volunteers of Legal Service in New York honored the firm for meeting the VOLS Pro Bono Pledge, with pro bono work in the New York office averaging over 30 hours per lawyer in 2008.

On October 14, 2009, the AIDS Legal Referral Panel honored Lawrence R. Katzin with its Clint Hockenberry Leadership Award for his many years of outstanding service.

On October 19, 2009, the Legal Aid Society of New York presented Edward Blatnik, Michael Gerard, Emily E. Huters, Stacy L. Kaplan, Mark P. Ladner, and Shiri Bilik Wolf with 2009 Pro Bono Publico Awards for outstanding pro bono services.

On October 23, 2009, the Minority Bar Coalition honored James J. Brosnahan with the 2009 Champion of Unity Award for his work in promoting diversity and equality in the legal profession.

On November 17, 2009, Dolores Street Community Services honored the firm with the Open Palm Award for our work on the El Balazo immigration raids cases.
PROMOTING CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Democracy is our greatest protection against abuse of government power. But democracy cannot readily be aimed at every injustice, and it sometimes fails altogether when the victims of unfair treatment lack political power. In such circumstances, the lawyers of Morrison & Foerster are proud to carry on the highest traditions of American law by asking the courts to protect the rights of the people.

Going to the Supreme Court for Juvenile Offenders

In recent years, the Supreme Court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to sentence juvenile offenders to death, and has also prohibited capital punishment of people with mental retardation and those whose crimes did not involve homicide. Now, a team of Morrison & Foerster appellate lawyers has placed another significant question before the Court: does it violate the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment to sentence a young person to life imprisonment with no chance of parole for a crime committed while a juvenile? Their case, *Graham v. Florida*, has been one of the most closely watched Supreme Court cases this year. The outcome may determine whether hundreds of other inmates in U.S. prisons who are currently serving sentences of life without parole for non-homicide crimes committed before they had reached adulthood can hope ever to live outside of prison walls.

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

Congress has established and funded “protection and advocacy” systems in each state whose purpose is “to empower, protect, and advocate on behalf of persons” with mental illness and developmental disabilities. These entities have power to investigate abuse and neglect and pursue legal remedies for violations of protected individuals’ rights. Most states have designated a nonprofit corporation as the protection and advocacy organization, but eight states have created an independent state agency to carry out these critical functions. Protection and advocacy agencies sometimes find that they must bring suit against state officials when—contrary to federal law—the agencies are denied access to people with disabilities or their records. Unfortunately, however, recent federal court rulings out of Virginia and Indiana have seriously undermined the effectiveness of these independent state agencies by holding that the Eleventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution bars them from bringing such suits in federal court. Morrison & Foerster attorneys in Washington are working strenuously to reverse those rulings. We filed an amicus brief in the Fourth Circuit seeking to reverse such a ruling against the Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy, and when that failed, sought certiorari review from the United States Supreme Court on behalf of that agency. Those efforts got the attention of the Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission when it suffered a similar adverse ruling, and the Commission asked our attorneys to represent it pro bono for the rehearing of its case by the full Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting en banc.

Fundamental Fairness for Same-Sex Spouses

The successes and failures of efforts to secure equal marriage rights for same-sex couples around the country continue to grab headlines. But a quieter dispute over the employment rights of legally married same-sex couples has been simmering all year long. Morrison & Foerster lawyers have been representing Karen Golinski, a lesbian employee of the federal courts in California who is legally married to another woman, in her effort to get health benefits for her spouse. Early in 2009, Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski issued an order requiring that the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts provide health benefits to Ms. Golinski’s "I cannot describe the joy and relief I feel knowing that Amy will be added to my plan. My cup runneth over! From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU for your help in securing this treasure — health benefits under my family plan for Amy."

—Karen Golinski
Pro Bono Client
spouse. The Administrative Office attempted to comply with the order, only to be blocked by a directive of the federal Office of Personnel Management. Our lawyers returned to Judge Kozinski, who issued a second order in late 2009 directing the Office of Personnel Management not to interfere in the provision of benefits, and awarding Ms. Golinski back pay for the value of the spousal health benefits she has been denied. The Office of Personnel Management has continued to refuse to obey the Chief Judge’s order and, consequently, Ms. Golinski has filed suit in federal court seeking a writ of mandamus to enforce the order.

**Saying No to Unlimited Presidential Powers**

Among the expansive claims of executive power made since the September 11th attacks was one that many have found especially startling: that the President has power to use the military to detain someone lawfully present in the United States, without charge or trial, based on suspicion of terrorism-related activities. This claim was made about Ali Al-Marri, a citizen of Qatar who was declared an “enemy combatant” and held for more than 5 years without charges at a U.S. Navy brig in South Carolina. When the United States Supreme Court agreed to decide Al-Marri’s challenge to the constitutionality of his military detention, lawyers in Morrison & Foerster’s Washington, D.C. office filed an amicus brief supporting him on behalf of several public interest legal groups. Soon after the briefs were filed, however, the government decided to press criminal charges against Al-Marri, bringing him into the civilian justice system and mooting his case at the Supreme Court.

**Challenge to Government Secrecy**

In the mid-2000s, revelations of the U.S. government’s use of secret detention, “enhanced” interrogation techniques, and the rendition of terrorism suspects to foreign countries for detention and interrogation began to seep out to an increasingly concerned public. Several organizations filed Freedom of Information Act, or “FOIA,” requests about these programs, and when the requests were ignored, the organizations filed suit in federal court. Morrison & Foerster became pro bono counsel to these groups, the Center for Constitutional Rights, Amnesty International USA, and Washington Square Legal Services, in 2008, and has been actively litigating the FOIA suit with them ever since. The change in administrations in Washington had a dramatic impact on the case. The government released important documents that were sought in this matter and others, including internal legal memoranda that were intended to provide both legal cover for the CIA’s now-defunct program and a chilling operational roadmap for the use of certain torture techniques. It also took the unusual step of reconsidering its legal positions and withdrawing briefs it already had filed, and expanding its disclosures in response to the FOIA requests. However, the government continues to withhold a vast amount of concrete, particularized information concerning the CIA program, and so the case continues. Even as it progresses, the plaintiffs have been analyzing and releasing documents to inform public debate on these critical issues of national policy.
Fighting Back Against Police Abuse

One effective way to address the persistent problem of overaggressive police enforcement against minority communities is to fight back when it happens. Morrison & Foerster attorneys in San Francisco stood up for a Latino couple and their family after a birthday party hosted at their home in Menlo Park, California came to a violent and distressing end. After arriving on the scene in response to a neighbor’s call, the officers unlawfully entered the couple’s home, began throwing party-goers to the ground, and ultimately arrested seven people for interfering with the officers. During the melee, one of the officers grabbed the wife around the throat with his baton, and as he later admitted at trial, used her as a “shield” before throwing her to the ground, severely injuring her shoulder. While the unjustified charges were later dropped against three of the seven men arrested that night, four of them had to endure a criminal trial, where they were ultimately acquitted. Morrison & Foerster filed a civil rights suit on behalf of the couple and several of their family members who were arrested that night against the City of Menlo Park and five Menlo Park Police officers, alleging unlawful entry, false arrest, excessive force, and malicious prosecution. The trial ended with a mixed verdict, but a victory for the wife, who was awarded damages on her excessive force claim. The court also ordered the City of Menlo Park to pay plaintiffs’ attorney’s fees and costs.

Brian Matsui
Litigation Partner, Washington, D.C.
Joined Morrison & Foerster 2006

Brian Matsui’s appellate pro bono cases have offered him opportunities to work with a variety of clients, from a prisoner in a civil rights case (which Brian argued when he was an associate) to a bipartisan coalition of former Secretaries of Education who filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the Seattle School District’s school integration program. Most recently, he has represented Terrance Graham, who is serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for a property crime he committed while he was a juvenile. Graham v. Florida is currently pending in the Supreme Court and could have significant ramifications regarding the constitutionality of juvenile sentences. Brian, who clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, described his experience at the oral argument: “It is a remarkable experience to sit at the counsel table in the Supreme Court on a case as high profile as this, making eye contact with the Justices, and seeing how engaged they are. And it is incredibly rewarding to be in the position of offering hope to a juvenile defendant who is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for a property crime, so that he might have a chance to spend at least some part of the rest of his life outside of prison.”
SAFEGUARDING EVERY CHILD’S RIGHT TO EDUCATION

If there is one subject that people of all backgrounds and political views can agree on, it is that every child is entitled to receive a quality education that fits his or her needs and abilities. Morrison & Foerster lawyers take a special interest in ensuring this right for children and young people who are falling through the cracks of overstrained systems. We are proud to advocate for these children at every level, from administrative hearings to class action lawsuits, hoping to win them their best chance at fulfilling their potential.

Ensuring Opportunity for Children with Disabilities

Federal law in the United States promises children with disabilities a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment possible. Yet far too many children spend years being passed from grade to grade while serious learning disabilities are overlooked—like our 11-year-old client with average intelligence who is reading at a first grade level, and our 16-year-old client who is in high school but is reading at a low fourth-grade level. Morrison & Foerster attorneys in domestic and international offices devote themselves to helping children reach their potential by advocating for special education services.

- In New York, the firm has a longstanding partnership with Advocates for Children, a local organization that assists public school parents in meeting their children’s special education needs. Attorneys ensure that each child’s particular learning disabilities have been adequately identified, locate an appropriate placement for the child, and then advocate for that placement, often through an administrative hearing.
- Lawyers in Los Angeles team with the group Public Counsel to provide broad-ranging services to adoptive parents of children with developmental disabilities, including educational advocacy.
- In Washington, D.C., lawyers succeeded in helping a learning-disabled high school basketball player stay on track to a possible college career by getting her playing eligibility restored after a dispute with local school officials, and then turned to securing her the educational services she needs after years of neglect in the public school system.
- Firm attorneys in the London office have worked with the Independent Panel for Special Education Advice to represent parents of disabled children as they seek appropriate services through the Special Educational Needs & Disability Tribunal.

Keeping Young People in School

Being expelled from school causes an immediate disruption in a young person’s education and may limit his or her educational opportunities in the future. The horror of school shootings prompted many schools to adopt “zero tolerance” policies that require expulsion for various offenses—policies that in many cases have been unjustifiably broadened to expel children for minor infractions. Yet, according to experts, there is little evidence that tough expulsion policies result in safer schools. Morrison & Foerster lawyers in San Francisco are doing their part to preserve educational opportunity by accepting referrals from Legal Services for Children to represent students who are facing expulsion in school disciplinary hearings. Our lawyers’ involvement in these cases allows young people to continue their education in school instead of learning the hard lessons of the street.
Enforcing Constitutional Guarantees

The Education Clause of the Colorado Constitution states that “the general assembly shall . . . provide for the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state.” Colorado parents and school districts filed a lawsuit, *Lobato v. State of Colorado*, contending that the state’s system of public education fails to meet the “thorough and uniform” standard. The suit was dismissed by lower courts, which claimed that the school system’s adequacy presented a “nonjusticiable” political question, and moreover, that courts were precluded from ordering a remedy that could require the state to spend its funds. Attorneys in Morrison & Foerster’s Denver office filed an amicus brief in the Colorado Supreme Court urging reinstatement of the suit, on behalf of the Colorado Lawyers Committee and Colorado Center on Law and Policy. The brief focused on how the lower court’s political question ruling, if upheld, would undermine or destroy the ability of Colorado citizens to seek federal court assistance in enforcing their state constitutional rights. In late 2009, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the lawsuit should be reinstated. The court cited our amicus brief in concluding that there is a “litany” of cases where its decisions on constitutional issues required the state to spend money.

Alexis Amezcua has worked on pro bono matters ever since coming to the firm. Her first case was heart-wrenching, yet gratifying: winning a substantial settlement for a family whose two-year-old daughter was killed by a school bus. The following year, she participated in Veterans for Common Sense *v. Peake*, the national class action seeking to improve the mental health services and compensation provided to veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan and are now suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Recently, in one of the first matters undertaken in a pro bono partnership that the firm has established with our client, Apple, Alexis and an Apple lawyer teamed up to secure a favorable settlement for a low-income tenant who was facing eviction with her two young children. “Pro bono work has offered me tremendous training opportunities,” Alexis notes. “My first deposition, motion for summary judgment, and trial have all been on pro bono cases. And pro bono work feeds my soul. It can be a great reality check to see how the law effects practical changes in people’s lives on a daily basis.”
Making Systems Deliver for Individuals

The economic crisis has hit low-income people especially hard, and has simultaneously taken a huge toll on the nonprofit groups that struggle to meet their needs for free legal services. This combination of increased need and diminished resources makes pro bono services to help people obtain the services and supports they are entitled to more important than ever. Morrison & Foerster attorneys are stepping up to meet these critical needs all over the country. Here are some of the ways we are helping.

The New York office established an Unemployment Insurance Project in May, in collaboration with Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A. Through this project, lawyers are providing pro bono representation to individuals whose claims for unemployment insurance are being contested. In addition to relieving the economic pain of joblessness for newly unemployed workers, this project also gives attorneys experience representing a client in an administrative hearing.

Housing rights are another critical area of legal assistance for low-income people. Lawyers in the Washington, D.C. office are fighting substandard housing conditions. In one case—where conditions included raw sewage pooled in the basements of some buildings—preliminary proceedings already have resulted in substantial repair of some of the most severe health and safety violations. San Francisco attorneys regularly represent tenants as they try to fend off eviction proceedings, and also help tenants avoid eviction by representing them in settlement conferences with landlords.

Attorneys in New York, Denver, and Los Angeles all provide brief legal advice to homeless people in clinic settings. Lawyers in San Francisco staff the legal information center at Project Homeless Connect, which brings hundreds of community services organizations together in one place to provide homeless people with “one-stop shopping” for their multiple needs. San Francisco lawyers also address another common problem for homeless people by winning dismissal of citations for common infractions like sleeping or camping in public, so the citations don’t interfere with individuals’ access to necessary services.

San Diego attorneys provide a different kind of assistance to people whose severe mental illness is endangering their own well-being. These lawyers represent the Counselor in Mental Health for the County of San Diego in civil commitment proceedings to determine whether individuals suffer from a grave mental disability that prevents them from providing for their own food, clothing, or shelter, so that involuntary commitment to a health care facility is necessary to protect their well-being and provide needed services.

Attorneys in San Diego and San Francisco help people living with HIV and AIDS with a wide variety of legal needs. Domestic violence victims in San Mateo County and Santa Clara County, California get assistance from our San Diego lawyers. Low-income elderly people get assistance in preparing wills and other end-of-life documents from the firm’s lawyers in New York and Northern Virginia. Lawyers around the firm help people with disabilities apply for federal benefits, and represent them at hearings when initial applications fail. San Diego attorneys help children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned obtain legal guardians, and Palo Alto lawyers help juvenile offenders get their criminal records sealed. Lawyers in multiple offices volunteer their services at drop-in legal clinics, where they advise needy clients on public benefits eligibility, housing rights, employment issues, and a host of other matters.
REPRESENTING VETERANS

Debate may rage over the nation’s goals in Iraq and Afghanistan, and how to accomplish them. There is no debate, however, that veterans of these wars and other military service deserve not only the nation’s gratitude, but also care and compensation for the injuries they have sustained in service. Morrison & Foerster’s advocacy for veterans takes many forms, from assisting individuals who are applying for disability benefits to groundbreaking class action lawsuits. In these efforts, we are honored to serve those who have served our country.

Justice for Victims of Involuntary Human Experimentation

The now-aging veterans recall being strapped to gurneys, lapsing in and out of consciousness, experiencing frightening hallucinations and piercing pain. In the years since they served as test subjects in a secret program run by the federal government at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland, they have been haunted by flashbacks, mood swings, memory loss, anxiety, and a host of physical ailments. These men, and organizations that support them, are now the firm’s pro bono clients in Vietnam Veterans of America v. C.I.A., a lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Army arising out of a secret testing program in which U.S. military personnel were deliberately exposed to chemical and biological weapons and other toxins without informed consent. The human experimentation program launched in the early 1950s and continued through at least 1976 when it was suspended in response to hearings conducted by Congress. “Volunteers” were exposed to thousands of toxins under code names such as MKULTRA, including drugs such as LSD, mescaline, and cannabis; biological substances such as the plague bacterium and anthrax; and noxious gases such as sarin, tabun, and nerve gas. Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief that would free them from their secrecy oaths and grant them healthcare that they were promised. At the end of 2009, the federal district court rejected the government’s effort to dismiss the case, bringing justice one day closer for these long-suffering veterans.

Obtaining Disability Benefits

Veterans who are injured while in service are entitled to apply for disability benefits. This requires not only a 16-page form, but also multiple records from military and civilian life. It’s no wonder that having a lawyer can significantly increase the odds of getting a correct result from a disability benefits application. Morrison & Foerster attorneys have responded to the call for pro bono counsel to make that difference, with lawyers in several offices representing veterans who are applying to the Department of Veterans Affairs for initial benefits, or for increased benefits in the wake of deteriorating physical or mental health. These matters can be anything but routine. In Cushman v. Shinseki, lawyers in the San Francisco office argued that our client’s application for benefits had been denied on the basis of improperly altered medical records. We won a precedent-setting decision from the Federal Circuit Court that veterans have a constitutional right to a fundamentally fair adjudication of their claims. According to the National Law Journal, the ruling established “a new constitutional right that may help [veterans] cut through some of the notorious, bureaucratic red tape inherent in the Department of Veterans Affairs’ claims process.”

“For more than 10 continuous years of difficult litigation, Morrison & Foerster pro bono attorneys tenaciously stood by my side and represented me against the government on my claims resulting from Vietnam war injuries. In 2009, I finally won. While this landmark legal victory is profoundly significant for me, more importantly the opinion potentially opens the door to fundamental legal protections to millions of similarly situated veterans.”

—Phillip Cushman
Pro Bono Client
Prompt Treatment and Compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Soldiers in more recent theaters of combat, including Iraq and Afghanistan, are at unprecedented risk for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. At press time, the firm’s lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for its failure to provide prompt and effective treatment and compensation to veterans suffering from these injuries is awaiting decision at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Success would mean quicker claims processing and better access to vital treatment—changes that promise hope to the legions of former soldiers who now struggle to rebuild their lives without crucial government support. Whatever the ultimate outcome, the case has had an extraordinary impact in raising public awareness and pressuring the government to make good on its promises to these veterans.

Making the Case for Saving a Veteran’s Life

A team of Los Angeles litigators is anxiously awaiting the outcome of a petition it has filed with the Mississippi Supreme Court to save a decorated Marine veteran from being put to death for crimes that he pleaded guilty to. Our client had an exemplary 18-year career in the Marines, despite a childhood replete with sexual and emotional abuse. After a tour of duty in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, he began exhibiting symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2000, he was arrested and charged with rape and murder. Before his arrest, he had no criminal record. Accepting the faulty advice of his counsel at the time, he pled guilty to the crimes, and waived the jury for sentencing. His counsel then failed to offer any mitigating evidence because they had not conducted any mitigation investigation. The judge sentenced our client to death. The crux of our petition for post-conviction relief is that the trial lawyers rendered ineffective assistance to our client by failing to adequately investigate and present mitigating evidence. A recent Supreme Court ruling in another veteran’s death penalty case gives hope that our client’s life may be spared: “Our Nation has a long tradition of according leniency to veterans in recognition of their service, especially for those who fought on the front lines . . . Moreover, the relevance of [the veteran’s] extensive combat experience is not only that he served honorably under extreme hardship and gruesome conditions, but also that the jury might find mitigating the intense stress and mental and emotional toll that combat took on [him].”

Honoring those Who Have Died

“We felt that we should remember our brothers beyond our memorial services.” That’s how Mark DeRocchi, member of the West Point Class of 1998, explains the genesis of the West Point Class of 1998 Memorial Scholarship Fund. Morrison & Foerster attorneys in Northern Virginia and Washington were proud to help Mark and his classmates form the fund, which will provide college scholarships for the children of the members of that class who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“When a group of us from the West Point Class of 1998 decided to honor our classmates who have fallen in service with a scholarship fund for their children, we had no idea the complexity and legal issues that lay before us. Had Morrison & Foerster lawyers not so generously donated your time and effort to our cause, we would be no closer to our dream than the initial napkin sketches of a year ago.”

—Mark Derocchi, President, Board of Directors
West Point Class of 1998 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.
BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

It is easy to understand the tendency of people to form communities based on commonality. This tendency, however, can interfere with the ability to comprehend our common humanity and lead to painful exclusion of those who are perceived as “different.” Morrison & Foerster’s lawyers are engaged in a variety of projects to counter this tendency and to build more diverse and inclusive communities.

Enforcing Rights of Low-Income Housing Voucher Holders

Section 8 housing vouchers are issued by the federal government to low-income people, who can use them to rent housing from private landlords. While Section 8 is the nation’s largest federal housing program, its use is often thwarted by landlords who refuse to accept these vouchers, even when the vouchers will fully pay the asking rent. Housing advocates in Montgomery County, Maryland learned that landlords there were discriminating against people attempting to rent apartments using the vouchers, in violation of the local Human Rights Act. Morrison & Foerster attorneys worked with the Equal Rights Center to stop this practice, using administrative proceedings to win a commitment from major landlords in the county that they will fully honor Section 8 vouchers at all their properties. Without admitting liability, the property owners paid substantial damages and agreed to display signs telling potential renters that they may use housing choice vouchers and other forms of rental assistance.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is known around the world for putting ordinary people to work as volunteers constructing new homes for low-income people, who often are involved in the construction as well. Morrison & Foerster lawyers in the Palo Alto and San Francisco offices have assisted Habitat for Humanity in multiple ways: negotiating the easement for a new project, transferring title to the recipients of Habitat houses, counseling on labor and employment issues, and even helping Habitat secure a new lease for its own headquarters. Lawyers in our Shanghai office are advising Habitat on its operations in China.

Supporting Religious Diversity

Religious schools are integral to the life of many religious groups. Our New York office assisted in the creation of a unique educational cooperative between two yeshiva high schools that educate members of the Orthodox Jewish community. This past year, the cooperative provided schooling for some 650 students, making it one of the largest yeshiva high school programs in the country.

Helping Children Find Families

Low-income housing advocacy helps communities welcome all kinds of families. Attorneys in Morrison & Foerster’s Los Angeles office are going a step further, helping families welcome all kinds of children into their homes through Public Counsel’s Developmentally Disabled Child Advocacy Project. Our pro bono attorneys offer prospective adoptive parents information and legal assistance on matters such as adoption procedures and government benefits that are available to help care for a developmentally disabled child. For those who have adopted special needs children, we work with regional centers to develop individual program plans for the children, and advocate for the children in administrative proceedings and, if necessary, in court.
Improving Accessibility

Anyone who uses a wheelchair to get around will tell you that it’s a whole lot easier than it used to be, but there are still many bumps in the road. Lawyers in our Washington office took a hand at smoothing some out. They teamed up with the Equal Rights Center when a Johnny Rockets restaurant in Washington failed to respond to an individual’s complaint about its removal of a wheelchair ramp. Filing a lawsuit under the Americans with Disabilities Act brought a swift resolution. Johnny Rockets agreed to ensure that its restaurants nationwide comply fully with federal, state, and local laws ensuring access for people with disabilities, and to work with its franchisees to achieve the same result.

As a law student, John was drawn to Morrison & Foerster in part because of the firm’s commitment to pro bono. As an attorney at the firm, John has sought out pro bono projects that permit him to leverage his technology and intellectual property law expertise to assist the indigent and nonprofit organizations. John has served as pro bono counsel and board member to iMentor, a nonprofit organization that he describes as “an Internet company committed to doing good” by using e-mail and other digital technologies to foster mentoring relationships between professionals and high schools kids from underserved communities within New York City. iMentor works: 94% percent of its mentees graduate from high school, and 77% enroll in college, far above NYC averages. A Morrison & Foerster team has helped iMentor license this innovative platform to more than 50 organizations that run their own mentoring programs, exponentially increasing its reach. John also has provided extensive pro bono services to Human Rights Watch, advising the organization on its website, social media presence, and IP rights. He drew on his outsourcing deal experience to structure an innovative auction in which libraries and educational institutions bid for the opportunity to host the organization’s vast human rights archive. The collection, which includes Nelson Mandela’s letters from prison, the Iraqi secret police files, and millions of other pages of history-making source material, is now hosted at Columbia University, where it is being preserved, indexed, and made available to scholars, journalists, and the human rights community on terms that are favorable to HRW and protect the integrity of the archives and the anonymity of endangered activists. “I get great satisfaction out of using the same skills and knowledge for which Fortune 500 clients pay us handsomely to benefit those that cannot afford our services,” John notes. “Having been given the incredible opportunity to attend law school and to work at a firm like MoFo, this is my way of seeking to give back to the community. And my pro bono work has helped me to become a better lawyer.”
PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Discussions about the nation's policy toward immigrants take shape against an ever-shifting backdrop of fears, hopes, alienation and humanitarian impulses, influenced by the nation's history as well as contemporary economics. Amidst all these powerful forces, it is the attorney's job to help the individual immigrant be seen as an actual person with rights under the law rather than as the embodiment of a political issue. Morrison & Foerster's lawyers take on this challenge with special care, whether representing workers targeted for deportation or refugees hoping to begin a new life in the United States.

Seeking Justice for Exploited Immigrant Workers

The nation's immigrant workforce—including undocumented workers—is formally protected by wage and hours laws. But exploitation of these workers, who often are unaware of their rights or fearful of enforcing them, remains shockingly common. Morrison and Foerster lawyers in New York have sued a Manhattan sushi restaurant for violating minimum wage, overtime, and other labor laws with respect to 15 immigrant workers from China. Our clients have been paid as little as $600 per month for nearly 300 hours of work. The firm is partnering with the Urban Justice Center in this case. On the other end of the country, Morrison & Foerster lawyers in our San Francisco office are continuing their effort with the American Civil Liberties Union to fight back against unlawful immigration raids by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers at the El Balazo restaurant chain in the Bay Area.

Helping Asylees Gain Legal Status

The lawyers of Morrison & Foerster give thousands of hours of free legal work each year to help men and women from around the world gain safety in new lands that, while far from home, offer protection from persecution and danger.

- In an especially complex case, attorneys in the Los Angeles office won withholding of deportation for L.M., an HIV-positive, transgender woman from Mexico. Our client was the victim of a brutal gang rape by Mexican police officers who targeted her based upon her gender identity. After fleeing to the United States in fear of her life, she settled in Los Angeles in 1994. During her time in the United States, she contracted HIV, and thanks to low-cost medication, has been asymptomatic since her diagnosis. She feared that if she were deported to Mexico, she would again be subject to violence and discrimination based on her gender identity, and would be unable to obtain her necessary HIV medications. In addition

“Thanks to you, I can stay in this country, with my family and friends, and receive the help I need. Because I can stay here, I do not need to be afraid to be who I am anymore.”

—L.M., Asylum Client

Advising at Immigration Clinics

The first stop for immigrants who have legal questions is often a clinic run by a nonprofit organization and staffed by pro bono lawyers. Attorneys in the firm's Northern Virginia and Washington offices provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities through Just Neighbors, an organization in Virginia founded by members of the United Methodist Church to develop a practical response to the legal challenges that low-income immigrants face in the United States.
to assisting our client with deportation relief, the Morrison & Foerster team also challenged the conditions of her detention, which were extraordinary. She was originally housed in a detention facility in San Pedro, California with other HIV-positive, transgender detainees. When one of those individuals died suddenly in custody, the remaining detainees were transferred to a facility in Texas, where our client was denied her HIV medications and access to counsel. We successfully opposed the government’s efforts to transfer our client’s case to Texas, where she would have received much less protection under the case law of the governing federal judicial circuit. We obtained her release from the Texas detention facility on bond, and brought her back to her family and doctors in Los Angeles.

- In a contemporary version of a story that harks back to our nation’s origins, New York attorneys helped L.D., a woman from Eritrea, find religious freedom by obtaining asylum in the United States. As a Christian, she was forced to practice her faith clandestinely after the Eritrean government banned all but four religions in 2002. In 2007, she was imprisoned in a dark cell for two weeks until she recanted her faith in writing. Since winning asylum, she has been practicing her faith freely and pursuing advanced studies in law. In her words, “I am so happy and I feel like I was born yesterday. I feel like the future is ahead of me. Thanks so much for changing my life.”
- New York attorneys also successfully represented a 29-year-old Iraqi dentist and Christian convert who sought asylum. Our client feared that Islamic extremists would target him if he returned to Iraq, due to his conversion to Christianity and his critical view of Islam. These fears were based, in part, on threats of violence he received after posting his views on a public blog in 2003, shortly after the American invasion of Iraq.
- Lawyers in our San Diego office won asylum for a Somali national who had endured severe persecution in his home country, including murderous attacks on family members, enslavement, and forced separation from his family, as well as more than a year in immigration detention here in the U.S. A key issue in the case was proving identity: since Somalia has been in a state of civil war for the past 17 years, Somali nationals almost never have identification documents, which can cause an asylum application to be denied. Our attorneys briefed the identity issue in detail, using reports from the U.S. Department of State. In addition, we presented a witness who knew our client in Somalia and was willing to testify on his behalf. The immigration judge granted asylum at the conclusion of the hearing, and the opposing government attorney commended us on the record for the firm’s excellent representation of our client.
- Lawyers in our Hong Kong office succeeded in obtaining refugee status for a Pakistani national living in Hong Kong. Our client was an Ahmadiyya who was the subject of religious persecution in Pakistan. His application to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was initially rejected, but we succeeded in winning him refugee status on appeal.
- In three cases, we won “humanitarian parole” to enable foreigners to stay in the United States temporarily in order to receive medical treatment. Los Angeles attorneys obtained an extension of humanitarian parole to enable a young Iraqi boy and his family to complete treatment and recovery from severe burns that he suffered when masked men set him on fire as he played outside his Baghdad apartment. Lawyers in that office also secured a retroactive extension of humanitarian parole so that a teenage girl from Indonesia whose temporary visa for medical treatment in the U.S. had lapsed could complete treatment for burns suffered in a kerosene accident at her home. San Francisco and Palo Alto attorneys successfully represented an Iraqi cameraman who was ambushed, beaten, and shot for working for the Iraqi Media Network, which formerly was funded by USAID. Our lawyers obtained humanitarian parole so that our client, who was being supported by the Committee to Protect Journalists, could have the multiple operations needed to treat his injuries.

**Winning Another Chance for Asylum-Seekers**

Some immigrants who are facing deportation by the Department of Homeland Security can seek to stay in the United States on the grounds that they are likely to be harmed if forced to return to their countries. Their claims to relief from deportation are largely decided by administrative officials at DHS, but they can appeal adverse decisions to the U.S. Courts of Appeal, and in rare cases, these appeals succeed. Pro bono attorneys from Morrison & Foerster seek out opportunities to represent immigrants before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and won important victories this year.

- Los Angeles attorneys succeeded in convincing the Ninth Circuit that a Lebanese immigrant’s attorneys represented him so poorly that he deserved another chance to show why he should not be deported. We
appeared in the case as amicus curiae at the Court’s request. When the immigrant received a deportation notice, he unwittingly sought help from an attorney who had resigned from the state bar after being charged with the “reckless” practice of law. The person in the attorney’s office who took his case claimed to be a lawyer but actually was a notary public. The notary public hired attorneys to assist him from a firm whose principal lawyer had been disbarred; the hired attorneys failed to tell the immigration judge that their client had a pending application that could legalize his status; and the immigration judge ordered him deported. The man then sought another lawyer’s help to appeal to the Ninth Circuit. That attorney made further serious errors and was suspended from practice before the Ninth Circuit for “violation of the court’s rules and lack of diligence” in immigration matters. Based on our work, the Ninth Circuit granted the immigrant a stay of deportation and another chance to present his case for relief from deportation.

- In a procedurally complex case, lawyers from Morrison & Foerster’s San Diego and Palo Alto offices won a chance for a native of Belize who has been a lawful resident of the United States for nearly 30 years and a permanent resident since 1989 to show why he should not be deported. An immigration judge’s initial ruling that our client had committed an “aggravated felony” and therefore could be deported was overturned by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). However, the BIA failed to remand his case to the immigration judge so he could contest a second asserted ground for deportation, that he had been convicted of a crime of domestic violence. The Ninth Circuit agreed with our argument that this failure violated a statutory guarantee of due process, and the case is now back before the immigration judge.

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Lila Bateman
Litigation Partner, Denver
Joined Morrison & Foerster 2001

Lila Bateman seeks out pro bono work because of the opportunities to work on novel, cutting-edge legal issues, arguing issues of public importance and setting precedents that can improve the lives of countless individuals. During her years with the firm, she has worked on numerous pro bono cases. She helped draft a Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of twenty former federal judges, raising the judges’ concerns about whether the federal Detainee Treatment Act gave Guantánamo Bay detainees a constitutionally adequate means of challenging their detention. And, together with the ACLU and other firm attorneys, she helped persuade Maryland’s highest court to reverse the conviction of a woman who had been sentenced for reckless endangerment based on alleged drug abuse during pregnancy when that pregnancy resulted in a later-born child. The case ended the increasing misuse of this statute in similar circumstances in Maryland. Lila also appreciates the ability to make a difference to individuals on a personal level, such as in her recent representation of a client on appeal: “The district court had found that the client had received ineffective assistance from the court-appointed counsel in the underlying case. So, a large part of the representation on appeal—and what the client seems most grateful for—has involved the simple act of listening, taking the time to explain the legal issues and strategies, and crafting the legal arguments to give voice to the client’s concerns.”

A fundamental tenet of our legal system is that those who are prosecuted and imprisoned for breaking the rules are still protected by rules. Enforcing those protections is vital to the integrity of the criminal justice system, and is a vital part of Morrison & Foerster’s pro bono program, as well.

Exposing Unlawful Practices

The staff of California prisons routinely use influential gang member inmates—called “peacekeepers”—to discipline other inmates in exchange for illegal favors or treatment (for example, allowing them to receive contraband). Sam Bess, a correctional officer at California State Prison–Sacramento, was forced to intervene in a peacekeeper-ordered assault, shooting one of the inmate assailants dead, and then found his life threatened by other inmates. Officer Bess demanded an end to the use of peacekeepers, but rather than stop the practice, management at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation transferred him to a more dangerous position, harassed him, and obstructed justice in retaliation for Officer Bess’s whistleblowing. We filed suit on behalf of Officer Bess. The case is proceeding after the court rejected the defendants’ effort to dismiss the suit.

Giving a Fair Chance at Parole

States that permit inmates to seek parole after serving a substantial portion of their sentences recognize the waste inherent in keeping people behind bars who have the capacity to be contributing members of society. However, in many jurisdictions, the parole statute’s purpose is being frustrated as genuine consideration of a prisoner’s parole application gives way to rote denials of parole. Pro bono lawyers can help reverse this trend, by presenting at a parole hearing meaningful evidence of an inmate’s rehabilitation and the community support that will be available to her or him upon release. Morrison & Foerster lawyers in the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices have represented a number of imprisoned domestic violence survivors at their parole hearings. We were especially excited to win parole for Donna Shaner after presenting evidence at four hearings on her behalf during the last three years. After serving almost 20 years for the attempted murder of her ex-boyfriend, Ms. Shaner is now interviewing for jobs as a dental assistant, learning to use her first cell phone, and riding a bicycle for the first time in two decades. Her freedom came after a hard-fought battle. After being recommended for parole, the California governor sent her case for en banc review by the full 11-member Board of Parole Hearings with his recommendation against parole. However, the testimony that our attorneys presented from expert psychiatrists, the sentencing judge, family,
“It was a moving, life-changing experience to have your firm work for me and with me. Being free is like learning how to breathe all over again. I am more alive now than I have ever been.”

—Donna Shaner
Pro Bono Client

and community members won the praise of the Board and a unanimous vote to free Ms. Shaner from prison.

Enforcing Basic Rights

Cases brought by individual prisoners over everything from perceived insults to serious abuses crowd state and federal court dockets. Many are frivolous, but others raise significant concerns that have little chance of getting adequate attention unless a pro bono lawyer takes up the cause. Morrison & Foerster lawyers regularly meet this challenge, bringing justice to individual prisoners and improving the integrity of the prison system by litigating these meritorious cases.

- Lawyers in our Denver office took on the case of a prisoner who charged that law enforcement officers and agencies of the City of Aurora, Colorado had unlawfully disposed of property they seized during his arrest. The settlement of the case led to compensation to our client and the city’s commitment to implement constitutionally adequate policies for handling property that it seizes from arrested or incarcerated persons.
- The firm’s Los Angeles office won an appeal before the Ninth Circuit on behalf of a Jewish prisoner who was denied kosher meals. Other attorneys in that office won a settlement for a prisoner who sued San Bernardino County officials and others for discarding his dental plate and forcing him onto a soft food diet.
- New York litigators pursued contempt proceedings against state prison officials who were denying services promised under a consent decree to an inmate with serious hearing impairment. As a result, our client’s access to special phone services for the hearing-impaired was restored, and with it, his opportunity to remain in contact with his family members.

Improving Conditions for Inmates

Bringing lawsuits against corrections officials is not the only—or even the preferred—way to improve inmates’ living conditions. Morrison & Foerster lawyers are also involved in creative approaches to addressing problems that prisoners face.

- Jails and prisons around the country make long-distance telephone services prohibitively expensive for prisoners and their families. For example, an institution may allow inmates to make only collect calls, and then charge the recipients of the calls extremely high rates. Inflated costs can seriously impede inmates’ ability to maintain the connections to friends and relatives that are critical for successful rehabilitation and reintegration after release. Since 2003, Morrison & Foerster lawyers in our Washington, D.C. office have been pressing the Federal Communications Commission to address this problem as to all interstate long-distance inmate calls. The effort has made only limited progress to date, but we are hopeful that the administration now in office will finally take action to end these notorious overcharges.
- San Diego lawyers are taking part in an innovative program to mediate disputes between juvenile girls who are inmates in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility that is associated with San Diego County Juvenile Hall. The mediations typically involve disputes between female juvenile detainees over problems such as theft of personal property, gang issues, and name-calling.

Advancing Public Policy

Crime show aficionados know that the barrel of a gun leaves unique marks on each bullet that passes through it, marks used in ballistics testing to confirm that a particular bullet was fired from a particular gun. Seeking to take advantage of this phenomenon, the California Legislature in 2007 enacted the Crime Gun Identification Act to require that certain types of guns imprint on every bullet casing a microscopic array of characters that identify the firing gun’s make, model, and serial number. At the request of the bill’s sponsor and the Attorney General’s office, Los Angeles lawyers researched and issued a report concluding that the California Department of Justice could certify—as required by the statute—that this “microstamping” technology is unencumbered by patent restrictions.
SUSTAINING THE PLANET

Protecting the environment and promoting more sustainable practices for meeting human needs are massive undertakings that have captured the urgent support of people around the globe. Morrison & Foerster lawyers are involved in efforts to sustain our planet that range from the seas to mountain meadows, touching on farms, nature trails, and human habitats in between.

Bay Institute Aquarium Foundation

A visit to the aquarium always captivates the imagination as visitors get a glimpse of the underwater world. Now imagine an aquarium that is a vital scientific center focused on understanding and conserving that magical world, where entrance fees support education, research, and conservation while visitors are treated to outstanding displays of marine life. The Bay Institute, a nonprofit science and conservation organization, had just such a vision for transforming The Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, which had been a struggling for-profit institution. Lawyers in several California offices of Morrison & Foerster devoted hundreds of hours to help The Bay Institute realize that vision. Our efforts culminated in the purchase last summer of the aquarium by a nonprofit organization we helped to form for that purpose, The Bay Institute Aquarium Foundation. The Foundation now runs the aquarium and is rapidly expanding its research and education functions while continuing its high quality exhibits.

Protecting the High Sierra

The High Sierra in the Sierra Nevada range of eastern California is a fragile alpine environment that includes Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States. Two adjacent national parks, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, were created to preserve and protect this environment. Yet the area is threatened by private pack horse operations, which bring vacationers on saddle horses accompanied by pack mules, guides, chefs, and camping gear high into the mountains. The adverse environmental impact of these operations is well documented—pack animals overgraze the area, broaden trails, pollute waterways, and trample vegetation—yet National Park Service officials continue to grant these businesses operating permits. Morrison & Foerster is representing the High Sierra Hikers Association in a lawsuit against the National Park Service to restrict these practices, and to protect this unique area from further environmental degradation.

“Morrison & Foerster’s attorneys took time to get to know us and our mission, and took a personal interest in our organization’s success in helping farmers and fish share our river’s water resources. The dedication of the legal team led to faster results than even we expected.”

—Sari Sommarstrom, Consultant
Scott River Water Trust

Defending Public Access

Countless people around the country have gained a new appreciation for nature by hiking and biking on trails created under the “rails-to-trails” program authorized by the Federal Railbanking Act. This statute promotes using inactive railroad rights of way as recreational trails for public use. When landowners argued in court that merely negotiating the possible conversion of a railroad easement into a nature trail effected an unconstitutional temporary “taking” of private property—even if no trail were built—the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy turned to Morrison & Foerster for help. The landowners’ lawsuit, if successful, could have jeopardized rails-to-trails conversions nationwide. Attorneys in our San Diego and Washington offices represented the Conservancy as an amicus in the case of Ladd v. United States, before the Court of Federal Claims. They helped to argue the case in 2008 and reargue it in 2009 when the court
raised additional questions. The court agreed with the Conservancy’s position when it finally issued its opinion, and ruled in favor of the United States.

Promoting Local Agriculture

What did you eat for dinner last night? Was it nourishing? How far was it transported? Questions like these are leading producers and consumers alike to look for opportunities to build and sustain local agriculture, in a movement that transcends national boundaries. Lawyers in Morrison & Foerster’s Washington, D.C. office helped residents in the Glover Park neighborhood form a new nonprofit organization, D.C. Greens, Inc., to operate a local farmers’ market in their community, which opened successfully this past summer. D.C. Greens also plans to offer programs on the nutritional and environmental benefits of supporting local agriculture in local schools. Attorneys in our London office are helping The Harvest Project. This is a social enterprise that aims to enable those growing their own food at home to contribute to the local community by selling excess produce in farmers markets, initially in London but eventually nationwide. Like D.C. Greens, The Harvest Project plans to teach children in local schools about nutrition and how to grow fruits and vegetables.

Building Sustainable Housing

Growing numbers of people around the world are seeking ways to develop more sustainable living patterns, and the business community has taken notice. In England, the for-profit BioRegional Development Group joined with the nonprofit World Wildlife Fund to develop ten principles of “one planet living” that are focused on replacing consumption of irreplaceable resources while building a healthier planet. BioRegional Quintain was formed to implement these principles in housing developments that offer residents a sustainable living environment. Pro bono attorneys in Morrison & Foerster’s London office incorporated “One Brighton Neighborhood CIC,” a community interest company, to own BioRegional Quintain’s One Brighton development, located in Brighton, England. Assets and profits from this award-winning development will be retained within the CIC and used for initiatives that carry out the project’s sustainability principles. A key aim will be to boost the uptake of local goods and services. This will support the local economy while reducing the need for trucking and the development’s environmental impact.

Bradley Theobald
Business Of Counsel, London
Joined Morrison & Foerster 2004

As pro bono coordinator in the London office, Bradley Theobald has a hand in many of the firm’s European pro bono matters, and also takes on pro bono matters himself. Reflecting on his experience establishing Fern Housing Limited, which offers housing advice and low-cost housing to socially disadvantaged individuals, Brad says: “It is immensely rewarding to have worked with an entity when it was merely the nucleus of an idea and see it now as a fully functioning organization offering housing to people in need, helping them move themselves forward.” He adds, “I do pro bono work, in part, because it is a grounding experience. It makes you reflect on yourself and the good fortune you have. It also makes you think about what lawyers are really about and how we can help others get past some of the hurdles they face. The awareness, acceptance, and prioritization of pro bono work at MoFo is endemic to our culture. At some other firms it is on the sidelines; here, it is at the core of what we do. Our pro bono clients are viewed as full clients in every sense and the work we do for them receives equal recognition within the firm.”
REACHING BEYOND NATIONAL BORDERS

When disasters like the Haitian earthquake strike the developing world, there is always a stunning outpouring of emergency aid. Less visible, but at least as important, are the creative efforts undertaken every day to address the rampant poverty, disease, and environmental challenges that still limit the lives of so many people around the globe. Morrison & Foerster lawyers welcome the opportunity to contribute a wide array of expertise to the growth and success of these enterprises.

Supporting Women in Tanzania

Kerstin Cameron, a Nigerian woman of German descent, was no doubt shocked to find herself jailed in a women's prison in Tanzania on charges that she had killed her husband, who actually had committed suicide. After a year, she was acquitted and released, but she had seen too much desperation in the lives of her cellmates to forget them. Instead, she founded an organization, Bahati Tanzania. Bahati helps women who have been released from prison, as well as others who are in dire poverty or at risk of being trafficked. It provides shelter and also offers the opportunity to earn a decent living by making jewelry, which Bahati markets. Attorneys in Morrison & Foerster’s Washington office helped to incorporate Friends of Bahati as a U.S.-based nonprofit organization to support Bahati Tanzania.

Capturing the Power of Mobile Phone Technology

Mobile phones are ubiquitous in the third world, even in areas that otherwise have little communications infrastructure. Morrison & Foerster attorneys in two California offices have been assisting the group Lorax Analytics from the start, as Lorax envisions ways to use the power of mobile phone technology to promote development. Lorax uses cell phones and other technology to directly measure and amass health, climate, and environmental data, in order to assess the impact of programs designed to improve environmental and public health.

Building Pro Bono in Colombia

The concept of lawyers providing pro bono services is well established in the United States, where everyone from federal courts to corporate clients expects lawyers to provide meaningful representation to the indigent. Attorneys in the firm’s New York office are in the forefront of building a stronger foundation for pro bono overseas, through their work with the Cyrus Vance Center for International Justice of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. A group of Columbian attorneys and law firms has signed a commitment initiated by the Vance Center, the Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas, to perform an average of 20 hours of pro bono work per lawyer each year. Our attorneys have traveled twice to Colombia to discuss with law firms the implementation of pro bono programs and to address such practicalities as how to screen clients, assign work, and supervise attorneys.

International Tree Foundation

We are all familiar with the tremendous accomplishments of many international nonprofit organizations. But few of us ever consider the challenges of building and maintaining the infrastructure of such groups. Goals set at an international level may be
implemented through highly localized projects, and the organization itself may have multiple branches and subunits. Lawyers in Morrison & Foerster’s London office have been helping one such organization, the International Tree Foundation, as it considers potential structural changes. For more than 80 years, ITF has planted, promoted, and protected trees around the world. It supports dozens of local projects on several continents with a primary focus on helping people gain food and a livelihood from forest resources while promoting conservation and biodiversity. The firm’s lawyers have helped the organization as it considers bringing greater clarity to the rights and responsibilities of its members, a process that has involved careful negotiation and mediation among groups that often hold very different perspectives on the future direction of the organization. We also have assisted the trustees in ensuring their full compliance with laws that govern UK charities.

Shane Shelley’s expertise as a tax associate is in high demand on pro bono matters, particularly in helping entities incorporate as nonprofit organizations. In 2009, he engaged in pro bono legal work for twenty nonprofits, including organizations that restore schools destroyed by war and poverty in Liberia, work to eradicate cigarette butt waste from the environment, and provide medical, educational, and nutritional resources to hospitals and orphanages in Africa. He also advised an organization called Pegasus Rising, which has adopted and rehabilitated a herd of horses to participate in a therapy program for U.S. military personnel suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries. According to Shane, “Pro bono work should be an integral part of being a member of a profession founded on concern for more than profitability. Just as important, I like the work itself. The matters often offer me a level of responsibility and independence that might not otherwise be available in the for-profit realm of my practice. The scale of the work tends to be smaller and more personal. And the work is often a dramatic change of scene, such as when I visited Pegasus Rising’s herd and saw the organization’s progress first hand.”
STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

The firm’s commitment to provide legal services to nonprofit organizations that serve the public is a cornerstone of its pro bono practice. Morrison & Foerster attorneys assist nonprofit organizations in each of the communities in which we practice, domestically and abroad. In 2009, we advised more than 400 nonprofit organizations, listed on the pages that follow, on a variety of issues, including tax, labor, corporate governance, Cleantech, real estate, land use, and intellectual property. Here are some representative matters.

HELPING NEW ORGANIZATIONS GET STARTED

Some 50,000 new nonprofit, charitable organizations are recognized by the IRS every year, demonstrating an impressive synthesis between the entrepreneurial spirit and enthusiasm for helping others. Morrison & Foerster lawyers in every office assist in the birth of these organizations as they incorporate and apply for tax-exempt status. Here are just a few of our recent nonprofit incorporation projects:

- London business lawyers are helping Internocracy, which aims to provide housing, employability skills training, and social support that will enable financially disadvantaged young people to undertake an internship in London that they ordinarily could not afford. Internocracy’s goal is to help these young people enjoy the social mobility and other advantages that internships can offer.
- San Francisco lawyers helped the Scott River Water Trust to become a California nonprofit corporation and to obtain tax-exempt status. Scott River Water Trust is dedicated to improving stream flow in prime salmon habitats of the Scott River and its tributaries (in northern California) through voluntary water leases with agricultural water users.
- New York lawyers assisted Blue Engine in incorporating and applying for tax-exempt status. Blue Engine is a new nonprofit organization that is planning to recruit recent college graduates to provide free, in-school, intensive tutorials to complement the curricula at high-need New York City public high schools, so students can develop the advanced academic skills they will need to compete in college and complete their degrees on time.

PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT ADVICE

Besides being service providers, nonprofit organizations are also employers, and like any employer, they need advice on employment law. Some of these needs arise directly from the economic downturn: Los Angeles attorneys helped the organization Public Counsel develop materials to address employment law questions raised by nonprofit organizations and small businesses as a result of the economic crisis. Northern Virginia lawyers developed an employment law webinar at the request of the D.C. Bar Association’s Community Economic Development Project, to train nonprofit managers on how to handle layoffs of their employees. On a more positive note, Northern Virginia lawyers also counseled the National Youth Employment Coalition on employment issues arising out of its reorganization and expansion, and helped the Third Wave Foundation, a feminist, activist foundation that works nationally to support young women and transgender youth ages 15 to 30, to create an employment manual.

“The nonprofit world is under a lot of pressure these days and it is heartwarming to know that people like you are willing to give of themselves to help others who are less fortunate.”

—Edythe Schwartz, DSW, Executive Director, Putnam Family and Community Services
**Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association**

Childhood apraxia is a medical condition in which children are limited in their ability to produce the sounds necessary for speech. Lawyers in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office recently helped the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) resolve a longstanding dispute over ownership of intellectual property.

Many years ago, the organization’s volunteers had worked with musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony and a speech language pathologist to create an award-winning CD of popular songs for children that were adapted so that children with speech disorders could sing along. Another organization had claimed ownership of the CD, improperly obtained copyright and trademark rights, and marketed it for many years, refusing to pay the proceeds to CASANA. We helped to prevent the sale of this asset, and negotiated a settlement under which the other organization gave up its copyright claims and transferred the CDs and trademark to CASANA. We are currently assisting with royalty arrangements, so that CASANA can manufacture and market its CDs for the benefit of children with apraxia. We also assisted CASANA with leases and development of a research grant program.

**New Dance Group**

New Dance Group began in 1932 as a “proletarian dance collective,” part of the leftist artistic ferment spawned by the collapse of the American economy in the Great Depression. NDG grew into the vanguard of modern dance in New York, fostering an artistic home for emerging choreographers, creating visionary pieces that were presented around the world, and establishing a nurturing school for training and discovery. In recent years, however, NDG’s resources were drained by its ambitious investment in renovating a large studio space. Anticipated revenues from studio rentals did not materialize, and the maintenance costs became crippling. Matters were further complicated by the questionable business practices of one of the group’s former leaders. NDG came to us fearing that it might need to dissolve, but through the efforts of a multi-practice team, we instead are helping the organization to regroup and redirect itself. We have assisted in conserving its unique archival assets by arranging for their transfer to the Library of Congress, and have negotiated for another prominent dance company to take over its studio space. NDG now looks forward to a viable future.
Nonprofit Organization Clients

A BETTER CHANCE
ACADEMY OF FRIENDS
ACORN CENTRE (TODMORDEN) LIMITED
ACTION AGAINST HUNGER UK LTD.
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN OF NEW YORK, INC.
AGING IN NEW YORK FUND, INC.
AIDS LEGAL REFERRAL PANEL
AIDS VACCINE ADVOCACY COALITION
ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN’S EQUALITY
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
ALUT – THE ISRAELI NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION
AMAZON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
AMERICA-BOSNIA CULTURAL FOUNDATION
AMERICAN BALLROOM THEATER COMPANY, INC.
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AMERICAN SOCCER PROGRAMS, INC.
ANGELS FLIGHT
ANGELS IN WAITING
ANIMAL ASSISTED HAPPINESS
ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
ANSAR YOUTH PROJECT
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
APPLESEED
ART IN ACTION
ART OUTREACH
ART WORKS FOR CHANGE
ARTS FOR ART, INC.
ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE GREATER BAY AREA
ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF DIABLO
ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
ASYLUM ACCESS
ATMOSPHERICS TRUST
AUDITECA, INC.
AUTISM DESERVES EQUAL COVERAGE
AUTISM SOCIAL CONNECTION
BAHATI TANZANIA
BANANAS, INC.
BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO
BARNET ASIAN WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY
BAY AREA LEGAL AID
BAY INSTITUTE
BAYKEEPER
BAYSIDE ADVENTURE SPORTS
BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES, INC.
BEDFORD CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS & ROOTLESS
BERRY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM
BEYOND EMANCIPATION
BILLIONLIGHTS FOUNDATION
BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE
BIOREGIONAL QUINTAIN
BLIND BABIES FOUNDATION
BLUE ENGINE
BONITA HOUSE, INC.
BOOMGEN TV
BREAST CANCER HAVEN
BROOKLYN ART ALTERNATIVE
BROOKLYN JUBILEE
BROOKLYN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION A
BROOKLYN PARKINSON GROUP, INC.
BROtherhood Sister SOL
BUILD CHANGE
BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING
BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
CALIFORNIA ALL
CALIFORNIA CASA ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA FAMILY FOUNDATION
CALIFORNIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION
CALL FOR ACTION, INC.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
ED ROBERTS CAMPUS
CANCER LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER
CANYON ACRES CHILDREN’S SERVICES
CAPITAL AREA ASSET BUILDERS
CARING FOR CAMBODIA
CARITAS BULGARIA
CASA EL DORADO COUNTY
CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS
CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
CENTER FOR EDUCATION OF THE INFANT DEAF
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.
CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
CHAMBER MUSIC PLUS, SOUTHWEST
CHANGE CONGRESS
CHARLIE GUILD MELANOMA FOUNDATION
CHARLOTTE MAXWELL COMPLEMENTARY CLINIC
CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
CHILD CARE LAW CENTER
CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
CHILDREN OF TOMORROW, INC.
CHILDREN’S ACADEMY (NY)
CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE
CHILDREN’S BUREAU
CHILDREN’S DAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND
CHILDREN’S PSYCHOTHERAPY PROJECT
CHINATOWN MANPOWER PROJECT
CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER
CIAT
CITYTEAM MINISTRIES
CLEANFISH FOUNDATION
CLIMATE CHANGE FOUNDATION, INC.
CLIMATEPATH FUND
COALITION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION
COASTSIDE CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE
COMITE DE JORNALEROS DE REDONDO BEACH
COMMON RIVER
COMMON SENSE MEDIA
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE SPECIAL
COMMUNITY CHURCH RETIREMENT CENTER
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PRO BONO PROJECT
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RESOURCES
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF EAST PALO ALTO
COMMUNITY VOCATIONAL ENTERPRISES
CONCRETE SAFARIS
CONGREGATION SHALOM ISRAEL OF JAMAICA ESTATES
CONGREGATION SHERITH ISRAEL
CONQUEST FOR LIFE
CONSTITUTION PROJECT
CONTACT A FAMILY
COPYMART INSTITUTE
CORAL REEF ALLIANCE
CORCORAN ART MUSEUM
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORPORATION 2020
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC DEFENDER
CREATIVE COMMONS
CURE DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
CYCLES 4 HOPE
D.C. PRISONERS LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT, INC.
D.C. LAW STUDENTS IN COURT PROGRAM, INC.
DAI-ICHI TOKYO BAR ASSOCIATION
DAINI TOKYO BAR ASSOCIATION
DC GREENS
DEATH PENALTY FOCUS
DEL AMO ACTION COMMITTEE
DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION
DENVER CITY ATTORNEYS OFFICE
DICAPO OPERA
DIDI HIRSCH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
DIRECT RELIEF INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
DOGS4DIABETICS
DOMESTIC WORKERS ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOME CARE CENTER
DONALD P. MCCULLUM YOUTH COURT
DRAPER RICHARDS FOUNDATION
EARTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE
EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER
ECCOVOX
ECOLOGY CENTER
ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CORPS
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND
EQUAL RIGHTS CENTER
EQUALITY CALIFORNIA
EXALT YOUTH
FAHARI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
FAIR HOUSING JUSTICE CENTER
FEDERAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION
FIREFLY CHILDREN’S NETWORK, INC.
FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH
FISHER CENTER FOR ALZHEIMER’S CENTERS
FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH
FORRESTER CANOPY OUTREACH
FOUNDATION FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY
IN CENTRAL AMERICA
FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH INVESTMENT
FOUNDATION OF CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ALLIANCE
FRATERNITY HOUSE, INC.
FREEDOM HOUSE
FRESH LIFELINES FOR YOUTH, INC.
FRIENDS OF FANA, INC.
FRIENDS OF SODA, INC.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO
FUTURE OF MUSIC COALITION, INC.
GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GIRLS CAN
GIRLS MOVE MOUNTAINS
GLOBAL CAMPS AFRICA
GLOBAL GOODS PARTNERS
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO & MARIN COUNTY
GRAY AREA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS
GREEN EDUCATION ONLINE
GREEN FOR ALL
GREENHOPE SERVICES FOR WOMEN, INC.
GREENING OF TRIBECA
GROUNDSPARK
GROWING LIBERIA’S CHILDREN
GUITAR FOUNDATION OF AMERICA
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST BAY
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER SAN FRANCISCO
HARLEM UNITED COMMUNITY AIDS CENTER, INC.
HARVARD CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
HERITAGE COMMUNITY HOUSING, INC.
HIGH SIERRA HIKERS ASSOCIATION
HIGH TECHNOLOGY CRIME INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION
HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
HISPANICS IN PHILANTHROPY
HOMEAID AMERICA, INC.
HOMEBASE
HOPE RUNS
HUMAN RIGHTS NOW
HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL
HUMANITY UNITED
ICOMPASSION.ORG
IMANI CORPORATION
IMENTOR, INC.
INDEPENDENT PANEL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVICE
INDIANA PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES
INMATE CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT
INNOCENCE PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MICROFINANCE INVESTORS
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ART RESEARCH
INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE WATER ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL TREE FOUNDATION
Nonprofit Organization Clients (continued)

INTERNOCRACY
INVISIBLE CHILDREN, INC.
INWOOD HOUSE
ISRAEL STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FOUNDATION
JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES
JAPANESE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL
JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION
JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN’S SERVICES
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
JUMA VENTURES
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF ARARNA
JUST NEIGHBORS MINISTRY
JUSTICE NOW
KEYS TO ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION
KIDANGO, INC.
KIVA MICROFUNDS
KOMAZA
LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LATINO ISSUES FORUM
LAWRENCE FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW
LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES
LEGAL AID OF MARIN
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY
LEGAL COMMUNITY AGAINST VIOLENCE
LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
LIBRARIES WITHOUT BORDERS
LORAX ANALYTICS
LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE
LOS ANGELES INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION
LOUDOUN BREAST HEALTH ALLIANCE
MAGDALA FOUNDATION
MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY
MAKBENDZ MEET
MAKING WAVES EDUCATION PROGRAM
MAKING WAVES FOUNDATION, INC.
MANASH LLC
MANASIR COUNCIL
MARRIAGE EQUALITY CALIFORNIA
MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA, INC.
MCCARTON FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES
MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES JAPAN
MEMBERS OF CHINESE STAFF & WORKERS ASSOCIATION
MERCURY SOUL
MERCY CORPS
MESA GRANDE BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE
MISHA RUTH COHEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
MISION VIDA NUEVA
MISSION FOR ALL NATIONS
MOMENTUM FOR MENTAL HEALTH
MOTHERS2MOTHERS
MOZILLA FOUNDATION
MUSIC NATIONAL SERVICE INITIATIVE
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS SANTA CLARA COUNTY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL DEFENDERS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE CIVIL RIGHTS
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK
NATIONAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
NATIONAL LAW CENTER FOR HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY
NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN AIDS PREVENTION CENTER
NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS LAW CENTER
NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL PROGRAM
NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COALITION, INC.
NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FOUNDATION
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS
NATURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE
NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
NATURE CONSERVANCY
NEW BRIDGES INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.
NEW DANCE GROUP STUDIO, INC.
NEW DOOR VENTURES
NEW YORK APPLESEED
NEW YORK ASIAN WOMEN’S CENTER
NEW YORK CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT
NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE
NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST
NEWSTRUST
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND
NORTH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SANTA CLARITA
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLISHMENT
ENFORCEMENT ALLIANCE
NURTUREART NON-PROFIT INC.
NURU INTERNATIONAL
NYC FAMILY COURT LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT
OAKLAND KIDS FIRST
OCEANOGRAPHIC TEACHING STATIONS, INC.
OPERATION KIDS FOUNDATION
OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL
ORANGE COAST INTERFAITH SHELTER
ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC ASSISTANCE FUND, INC.
PACIFIC COMMUNITY VENTURES, INC.
PACIFIC FOREST AND WATERSHED LANDS STEWARDSHIP
PANGAEA GLOBAL AIDS FOUNDATION
PAPER MILL CREEK CHILDREN’S CORNER
PARENTAL RIGHTS.ORG
PARENTS RALLYING IN DEFENSE OF EDUCATION
PATTERSON MCCAFFREY FOUNDATION
PEACE ACTION WEST
PEACEWORKS FOUNDATION/ONE VOICE INITIATIVE
PENINSULA CATWORKS
PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST
PEOPLE’S FIREHOUSE, INC.
PERFORMANCE SPACE 122
PHILANTHROPIA
PIFRA FOUNDATION
PLAYWORKS
POLAR ICE CAPZ KIDZ CLUB
POLARIS PROJECT
POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER
PRAIRIE DOG COALITION
PRIDWORKS
PRISON LEGAL NEWS
PRO BONO PROJECT SILICON VALLEY
PROBONO.NET
PROJECT INFORM
PROJECT SALUTE
PROJECT SENTINEL
PROJECT SUNSHINE, INC.
PROJECT TOMORROW
PUBLIC COUNSEL
PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSOCIATION OF UGANDA
PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY & LAW
PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
RESOURCE FOR AGRICULTURE
PUBLIC INTEREST CLEARINGHOUSE
PUBLIC LAW CENTER
RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY
RAMBAM MESIVTA MAIMONIDES HIGH SCHOOL
REBUILDING TOGETHER SAN FRANCISCO
REDLINE
RESIDA
RISING INTERNATIONAL
ROOM TO READ
RSF SOCIAL FINANCE
RUN FOR THE CURE
SAINT GEORGE PATHFINDERS
SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SAN DIEGO COUNTY COUNSEL OFFICE
SAN DIEGO VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM
SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION
SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP.
SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES, INC.
SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCOTT RIVER WATER TRUST
SEARCH FOR THE CAUSE
SENTINELS OF FREEDOM
SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL
SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH ASSISTANCE LEAGUE
SHE: SUSTAINABLE HEALTH ENTERPRISES
SOPHIA'S GARDEN FOUNDATION
SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH ACTION
SOUTHERN SUDAN VOICE FOR FREEDOM
SOW (ASIA) FOUNDATION LIMITED
SPARK
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CENTER
STAND! AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
STARFISH NETWORK
STARLIGHT CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
STERN CENTER FOR PARKINSON’S RESEARCH
SUNFLOWER WELLNESS, INC.
SW ODDS TO PLOWSHARES
SYNERGOS INSTITUTE
TALL SHIP EDUCATION ACADEMY, INC.
TENNESSEE JUSTICE CENTER
TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.
THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE GLOBAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INSTITUTE
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE
THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA
THE W GIRLS, INC.
THIRD WAVE FOUNDATION
TIDES CENTER
TRANSGENDER LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATION FUND
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COALITION
TREES NEW YORK
TROPICAL FOREST GROUP
TRUTHOUT
TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST
UNDER ONE ROOF, INC.
UNITED WAY OF THE BAY AREA
UNITUS, INC.
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
—ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
URBAN JUSTICE CENTER
U.S. COALITION FOR CHILD SURVIVAL
VETERANS FOR COMMON SENSE
VIETHOPE, INC.
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CANCER FOUNDATION
VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
VISIONS LLC
VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS
VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM
WASHINGTON LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC.
WEST POINT CLASS OF 1998 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL
WESTSIDE CHILDREN’S CENTER
WHITE RIBBON ALLIANCE FOR SAFE MOTHERHOOD
WILDAID
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY
WING HAVEN
WOKAI
WOMAN, INC.
WOMEN’S RABBINIC NETWORK
WOMEN’S RUNNING NETWORK
WONDER DOG RESCUE
WORDS ALIVE
WORLD TOILET ORGANIZATION
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, INC.
WORTH OUR WEIGHT
YALLAH YOUTH OF ARTS
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
YOUR SACRED CENTER
YOUTH VENTURE
ZIDISHA, INC.