



PRO BONO INITIATIVE

# **DIRECTORY OF SUMMER ASSOCIATE PRO BONO PROJECTS AT CHICAGO LAW FIRMS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **About the Pro Bono Initiative and the Public Interest Law Initiative**

For thirty years, PILI has pursued equal access to justice by creating opportunities for law students and lawyers to provide public interest and pro bono work in Chicago. PILI builds professional relationships into working partnerships, leveraging legal resources into legal services for the poor and disenfranchised. By engaging attorneys at every stage in their professional careers, PILI generates thousands of hours of legal assistance each year. PILI offers Internship and Fellowship programs for law students and new law school graduates, respectively, to work at public interest law agencies in Chicago. For more information about PILI and its Fellowship or Internship programs, visit our website at [www.pili-law.org](http://www.pili-law.org).

PILI also inspires and promotes pro bono work by members of the bar through its Pro Bono Initiative. PBI is a joint project of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) and The Chicago Bar Foundation. PBI works with law firms and corporations, legal aid and public interest law organizations, law students and the organized bar. Our mission is to increase the availability of pro bono legal services throughout the State of Illinois for low-income and under-represented individuals who lack access to the justice system. PBI promotes best practices for pro bono work, helps ensure effective communication about available pro bono opportunities, and acts as a clearinghouse and resource for pro bono issues.

### **About this Directory**

On a bi-annual basis, PBI surveys Chicago's law firms regarding the pro bono projects in which their summer associates have participated. The information is then reported in the PBI Directory of Summer Associate Pro Bono Opportunities at Chicago Law Firms. In our 2006 survey, PBI asked approximately forty Chicago-area law firms to: (1) list the agencies and pro bono projects in which summer associates participate; and (2) list any special pro bono programs geared toward summer associates. Thirty one law firms responded to our survey. Their responses are listed on the pages that follow.

We hope that you can use this information in assessing a firm's pro bono environment. We encourage you to follow up on this information with your own questions directed to firms about their pro bono opportunities for summer associates, as well as about opportunities for their full-time lawyers.

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## **LIST OF FIRMS INCLUDED IN DIRECTORY**

Baker & McKenzie LLP  
Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC  
Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione  
Butler Ruben Saltarelli & Boyd LLP  
Cozen O'Connor  
DLA Piper US LLP  
Dykema Gossett PLLC  
Gardner, Carton & Douglas LLP (now Drinker Biddle & Reathe LLP)  
Goldberg Kohn  
Holland & Knight LLP  
Jenner & Block LLP  
Jones Day  
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP  
Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
McGuireWoods LLP  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP  
Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. (now Reed Smith LLP)  
Schiff Hardin LLP  
Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck  
Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP  
Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Sidley Austin LLP  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP  
Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP  
Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, P.C.  
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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
ABA Post-Conviction Death Penalty Project	Representing Illinois inmates on death row
Community Economic Development Law Project of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights	Provided assistance to not-for-profit organizations in many areas including contracts, employment, IP, real estate, tax and other transactional areas of practice
National Immigrant Justice Center	Naturalization cases and contested deportation proceedings
Northwestern University's Children and Family Justice Center	Expulsion hearings, juvenile delinquency issues, social security administration benefit cases, criminal cases, and special education matters
Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law	Administrative hearings, contract disputes, employment discrimination, housing, education, health care, family law guardianship, landlord/tenant, real estate, special education, federal disability benefits, government benefits
Public International Law and Policy Group	Drafted a manual on negotiation skills to be used by PILPG with its clients around the world who are negotiating for independence and peace

#### *Other Projects:*

General transaction work: general corporate, commercial, tax, intellectual property and employment work for charitable, religious and education institutions with limited means.

Appellate Representation: criminal appeals and post-conviction matters on behalf of adult and child defendants in state and federal court proceedings

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Day in Service: As part of the Firm's annual *Pro Bono Week*, summer associates participate in a full day of legal learning and practice by interviewing unaccompanied children seeking asylum who are being confined to a federally funded housing facility in Chicago. A tour and tutorial on the law are facilitated for the Firm by the National Immigrant Justice Center.

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The firm informs summer associates of the pro bono work its lawyers are doing and offers them opportunities to become involved in those projects. The firm helps staff a pro bono clinic for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services in the Loop and participates in the Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, National Immigrant Justice Center and Howard Brown Center pro bono programs. The firm offers summer associates the opportunity to assist lawyers with cases from these programs. In particular, this past summer, our summer associates participated in affirmative application proceedings on behalf of clients referred from the National Immigrant Justice Center.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Cabrini Green Legal Aid	Clemency petition, counseling matters
Lawyers for the Creative Arts	Patent, trademark, copyright, and related contractual counseling matters
Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago	Municipal court arguments on motions and jury trials
National Immigrant Justice Center	Representing asylum applicants, including research and factual investigations

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates.

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione supports a wide range of pro bono projects for summer associates. Our summer associates have participated in a variety of pro bono matters, including asylum proceedings, municipal court (tenant eviction) actions, clemency petition preparation, and various intellectual property related matters. We obtain summer associate pro bono projects from a number of different referring agencies, including the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, and Lawyers for the Creative Arts. The firm works with its referring agencies to train its pro bono volunteers, and provides periodic presentations on the firm's pro bono policy and available pro bono volunteer opportunities. Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione supports the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), and offers all incoming associates the opportunity to become a PILI Summer Fellow. If you have any questions regarding the firm's pro bono program, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Kate Driscoll, Director of Recruitment, 312-321-4269 or Brad Lane, Shareholder and Pro Bono Chair, 312-321-4252.

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Butler Rubin does not have a regular summer program. However, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, Butler Rubin awards a \$10,000 annual scholarship to a first-year student at the Northwestern University School of Law, with preference given to diverse candidates. The scholarship is renewable for the student's second and third year at the law school. The recipient of the scholarship is required to work at Butler Rubin as a summer associate after his or her first year of study and for at least two weeks after his or her second year of study. Scholarship recipients work on at least one pro bono matter each summer.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates Participate

Summer Associates are encouraged to participate in matters referred to the firm by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, First Defense Legal Aid and the Office of the Appellate Defender, among others.

2. Special Programs for Summer Associates

Summer Associates are assigned to work with an attorney on a pro bono matter as one of their summer projects, and a Summer Associate luncheon focuses exclusively on the firm's pro bono program, commitment and opportunities. The firm's pro bono policy requires each attorney to contribute 60 hours to pro bono work annually, of which 50 hours are credited toward the attorney's annual billable hours requirement. The firm continues to expand its pro bono program and actively incorporates Summer Associates into the firm's pro bono work as part of its overall commitment.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Bluhm Legal Clinic of Northwestern University School of Law	Represent juveniles in delinquency proceedings and assist with expungement of juvenile delinquency records as part of office's Juvenile Justice Signature Project
Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University School of Law and Human Rights First:	"Life Without Parole Project:" interview people serving life without parole sentences imposed for crimes committed when under age 17 and research about this issue
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services' (CVLS) Asian American Legal Service Clinic	Preparation for hearing to enforce prior court order requiring parent to pay school tuition; prepare financial disclosure statements and drafted motions for trial over custody of minor whose mother is deceased on behalf of father against grandparents
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary	Assessment and planning project of real estate assets, historical designation requirements, and zoning laws (no agency – direct work for the client that was referred by a firm attorney)
National Immigrant Justice Center	Handled an appeal to 7th Circuit denial of asylum to Togolese man
Uptown People's Law Center	Represented inmates suing for due process violations relating to their transfer into super-maximum facility

These projects are samples from the firm's formal summer associate pro bono program, where summer associates take on and have primary responsibility for a pro bono matter. In addition, summer associates take on numerous assignments for existing pro bono clients of the firm through the ordinary assignment process. Summer associates also participate in events such as volunteering at the three Asian American Legal Service Clinic's intake nights and at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

## 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The Chicago office has a pro bono component to its summer associate program whereby each summer associate is paired with a colleague and attorneys at the firm to handle a pro bono matter in his/her area of interest. Together, the summer associates and attorneys serve individuals or organizations in the Chicagoland area that need pro bono assistance and provide invaluable legal services to a number of clients.

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## 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates Participate

Our pro bono offerings will vary from year to year based on the firm's initiatives and the interests of the particular summer associate class. In 2006, our summer associates:

- Interviewed criminal defendants and other related parties regarding the indigent defense system in the State of Michigan. Currently, Dykema, along with the National ACLU, ACLU Michigan, Brennan Center for Justice and another partner law firm is calling for vast changes to Michigan's court system to protect the rights of the accused who can't afford legal counsel.
- Drafted a brief for and observed oral argument before the Seventh Circuit on an international kidnapping case referred by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Participated in training and prepared self petitions to be filed with the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly known as the "INS") pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA). VAWA self petitions are filed on behalf of battered women married to batterers who are United States Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents. A VAWA self petition is necessary when the batterer refuses or fails to properly document the victim's status in the United States. If approved, a VAWA self petitioner will be afforded legal status in the United States.

Our summer associates may also participate in other on-going pro bono projects, which can range from representing an individual in a eviction matter to participating in complex systemic and landmark pro bono litigation.

## 2. Special Programs for Summer Associates

Our pro bono projects for summer associates will vary from year to year. Over the last two years, summer associates have prepared a research memorandum and created a power point presentation on various areas of the law of interest to various legal aid agencies or non profits. The topics have ranged from "Federal and State Financial Resources Available to Third Party Caregivers of Minor Children" to "Kids and the Internet: What Nonprofits Need to Know about Using the Internet".

This work product is then given to a legal aid agency which then enlists the support of a pro bono attorney who will present a seminar based on the research memorandum and power point to the community in general. This project has been well received by participating agencies.

## **Gardner, Carton & Douglas LLP (now Drinker Biddle & Reathe LLP)**

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Anti-Defamation League	Researched issues related to civil liberties as part of the organization's Summer Associate Program
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Conducted intake interviews with potential clients and handled the file under the supervision of an attorney, including disability benefits and landlord/tenant matters
Community Economic Development Law Project	Handled transactional matters, including formation of not-for profit corporation and application for tax-exempt status
Heartland Alliance	Assisted with a transactional matter
National Immigrant Justice Center	Handled cases involving the Violence Against Women Act under the supervision Rights Center of an attorney Heartland Alliance assisted with a transactional matter

Summer associates also worked on a number of matters that were not referred to the firm by any agencies, including matters related to intellectual property issues, not-for-profit law and tax-exempt issues.

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Summer associates organized and implemented a community service project with the agency Chicago Cares.

Three of the firm's summer associates participated in the Anti-Defamation League's Summer Associate Program that is described above.

Summer Associates participated in a bus tour of two neighborhoods in Chicago, organized by the Community Economic Development Law Project, which included meetings with two community organizations.

Six pro bono agencies from Chicago presented to summer associates regarding the work of each agency and the importance of pro bono work.

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Our summer associates regularly participate in the pro bono projects that both litigation and transactional attorneys have undertaken at Goldberg Kohn. Summer associates have attended asylum training with the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) and have assisted with cases from the NIJC. Other summer associates have worked on projects received through the CEDLP. These have included assisting with the preparation of training programs on legal and tax issues for nonprofit enterprises through the WSEP Ventures' program. Attorneys have also involved summer associates on pro bono cases that are ongoing in the firm, which have included criminal appeals, a class action case on behalf of Medicaid children in Illinois, and a class action case on behalf of Medicaid recipients and applicants who were being denied benefits because they lacked birth certificates. Summer associates have also become involved in ENGAGE, a nonprofit organization founded by the women of Goldberg Kohn.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Our summer associates are working on pro bono matters through the Pro Bono Center on Disability and Elder Law, and one of our national pro bono project teams involving No Child Left Behind legislation for the Appleseed Foundation. In addition, our summer associates have contributed to various other pro bono matters including research on the Hague Convention for an international child abduction case.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The dual layer of our pro bono activities (the local office pro bono efforts plus the national pro bono projects teams) is a unique aspect of our firm's pro bono offerings.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Criminal Cases (litigation, appeals, etc.)	9 cases
Civil Cases	6 cases
Immigration/Asylum	1 cases

Our attorneys and summer associates also work on projects with the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, the National Immigrant Justice Center, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, the Community Economic Development Law Project, the Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law, Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, United Way Chicago, Working Women's History Project, American Jewish Congress and various other agencies. This year summer associates also have the opportunity to attend hearings, depositions, and inmate interviews for pro bono clients.

## 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We make many community service and fundraising opportunities available, including volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Young Women's Leadership Charter School, the CGLAC, and WINGS. Summer associates handled cases with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and several matters from the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Summer associates volunteer to do client intakes at Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic. Summer associates also had the opportunity of volunteering at the Garden Party/Croquet Tournament for AIDS survivors and at the JUF Uptown Cafe. Finally, Jenner & Block has a history of sponsoring PILI fellows – 9 in 2006, 8 in 2005, 7 in 2004, 2 in 2003, 5 in 2002, and 6 in 2001.

### **Jones Day**

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## 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Jones Day Chicago lawyers handle a variety of pro bono matters, including asylum proceedings; habeas corpus petitions; school expulsion hearings; statutory summary suspension proceedings; civil, administrative and criminal appeals; employment counseling; leasing transactions; outreach to students in area public schools; incorporation of not-for-profit corporations and counseling for charitable corporations. A substantial percentage of the pro bono hours contributed by Jones Day Chicago lawyers is devoted to assisting refugees, referred to us by the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), who have been persecuted in their home countries because of their race, religion, political opinion, ethnic background or membership in a particular social group to obtain asylum. In the last year, Jones Day attorneys have obtained asylum for five such refugees and have briefed and/or argued Seventh and Fifth Circuit appeals for six more. Also with the assistance of NIJC, Jones Day lawyers have filed petitions for clients seeking relief under the Violence Against Women Act and have assisted minors in seeking Special Juvenile Immigrant Visas.

Jones Day lawyers also assist in criminal appeals and habeas proceedings. Currently, such proceedings are pending in the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals. Through Northwestern University School of Law's Children and Family Justice Center, other Jones Day lawyers have represented Chicago Public School students in expulsion proceedings. In non or pre-litigation matters, Jones Day lawyers have provided counseling to the Anti-Defamation League, Kohl Children's Museum, Lambs Farm, the Spanish Coalition for Housing, the statewide Housing Action Coalition, the LAM Foundation, the Shedd Aquarium and Family Focus, Inc. Lawyers in the Chicago office have provided transactional pro bono legal services to many not-for-profit clients and clients who otherwise could not afford legal services, referred by the Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP), among other sources.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Jones Day's Chicago office continues to look for new pro bono opportunities and welcomes the input of its lawyers in its efforts to expand the amount and types of pro bono assistance it provides to the Chicago and area communities. The office encourages the assistance of its summer associates in all of its pro bono matters. During the summer of 2006, each of our summer associates handled at least one pro bono project.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois	Research projects
Cabrini-Green Legal Aid Clinic	Clemency petitions and intake
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	Civil rights litigation
Community Economic Development Law Project	Real estate, 501(c)(3)
Domestic Violence Legal Clinic	Orders of protection
National Immigrant Justice Center	Asylum applicant representation
Pro Bono Center for Disability & Elder Law	Resolution of small disputes

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We have three programs in which summer associates are trained by agencies and represent clients under their supervision, often as Supreme Court Rule 711 licensees: (1) Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (orders of protection); (2) Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (evictions); and (3) Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (clemency petitions and general intake). In addition, our summer associates participate in the Anti-Defamation League Summer Associate Legal Research Program.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois	Juvenile Temporary Detention Center interviews to enforce Consent Decree about detention conditions
Anti-Defamation League	Various research projects on Constitutional issues
National Immigrant Justice Center	Participate in asylum proceedings
Northwestern Bluhm Clinic	Prepare for and defend Chicago Public Schools students in expulsion hearing
Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law	Represent defrauded elderly client in recovering home

Summer associates also assisted with racial discrimination cases, both court-appointed and private actions as well as criminal appeals in which they assisted in the preparing of appellate briefs involving federal crimes.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Through Chicago cares, participate in volunteer day program at the Chicago Public School District, Henson Elementary School, including painting school interior, outdoor track lanes, and playground improvement.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

- ABA Detention Center Delegations
- Pro Bono Center for Elder & Disability Law Guardianship Projects
- National Immigrant Justice Center – Asylum Cases
- National Immigrant Justice Center – Petitions under the Violence Against Women Act
- Northwestern University Law School’s Bluhm Legal Clinic - Children's Law Project, School Expulsion Hearings

- Seventh Circuit Criminal Appellate Work
- Incorporation and corporate governance for not-for-profit agencies
- Pro bono relief work related to Hurricane Katrina
- Community Economic Development Law Project's Choose-to-Own Home Acquisition Program
- Anti-Defamation League Summer Research Program

## 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

While our summer associates have contributed greatly to all of these projects and more, three of the above projects involve a significant number of summer associates and are specifically geared towards their involvement. First, summer associates will comprise the bulk of the Latham & Watkins delegation heading to local detention facilities to report to the ABA on the conditions there. Their participation and interaction with facility personnel and detainees will be critical to the success of this important firm-wide project. Their work will culminate in the preparation of a report of their findings to the ABA which we hope and expect will go a long way towards improving the treatment of detainees in the Chicagoland area and the rest of the nation. Second, summer associates have played, and continue to play, a vital role in sustaining and developing our strong relationship with the National Immigrant Justice Center and in providing vigorous representation of asylum seekers and immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Third, summer associates at Latham play an integral role in Latham's work in conjunction with Northwestern University's Bluhm Legal Clinic on school expulsion hearings. Numerous summer associates have worked directly with these young clients to successfully advocate on their behalf with the Chicago Public Schools.

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## 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

- **Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law:** Summer associates assist mentally handicapped or developmentally disabled adults in need of a court approved guardianship through the Center for Disability and Elder Law. Summer associates can appear in court on pro bono matters for the Center pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711. Additionally, Lord, Bissell & Brook assists summer associates in obtaining their 711 license. Other attorneys in the firm participate in this program throughout the year.
- **Children's Law Pro Bono Project:** Summer associates assist lawyers participating in court-sponsored pro bono programs dealing with juvenile criminal cases. Our work in this program gives associates an opportunity to provide mentoring to at-risk juveniles and protect their constitutional rights.
- **National Immigrant Justice Center:** Summer associates are actively recruited to assist Lord Bissell attorneys on asylum cases, including trials. Lord, Bissell & Brook also hosted a training session put on by the National Immigrant Justice Center, whereby summer associates received training in handling political asylum cases.
- **Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind:** In response to the growing legal needs of persons with visual impairments, the Arthur and Esther Kane Legal Clinic was officially launched in 2005. Lord, Bissell & Brook has partnered with the clinic to provide legal services on a pro bono basis to the clinic's clients.

## 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

See above. The firm treats pro bono work the same as client billable work in evaluating productivity and establishing annual compensation for our associates. Lord, Bissell & Brook summer associates participate in a broad variety of pro bono projects in addition to those listed above. All summer associates select their own assignments from an intranet workbox, and may also assist any firm attorney handling any pro bono project. Our pro bono work is directed to a number of programs that serve both the community and, at the same time, provide meaningful legal experience for our attorneys. For more information on Lord, Bissell & Brook's pro bono work, visit [www.lordbissell.com](http://www.lordbissell.com).

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## 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in Which Summer Associates Participate.

Summer Associates are free to work on any pending pro bono matter. They are permitted to work on a full range of litigation and transactional matters. In the past, they have worked on death penalty trials and appeals, our Seventh Circuit Project, immigration cases, prisoners' rights and civil rights cases, and performed community service work with not-for-profit groups. In addition, they have been involved in our pro bono representation of the Corporation for Supportive Housing. We handle all of the Corporation's loan closings throughout the United States.

This year, Summer Associates have worked on three appointed criminal matters: one was a jury trial that resulted in an acquittal; the second is a bench trial; and the third has just gotten underway. Summer Associates have also worked on four other criminal cases the firm is handling pro bono: one is a petition for post-conviction relief in Illinois; the second is a felony case pending in Peoria, Illinois; the third is an amicus brief for a death penalty case in Texas; and the fourth is an appellate brief for a Chicago case that involves a 14-year-old given a mandatory sentence of natural life. Summer Associates continue to work on pro bono real estate matters.

## 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared Toward Summer Associates.

Marc Kadish, the Director of Pro Bono Activities for the firm, works in the Chicago Office. In the past, he has taken Summer Associates on "field trips" to a variety of local groups with which the firm works. Marc addresses the Summer Associates at one of their weekly meetings. He is also the Director of Litigation Training for the firm. He conducts a one-day special litigation training session for the Summer Associates which is usually a shortened version of the firm's traditional deposition training program.

## **McDermott Will & Emery LLP**

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Anti-Defamation League	Summer associate research program
Chicago Cares	Summer associates, along with MWE attorneys and staff volunteers, participated in the Chicago Cares volunteer day in July by helping to clean up the playground at a Chicago Public School
Chicago Family Advocacy Project and Legal Assistance Foundation	Various research projects relating to LAF/CFAP's legal clinic at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital
Community Economic Development Law Project	Worked on CEDLP assignments involving corporate, real estate, and tax issues faced by nonprofit entities
Criminal Appeals	Summer associates assisted MWE lawyers on several Seventh Circuit appeals and on a death penalty state habeas corpus petition
Lawyers for the Creative Arts	Created new materials and updated existing materials for LCA to distribute to existing clients, potential clients, and community members regarding intellectual property basics, intellectual property licenses and assignments, and movie releases
National Children's Law Foundation	Researched various topics regarding educational rights. The team also prepared an interview protocol and interviewed volunteer attorneys around the country who have worked on projects for NCLF clinics
National Immigrant Justice Center	Summer associates assisted MWE lawyers on several asylum matters
Pro Bono Center for Disability and Elder Law	Created materials to assist CDEL's volunteer lawyers and clients with identity theft issues

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates.

McDermott Will & Emery provides a number of different opportunities for summer associates to work on pro bono projects. The CDEL, CFAP/LAF, LCA, ADL, and NCLN projects (discussed above) are specifically geared to summer associates. In addition, we have several informative seminars scheduled throughout the summer for the summer associates. The first was a general overview of

MWE's pro bono policy and available opportunities for its attorneys in all offices. The summer associates were also invited to firm-wide training sessions for various types of pro bono work. In addition, the firm-wide summer associate retreat included a presentation on firm-wide pro bono accomplishments and experiences. MWE summer associates also worked on existing pro bono projects with attorneys in different departments in the firm, including criminal cases, and assignments for Lawyers for the Creative Arts, Health and Disability Advocates, the National Immigrant Justice Center, and the Children and Family Justice Center of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern Legal Clinic.

For more information on MWE's pro bono and/or recruiting initiatives, please contact Karen Mortell, Legal Recruiting Manager (312.984.7784; kmortell@mwe.com) or Donald Hilliker, Pro Bono Committee Chair (312.984.7610; dhilliker@mwe.com).

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

This past summer, our summer associates participated in several pro bono matters for our firm's pro bono clients. A number of our summer associates worked on research projects and assisted with litigation for members of our armed forces in connection with the anthrax vaccine controversy. Our summer associates also worked on an appeal related to the anthrax litigation, a prisoner's rights appeal assigned by a federal district court in Illinois and a Seventh Circuit appeal on the basis of ineffective assistance of counsel for a prisoner serving a life sentence. We also had a summer associate assist with a disabled postal worker's claim under the Rehabilitation Act.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We don't have any special pro bono programs that are geared toward summer associates, but, rather, look for ways to get them involved in pro bono projects on a case-by-case basis. This is a priority of our summer associate program.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Summer associates are encouraged to participate in pro bono work through our formal Public Interest and Community Service (PICS) Program (see description below). Summer associates also have the opportunity to work on matters referred to our Chicago lawyers, including, but not limited to, cases received from the following organizations: Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation and the National Immigrant Justice Center.

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Morgan Lewis offers all summer associates the opportunity to participate in the firm's Public Interest and Community Service (PICS) program, which we believe to be unique among U.S. law firms. Under this program, summer associates have the option of participating in our traditional summer program or spending part of the summer in the traditional program followed by an assignment at a public interest or community service organization.

Those involved in the PICS program receive a stipend equal to the salary they would have received in the traditional program. In 2006, a summer associate from the Chicago office participated in PICS and worked for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Attorneys submit various projects for both pro bono and paying clients to the summer associate coordinator. The summer associates then choose projects to work on from among the submitted work. Consequently, the summer associates each summer have the opportunity to, and do, work on pro bono projects.

While not a complete list, last summer our associates worked on the following pro bono projects:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Anti-Defamation League	Summer associate program research on various civil rights issues
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Real estate related work for group that protects open space in Illinois
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	Pro bono mediation representation to workers who file discrimination charges with the EEOC

Dubuy v. Samuels	Represent plaintiff in a class action against the Department of Children and Family Services
Estate of Kinkaide Woods	Estate planning project-drafting pleadings and attending hearings in Probate Court
Hudson v. City of Chicago	Research on classification by panhandlers challenging Chicago Bridge Ordinance
National Immigrant Justice Center	Identify patterns of human rights and due process abuses among immigrant detainees and identifying those at risk for detention in preparation for possible federal litigation

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

As part of the summer associate program, a meeting with Pro Bono Committee members is held to discuss the scope and nature of the firm's pro bono program. In addition, summer associates are invited to firm sponsored public interest organization presentations.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Summer associates are invited to attend, and help with cases coming to, the store-front legal clinic that the firm has run for the last 27 years under the auspices of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS). In addition, summer associate assistance can be sought on pro bono matters to the same extent as revenue matters, so summer associates typically are able to work on various pro bono matters being handled within the office. In particular, summer associates this past summer worked on matters for indigent clients dealing with, among other things, criminal defense (including a murder trial), civil rights, orders of protection and contested divorce disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, and matters involving public benefits claims.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

As noted above, summer associates specifically are invited to visit and observe case intake at, and provide legal assistance on cases coming to, the firm's store-front legal clinic. In addition, as part of the firm's orientation program for summer associates, a meeting is devoted to the nature, breadth and scope of the firm's pro bono program.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates Participate:

Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck's practice focuses exclusively on matrimonial law. Our summer associates work on family law related pro bono matters from agencies including the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, CARPLS, the Center for Disability and Elder Law, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, the Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services, and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago.

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck supports a wide variety of pro bono projects for summer associates. In addition to taking on assignments for existing pro bono clients, each summer associate is paired with an attorney and is tasked with assisting the attorney on a pro bono case. Historically, our summer associates have assisted in projects including: obtaining marital dissolutions, performing financial/cash-flow analyses of cash-based businesses, obtaining college education expenses for low-income students, preparing temporary support orders, assisting in child custody determinations, and obtaining orders of protection. Summer associates are also encouraged to attend pro bono legal service organization information presentations and training sessions. If you have any questions regarding Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck's pro bono program, please contact Andrew G. Vaughn, Pro Bono Committee Coordinator, (312) 609-5509; [avaughn@sdflaw.com](mailto:avaughn@sdflaw.com).

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Sedgwick rolled out a revitalized pro bono program in 2005 under the leadership of a new national pro bono committee. The goal of the committee was to launch a firm-wide pro bono initiative that would assist Sedgwick attorneys in securing meaningful pro bono work. That initiative quickly took shape and has been embraced by our attorneys.

Sedgwick attorneys have a long history of providing legal services to needy children and supporting children's organizations. The firm's pro bono committee identified opportunities for Sedgwick lawyers to serve the overwhelming unmet legal needs of children. Guardianship proceedings. Immigration status. School disciplinary hearings. Medical benefits. By focusing efforts firmwide on children's rights, Sedgwick attorneys learn from one another's similar experiences and see the cumulative impact of their pro bono services.

Sedgwick attorneys pursue a wide range of interests in their volunteer work. Many serve as volunteer settlement referees, mediators and arbitrators for local courts or organizations; others serve on the boards of directors for local and community non-profit organizations; and many of our associates participate in public high school mock trial programs.

Sedgwick's Chicago office is currently partnering with the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) for its various pro bono assignments. These matters typically involve serving as a minor's Guardian at Litem in the Circuit Court of Cook County. Chicago attorneys and summer associates also have the opportunity to work on pro bono matters on their own or in concert with their colleagues in other offices on matters that are national in scope.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

For the Summer of 2007, the Chicago office has designed a formal pro bono program specifically for its summer associates. CVLS and Sedgwick attorneys will provide training and summer associates will have cases of their own to work on throughout the summer. For those who meet the criteria of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711, summer associates may also appear in court on their assigned matter.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

We encourage our summer associates to assist attorneys with their on-going pro bono projects. Opportunities include work on immigration cases, divorce actions, and representing minors in guardianship cases assigned to SMSM by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

During the summer of 2006, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney also supported Chicago's pro bono legal community by attending the Chicago Bar Foundation's Summer Associate Mini-Golf Outing and sponsoring a table at the Chicago Bar Foundation's Annual Luncheon. In the past, SMSM has also supported The Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Lend-A-Hand Program by sponsoring a table at its annual luncheon.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic	Illinois executive clemency project training and petition preparation and filing
Lakefront Housing SRO	Low income housing dispute
National Immigrant Justice Center	Asylum training and cases

United States District Court for the Northern  
District of Illinois

Federal court appointment case for inmate's  
medical malpractice claim

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Our summer associates participated in the Illinois executive clemency program with the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic. Summer associates worked with firm attorneys to interview CGLA clients, develop evidence and witnesses to prepare and file clemency petitions with the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. Following hearings in October, hopefully that Board will recommend and Governor Blagojevich will grant clemency to these clients who have demonstrated marked life changes to support a second chance and relief from prior criminal records.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
ABA Death Penalty Representation Project	Litigation
Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic	Litigation
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	Civil rights/litigation
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Litigation
Legal Aid Bureau	Litigation/appellate work
Libel Defense Resource Center	Research
National Immigrant Justice Center	Immigration

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The firm's pro bono program is integrated into the summer associate program so that it is a seamless effort for the summer associate. Summer associates are given the opportunity to experience clients and community advocacy work assignments, with the emphasis that both are to be treated with the highest level of regard and professionalism. In addition, summer associates are invited to attend firm sponsored pro bono legal service organization information presentations and, also, to be a part of in-house/off-site pro bono training sessions.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
American Bar Association Death Penalty Project	Appeals
Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic	Executive clemency cases
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	EEOC mediations
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Guardian ad litem cases
Community Economic Development Law Project	Real estate, 501(c)(3)
C# Prisoner Parole Project	Parole hearings
Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)	Contracts and other matters
National Immigrant Justice Center	Asylum cases
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois	Civil rights case
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	Appeals

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Skadden uses two key approaches to introduce pro bono to our summer associates. After the acceptance process, the pro bono department sends out a pro bono interest survey to the summer associates for submission before starting at Skadden. Trainings and projects are then developed according to each response. Also, the pro bono coordinator and pro bono administrative coordinator meet with the summer associates on their second day as part of the orientation process. Our goal is to encourage the summer associates to participate in pro bono by highlighting current projects, recent victories, upcoming training sessions, etc.

Second, the pro bono department organizes a pro bono day. This day includes a luncheon followed by a community service project. The luncheon is open to all members of the pro bono committee, current and past PILI fellows, current and past Skadden fellows, and others who frequently participate in pro bono work. Partners from the committee and the pro bono coordinator speak about pro bono efforts within the firm, recent accomplishments, etc. It is also encouraged that those attorneys and fellows who currently participate in pro bono to share their experiences with the summer associates at their table.

As a result of these various approaches, Skadden has successfully involved our summer associates in pro bono work. This has a further pro bono benefit, because those who join the firm after graduation from law school are predisposed to doing pro bono work.

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<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Better Government Association	Observed hearings and depositions on Browns Chicken murder case. BGA's records were subpoenaed by defense counsel. Hearings and depositions pertained to BGA's opposition to subpoena, based on reporter's shield claim
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Prepared administrative review brief, in the Circuit Court of Cook County for low income truck driver whose driver's license was revoked by the Illinois Secretary of State
Federal Defender Panel	Observed sentencing hearing assigned case
Legacy Charter School	Legal research on issues affecting Legacy Charter School, which was founded by Sonnenschein in August, 2005, in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago
Seventh Circuit Appointment	Did research and prepared memo on issue raised by criminal defendant, in appealing his conviction for tax evasion to Seventh Circuit
Tennessee Justice Center	Reviewed records in class action suit, on behalf of disadvantaged children seeking adequate medical care

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared towards Summer Associates:

At the present time, no special program exists specifically for Summer Associates. All summer associates do meet with the Pro Bono Partner during a breakfast meeting. At that meeting, the firm's pro bono program and expectations for firm attorneys are discussed. Several examples of pro bono projects are discussed and questions are entertained.

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1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Vedder Price summer associates are given the opportunity to participate in many varied projects. In 2006, summer associates worked on the following:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
Anti-Defamation League	Assistance with a research project on a specific topic
Chicago Community Loan Fund	Assistance with a transaction that that provided low-cost, flexible financing to nonprofit community development organization
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Assistance with adoptions
Northwestern University's Bluhm Legal Clinic	Represent children in juvenile delinquency cases and school expulsions
Various not-for-profit organizations.	General corporate assistance

We look forward to continuing our relationships with these organizations and in further enhancing our projects with them and others in the future.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

During the orientation process, the summer associates meet our firm's Pro Bono Committee Chair and Pro Bono Project Coordinator. By working the with Pro Bono Project Coordinator on an ongoing basis, the summer associates are assured rewarding projects that are supervised by an experienced Vedder Price attorney.

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### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Winston & Strawn assisted Cabrini Green Legal Aid clients with intake and by working at the CGLA expungement help desk.

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Summer associates in all Winston offices participated in an Innocence Project, reviewing and deconstructing the case files of the 143 known DNA exonorees nationwide. This information will create an internet accessible database for researchers and public policy persons. Winston attorneys will help in the analysis and write-up of this information.