

CLEARY GOTTlieb

Pro Bono in London



2017 in Review





**Best Pro Bono Contribution by
an International Firm**
LawWorks Awards, 2017



**Arctic Challenge for the
National Literacy Trust**



**City of London Law Society Wig
and Pen Prize 2017**
Guy MacInnes-Manby, Associate

20+ Hours

of legal pro bono work
per London lawyer



500+ Hours

of additional volunteering
and CSR among legal and
professional staff



£75k+

fundraised for our core
charity partners

City Giving Day 2017

In September 2017, Cleary Gottlieb participated in the Lord Mayor of the City of London's City Giving Day, a day celebrating CSR and philanthropy across the city. Our London office hosted an Employability Skills Day for individuals with learning disabilities in partnership with Mencap, which involved communication skills training, CV workshops and interview practice. In addition, five of our lawyers represented the firm at the first annual "Tour de City," a competitive cycle challenge to raise money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Mencap is one of our core charity partners in London. Cleary supports Mencap's work in breaking down barriers to employment and apprenticeships. In recent years, our London office has hosted individuals from Mencap for a programme of work experience at the firm.



“Cleary is committed to helping redress the balance for individuals and organisations in need. As a large law firm, and one that cares, we have the benefit of wide-ranging resources together with the capacity and willingness to work on complicated and groundbreaking pro bono matters.”

Raj Panasar

Partner and Chair, European Pro Bono Committee



Cleary's "Tour de City" cycling team

“I have always felt encouraged and supported to take on pro bono matters as part of my practice at Cleary. It's been a privilege to be able to incorporate advising at Toynbee Hall's Free Legal Advice Centre into my working week.”

Natalie Farmer

Associate, London

Global Impact

Our London office has been working with The International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) since early 2016. IRAP assists some of the world's most vulnerable refugees, many of whom have fled their homes due to a fear of arrest based on a protected characteristic. Cleary's work with IRAP involves representing individuals in their applications to the United National High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for legal refugee status and, in some cases, resettlement to third countries where they can live without such fear.

Over **1,200** hours of lawyers' time were dedicated to IRAP matters in 2017. Lawyers from London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, and Abu Dhabi collaborate on IRAP cases. Our partners at IRAP also joined us for the London Legal Walk in May 2017, a sponsored annual walk in support of access to justice in the UK.

Teams in London, New York and Washington also worked on a death penalty resentencing project in Malawi, following a decision by the Malawi High Court holding the mandatory death penalty unconstitutional. This project was recognised as the 2017 Global Pro Bono Dispute of the Year by *The American Lawyer*.

Lawyers in London and Paris also assisted with a multi-jurisdictional research project for 28 Too Many, a UK-based charity that aims to eradicate female genital mutilation/cutting in the 28 countries in Africa where it is practised. The results of their research will be published in a report later in 2018, covering the law and FGM practices across these countries.

Our European lawyers also drafted a memorandum for The Public International Law & Policy Group on pre-trial detention practices in Tanzania and Zanzibar.



1,200+
Hours

**dedicated to IRAP
matters in 2017**



14

**active IRAP cases
in 2016-17**



Cleary team and representatives from IRAP at the LLST London Legal Walk

“Cleary’s collaboration with IRAP has been invaluable for our organisation and for the vulnerable refugees that the firm has represented. Without the advocacy of Cleary’s lawyers, refugees would face the insurmountable challenge of navigating the UNHCR resettlement process alone in their journey to reach safety.”

Wendy Fu

Pro Bono Coordinator, International Refugee Assistance Project

Toynbee Hall Free Legal Advice Clinic

Toynbee Hall's women-only legal advice clinic provides a safe environment for women across London to seek legal assistance dealing with issues ranging from housing law to domestic violence. Since funding the reinstatement of the clinic in 2015, over 30 female lawyers in London have volunteered with the service regularly on Saturday mornings, while London's professional staff also provides administrative assistance to the clinic.



In 2017, our London office took part in various fundraising activities for Toynbee Hall, including alumni events, the LLST London Legal Walk, and the Victoria Park Run in December. Altogether, we raised over £7,000 for Toynbee Hall.



“Our teams work across borders and represent clients both abroad and domestically, which reflects the firm’s global outlook. The pro bono initiatives we work on in London are diverse, focus on the most pressing needs of the communities we serve, and are led by lawyers who are dedicated to the work they do and the people they represent.”

Chris Moore

Partner and Co-Chair, London Pro Bono Committee



Cleary runs for Toynbee Hall

“Cleary Gottlieb’s support in enabling us to establish and staff this clinic has meant we can be truly responsive to an area of real need in our community.”

Phoebe Walker

Relationships Manager, Toynbee Hall

Further Pro Bono and Community Work

Cleary lawyers provided legal advice to the following charities:

- **Heath Hands**, a charity organising volunteer work on Hampstead Heath and the Kenwood estate, operating in partnership with the City of London Corporation and English Heritage.
- **The Fore**, an organisation matching the skills and resources of the business community with social entrepreneurs and charities across the UK.



We braved the Arctic cold to raise funds:

A particularly intrepid Cleary team travelled to the Arctic Circle in December 2017 to take part in the National Literacy Trust's Arctic Challenge. The event raised nearly £75,000 for the National Literacy Trust, one of our core charity partners in London. The funds will help the National Literacy Trust continue its work to improve literacy levels in schools across the UK.



Our team mentored students and supported school projects:

- A team of professional support staff and lawyers took part in the **National Literacy Trust's "Words for Work" programme** in May 2017, teaching communication and employability skills at the Notre Dame School in Southwark.
- A team of lawyers took part in the Citizenship Foundation's **Lawyers in Schools** scheme in 2017, teaching the legal aspects of citizenship to students at Swanlea School in Tower Hamlets.
- The London office held its annual **Mentoring Open Day** in February 2017 for sixth-form students at three London schools.
- The London office took part in the **City Solicitors' Horizons** mentoring project, mentoring six first-year university students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and inviting them for a week-long work placement at the firm in August 2017.



Cleary participating in a "Words for Work" open day



Cleary team completing the Arctic Challenge

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