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**PRO BONO PRACTICE
HIGHLIGHTS**



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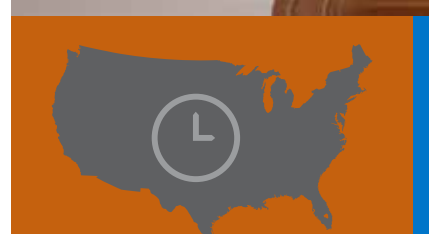
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51K+ Hours
in US Offices on Pro Bono Work



“The wonderful thing about my job is the enthusiasm for pro bono work at every level of seniority. Whether it is helping nonprofits launch, or representing asylees and trafficking victims, or assisting low-income New Yorkers keep their homes, Cleary lawyers bring a sense of purpose and conviction to their pro bono efforts. Our enthusiasm for pro bono is deeply infused in Cleary’s culture, reflecting our long standing philosophy on pro bono work – it’s a privilege to practice law and a duty to give back to the community.”

Jennifer L. Kroman, Director of Pro Bono Practice



85%
of Summer
Associates Worked
on Pro Bono Matters

471
Pro Bono Clients
Served Worldwide

106
New Pro Bono
Clients Worldwide



80%
of Attorneys Worked
on Pro Bono Matters
in US Offices



90K+
Hours
on Pro Bono & Public
Service Worldwide

Cleary's pro bono practice matches the needs of our communities with our lawyers' skills and interests. The following are just a few highlights from the past year:

Human Trafficking

We logged over **4,000** hours assisting **40+** trafficking survivors in 2014.

- Secured immigration relief and reunited trafficked women with their children
- Vacated prostitution convictions for **22** U.S. and international trafficking survivors
- Challenged SSI denials and adverse employment actions
- Trafficking work was recognized in 2014 by *The Financial Times* in its "**Most Innovative North American Law Firms: Pro Bono Cases**" report, and Cleary's Director of Pro Bono Practice, Jennifer L. Kroman, was recognized by the *New York Law Journal* as a "**Lawyer Who Leads By Example**" for her unwavering commitment to assisting trafficking victims

Veterans

From staffing clinics to taking on individual veteran cases, Cleary has long been committed to assisting those who serve our country. In 2014, we successfully concluded our six-year fight for Mr. A, a Vietnam veteran seeking recognition that his PTSD was connected to his combat experiences for purposes of disability benefits.

"There are almost 300,000 veterans living in New York City, including those who returned home with mental and physical disabilities. We help our wounded warriors submit accurate claims, potentially eliminating the stress experienced by veterans and their families from long delays when they are unable to bring in any income. As our troops come home from Iraq and Afghanistan, the need will be even greater."

Andrew Weaver, Supervisor of Veterans Project

Criminal Defense

Our lawyers work in all courts – at all phases of the criminal justice system – to represent individual defendants. In 2014, we also focused on systemic changes in the sentencing of juveniles to life without the possibility of parole and speedy trial issues in the Bronx.

"After seven long years, we convinced the New York Court of Appeals to order an evidentiary hearing for our pro bono client, Mr. J, whose criminal convictions were based upon a single unreliable eyewitness. Newly discovered DNA evidence called into serious question his guilt. Unfortunately, the trial court summarily dismissed our motion for post-conviction relief without a hearing, and the Appellate Term affirmed. In December 2014, however, a unanimous Court remanded the case back to the New York Supreme Court for a hearing. It was a victory for Mr. J and a much broader win for all criminal defendants because the Court of Appeals overruled its own 40-year old precedent of prohibiting their review of lower courts' summary denial of a defendant's motion to vacate based on newly discovered evidence."

Breon S. Peace, Partner

Immigration

We have secured immigration relief for hundreds of clients. 2014 highlights include:

- **85+** active cases
- **12,000+** hours assisting immigrants seeking varied forms of relief including:
 - Asylum
 - Cancellation of Removal
 - T and U Visas
 - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Nonprofits and Economic Empowerment

We assist new and existing nonprofits with a wide variety of legal needs, including incorporation and tax exemption, fiscal sponsorship, mergers, governance, employment matters and contract advice.

“Working with Pro Mujer is one of those fantastic opportunities that doesn’t often come along: combining Cleary’s focus on Latin America with our work in finance and our concern for women’s issues on a global basis. We have assisted Pro Mujer in raising financing for its activities, as well as expanding its lending base. Microfinance is such an important aspect of development in Latin America, and by focusing on loans to businesses run by women, Pro Mujer has developed an impressive business model. It has been fun and rewarding to work with them.”

Francesca L. Odell, Partner

LGBTQ Rights

Cleary has a long history of working to eradicate discrimination against LGBTQ individuals. We have **submitted a number of amicus curiae briefs to courts in support of LGBT clients and organizations**, including on behalf of the American Sociological Association in the **Supreme Court Defense of Marriage Act** cases. The amicus briefs argue that children fare just as well with same- sex parents, debunking the specious research to the contrary.

Notably, working with the Southern Poverty Law Center and Lite De Palma Greenberg LLC, we obtained an important decision on behalf of plaintiffs in a **first-of-its-kind lawsuit against New Jersey providers of “conversion therapy”** for fraudulently claiming that their services can change clients from gay to straight. In January 2015, a New Jersey Superior Court judge granted partial summary judgment for our clients. The ruling marked the **first time a court in the United States has found that homosexuality is not a disease or a disorder. Soon after, President Obama called for an end to conversion therapy.** The case is set for trial in 2015.



Cleary Gottlieb partner **James L. Bromley** speaks at a press conference about the conversion therapy suit, with **Christine Sun** of the American Civil Liberties Union (formerly of the Southern Poverty Law Center) and **Sam Wolfe** of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Courtesy of Southern Poverty Law Center

Global Reach

With 16 offices on four continents working seamlessly as one law firm, Cleary has the ability to serve pro bono clients almost anywhere in the world. Whether it's furthering the cause of democracy, helping establish satellite offices for nonprofits, ensuring safe communities for citizens or advising NGOs, Cleary takes pro bono matters that enable us to have a large global impact.

Externships

Testament to the firm's deep-rooted commitment to pro bono, Cleary became the **first law firm to provide public interest law externships in 1968** and has continued to do so for over 45 years. We sponsor two public interest externship programs, whereby on a rotating basis firm associates are placed for four months in a full-time position at one of two legal New York City service organizations (**MFY Legal Services** and **Lawyers Alliance for New York**). The outgoing Cleary externs pass their cases to the incoming externs after each rotation, providing year-round, full-time support to each organization.

Educational Pipeline Initiatives

Each year, administrative staff, paralegals and lawyers from our New York, Washington and London offices participate in public service initiatives aimed at facilitating the pursuit of higher education and promoting leadership, engagement and skills development among the youth in these communities.

- **Lawyers in Schools Program:** London office six-week legal skills curriculum for 13-14 year old pupils
- **Legal Outreach Summer Internship:** New York office full-time, week-long mock transactional and litigation exercise
- **McKinley Tech High School Partnership:** Multi-program Washington office mentoring and college advising initiative
- **Sadie Nash Leadership Project:** New York office mock trial workshop
- **Washington Irving High School Partnership:** Multi-program New York office mentoring and college advising partnership

2014 Honors

Best International Firm for Pro Bono Work

Americas Women in Law Business Awards

Honored for Pro Bono Work on Behalf of Domestic Violence Victims

DV LEAP

Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program Pro Bono Award

Harvard Law School

Pro Bono Publico and Public Service Law Firm Award

The Legal Aid Society

Pro Bono Leadership Award

Legal Services NYC

Above & Beyond Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy

Sanctuary for Families

Outstanding Achievement for School Partnership Program

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

Select 2014 Legal Service Partner Organizations

- The Bronx Defenders
- Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth
- Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice
- DC Bar Pro Bono Program
- The Door
- DV LEAP
- Her Justice
- Human Rights First
- Immigration Equality
- Iraqi Refugee Assistance Program
- LatinoJustice
- LawWorks for Community Groups
- Lawyers Alliance for New York
- The Legal Aid Society
- Legal Services New York City
- MFY Legal Services
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- Office of the Appellate Defender
- Public International Law & Policy Group
- Safe Horizon
- Sanctuary for Families
- Start Small Think Big
- Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund
- Urban Justice Center
- Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Volunteers of Legal Service

Events

Each year, Cleary hosts a range of pro bono programs. Highlights from 2014 include our annual appreciation event featuring keynote speaker, firm alumna and Single Stop USA CEO Elisabeth Mason (below left); a breakfast with the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth focusing on their initiative to end juvenile life sentences without parole (center); an office-wide attorney lunch discussion featuring select pro bono clients (right); and a screening of the critically acclaimed independent film, *Dancing in Jaffa*, a documentary about how dance can overcome political and cultural differences in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. A team of New York lawyers provided pro bono advice to the film's producers.





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