

CLEARY GOTTlieb

Pro Bono Practice



2015 Pro Bono Firm of the Year

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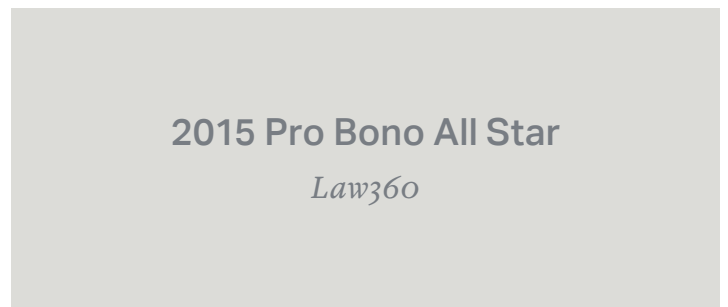
2015

63K+
Hours

in U.S. Offices on
Pro Bono Work

2015 Pro Bono All Star

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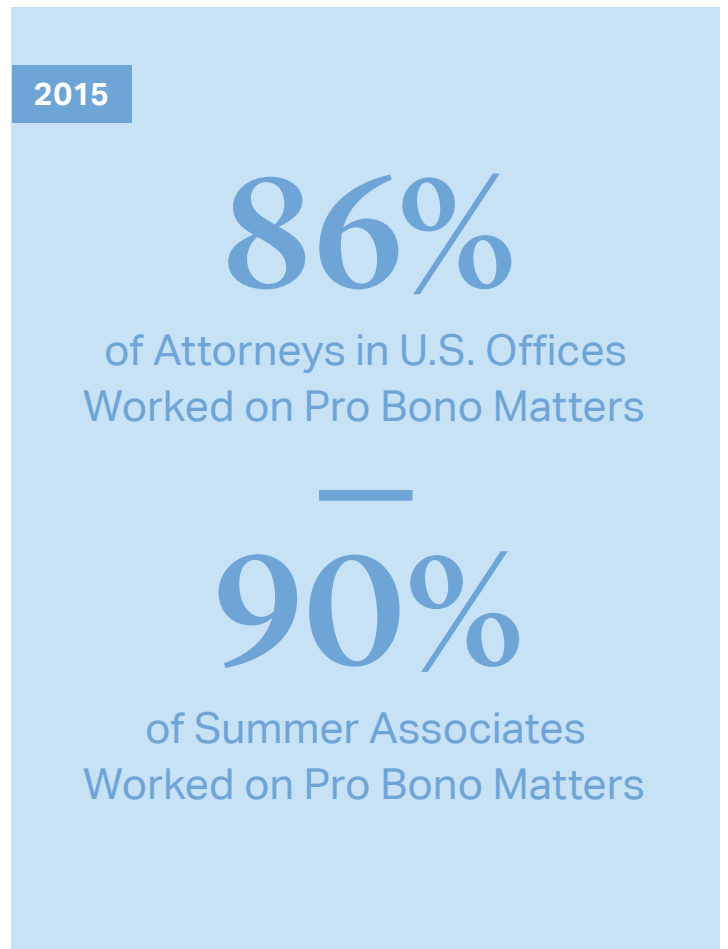
2015

86%

of Attorneys in U.S. Offices
Worked on Pro Bono Matters

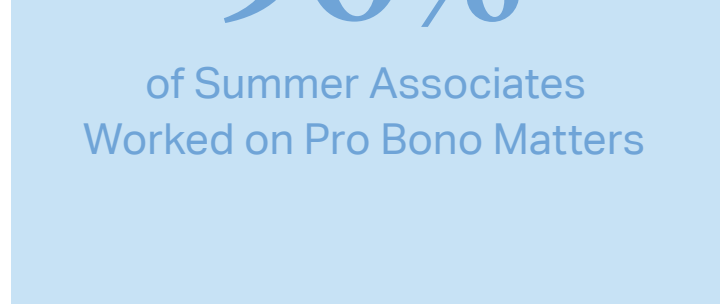
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90%

of Summer Associates
Worked on Pro Bono Matters



2015 Pro Bono Leadership Award

Legal Services NYC





“Cleary’s lawyers reunite asylees with their families, free trafficking victims from the burden of criminal records, save apartments for low-income New Yorkers, and help launch dozens of nonprofits and small businesses. To see the difference that our lawyers make in the lives of the most vulnerable in our society is truly a privilege.”

Jennifer L. Kroman,
Director of Pro Bono Practice

2015

500+

Pro Bono Clients Served Worldwide

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145+

New Pro Bono Clients Worldwide

Promoting Justice

Human Trafficking

4,000+ hours serving dozens of trafficking survivors

Secured immigration relief and reunited trafficked women with their children

Vacated prostitution convictions for 24 survivors of sex trafficking

2015 Abely Pro Bono Leadership Award
Recognizing Jennifer Kroman

Sanctuary for Families

2015 Above & Beyond Award

Sanctuary for Families



“[I wanted] that stigma off of me. I wasn’t consciously walking around every day thinking ‘I have a criminal record,’ but I knew it was there.

Also...I want other people to know about this, especially younger women that are working, or who want to get a passport, or get any other kind of governmental opportunity. It doesn’t just affect jobs, it affects your life in so many other areas.”

BA, successfully vacated numerous prostitution convictions from the 1970s



Justice in Our Courts

“When I started working with the Bronx Defenders, we sought to challenge the NYPD’s stop-and-frisk program. What we uncovered were endless delays in the Bronx Criminal Courts for our clients charged with low-level misdemeanors. Recently we’ve begun to tackle the problem of trial delay at the appellate level. Working with the Bronx Defenders and litigating cases on speedy trial grounds has been one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had as a Cleary lawyer.”

Darryl G. Stein,
Litigation Associate



**The Bronx
Defenders**

**Redefining
public
defense.**

the CAMPAIGN *for the* FAIR
SENTENCING *of* YOUTH 

Promoting Justice

“Cleary has a long history of LGBTQ pro bono work, and our consumer fraud lawsuit against JONAH, a ‘conversion therapy’ business that claimed it could change our clients from gay to straight, didn’t just represent a huge victory for our clients, but for LGBTQ rights in the U.S.

Not only did the jury unanimously conclude that conversion therapy is a sham, but the court also held prior to the jury trial, for the first time on record, that homosexuality is neither a disease nor a disorder. Seeing our legal system advance civil rights issues in this way made me remember why I became a lawyer.”

James L. Bromley, Partner,
Global Restructuring and Insolvency



Civil Rights

Rikers Island Sexual Abuse Litigation

Cleary represents clients in a Section 1983 suit against NYC and a corrections officer at Rikers alleging repeated rape and sexual abuse, facilitated by a series of practices that fail to adequately protect women detained by the City. In addition to seeking damages for the named plaintiffs, the action also aims to eradicate the pervasive culture of sexual abuse in the jail.

“The most important contribution to the trial effort was the strength and expertise of the full slate of Cleary lawyers, who worked tirelessly for weeks to secure our trial victory [against JONAH] and to tell our clients’ stories with passion and truth.”

David Dinielli, Deputy Legal Director,
Southern Poverty Law Center
Co-counsel, Conversion Therapy
Consumer Fraud Lawsuit

Civil Rights

25,000+ hours litigating civil rights matters

Protected the rights of **incarcerated individuals**

Secured legal name changes for **transgender individuals**

Successfully settled lawsuits on behalf of **immigrants** who were mistreated by the U.S. government



“Cleary’s client was a prisoner in Suffolk County who was assaulted by corrections officers and was then placed and kept on suicide watch as punishment. The jury found that a corrections officer and the county had violated our client’s Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights. We achieved a victory for our client, ensured that justice was served, and I became a better lawyer and advocate for my client in the process.”

Diarra M. Guthrie,
Litigation Associate



Promoting Empowerment

Immigrants

85 active cases

11,000+ hours assisting immigrants seeking varied forms of relief, including:

- Asylum
- Cancellation of removal
- T and U visas
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Adjustment of Status

2015 CAP Leadership Award

LatinoJustice

2015 Pro Bono Publico Award

Legal Aid Society

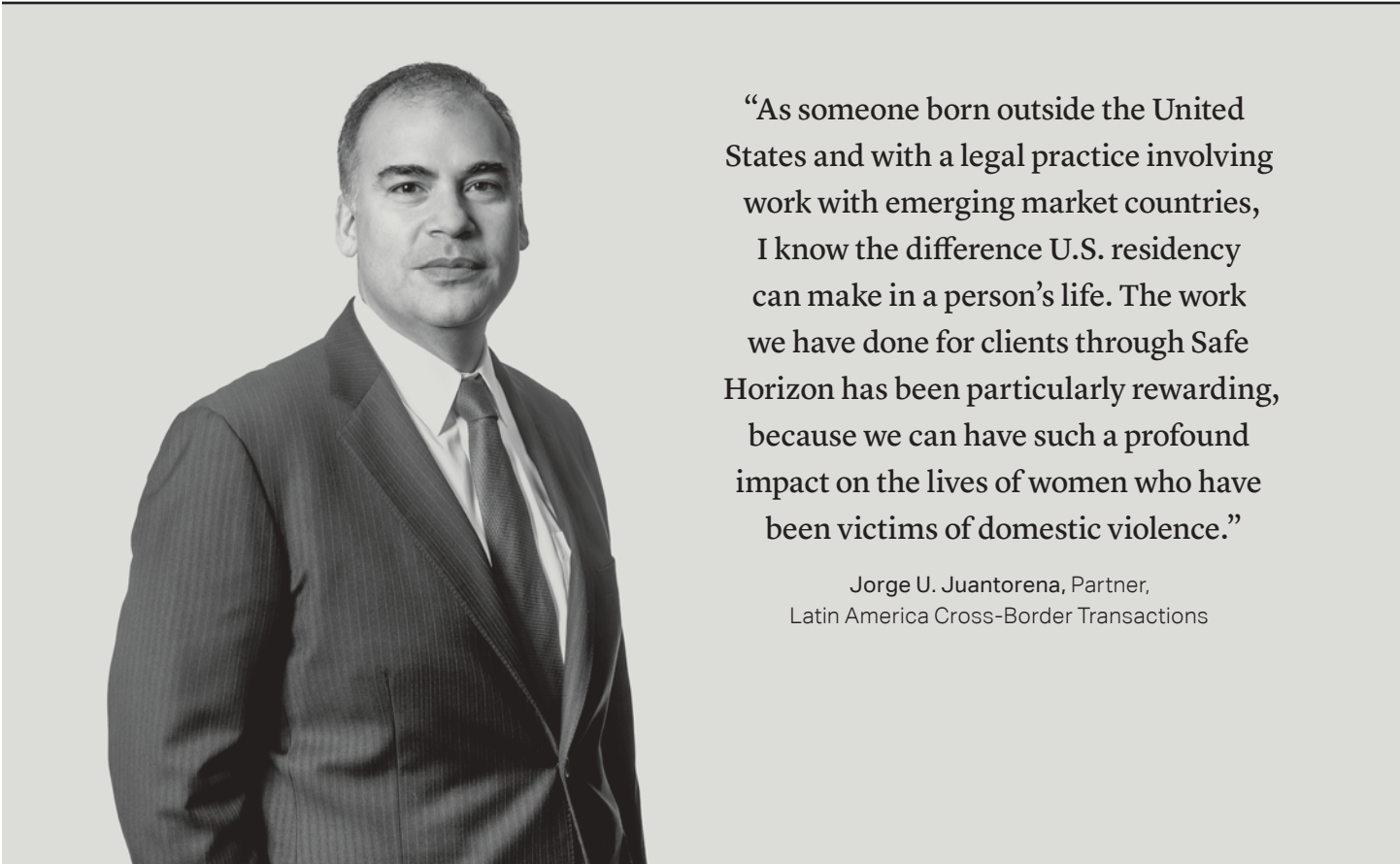


IMMIGRATION EQUALITY



“It was emotional seeing [my children] at the airport. Last time I saw my daughter, she was so small and all I had all these years were just pictures. I am so happy that the [Cleary lawyers] were able to bring us together.”

SR, after over 10 years and three appeals to get asylum for SR and his two children, the family was successfully reunited



“As someone born outside the United States and with a legal practice involving work with emerging market countries, I know the difference U.S. residency can make in a person’s life. The work we have done for clients through Safe Horizon has been particularly rewarding, because we can have such a profound impact on the lives of women who have been victims of domestic violence.”

Jorge U. Juantorena, Partner,
Latin America Cross-Border Transactions

Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth

As the violent climate in Central America continued to grow in 2015, dozens of Cleary Gottlieb lawyers assisted unaccompanied minors who came to the U.S. alone and in need of counsel in Immigration Court. Not only did we help screen clients for immigration relief eligibility, but we also represented children in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and asylum cases to assure stability as they pursue educational and employment opportunities in the U.S.



Promoting Empowerment



“Working with Pro Mujer is one of those fantastic opportunities that doesn’t often come along. It combines our focus on Latin America with our work in finance and our concern for women’s issues. We have assisted Pro Mujer in raising financing for its activities, as well as expanding its lending base for loans to businesses run by women. It has been fun and rewarding to work with them.”

Francesca L. Odell, Partner,
Latin America Cross-Border Transactions

Nonprofits & Economic Empowerment

100+ nonprofits served

30+ micro-entrepreneurs, social enterprises and micro-finance organizations served

Provided a wide variety of legal assistance:

- Formation
- Tax exemption
- Real estate
- Employment
- Contract advice
- Mergers
- Governance

NYLPI

start small **THINK** BIG

Helping communities thrive one entrepreneur at a time.



Global Impact

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. In 2015, Cleary lawyers logged thousands of hours:

- Furthering the cause of democracy around the world
- Helping establish satellite offices for human rights and environmental organizations
- Advising global NGOs on peace initiatives and women's rights issues



“Cleary’s pro bono practice extends over a wide variety of practice areas, and it involves lawyers from all Cleary offices worldwide. I had the opportunity to lead a big research project on environmental protection during and after armed conflicts, and to work with a team assisting a transgender man in his discrimination lawsuit against the City of New York. I was able to keep actively working on both projects even when I moved from New York to Paris.”

Arnaldo Bernardi, Domestic & International
Litigation & Arbitration Associate



Promoting Meaningful Partnerships

Externships

Since 1968, Cleary has sponsored 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 New York City legal service organizations (MFY Legal Services and Lawyers Alliance for New York).

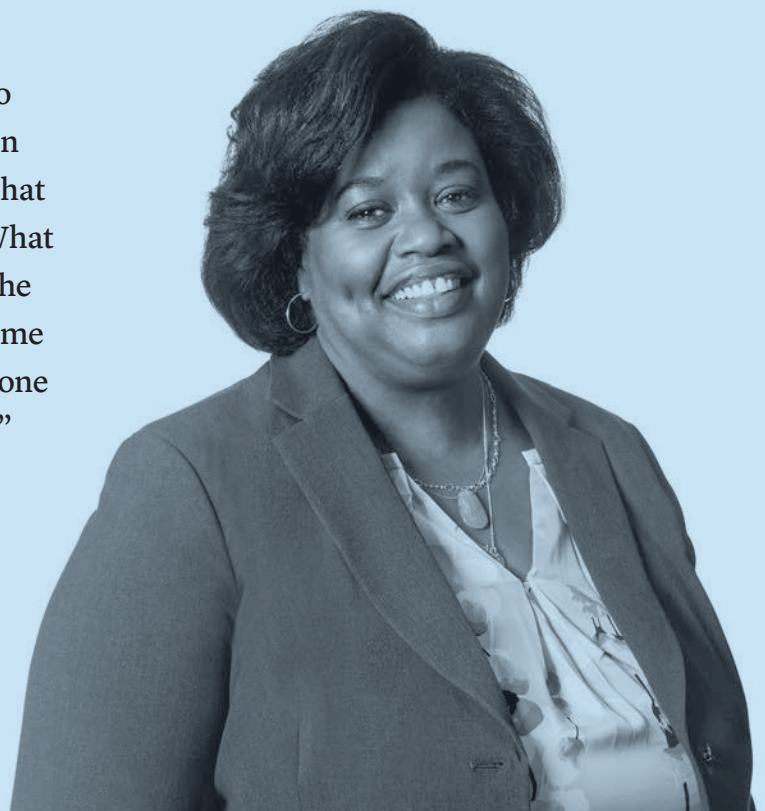


Lawyers Alliance
for New York

Connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities

“I knew going into my externship with Lawyers Alliance that I would be able to sharpen my negotiation, communication and advocacy skills—transferrable skills that made me a better lawyer in my practice. What I did not have a full appreciation of was the extreme gratification I would feel every time we helped one of our nonprofit clients get one step closer to advancing their mission.”

Kimberly Brown Blacklow, Partner,
Real Estate & Structured Finance



Promoting Education

Washington Irving Campus Partnership Program

Clear staff and lawyers partner with under-resourced public high schools housed in the Washington Irving Campus to provide academic support, professional skill development and cultural enrichment opportunities.

Mentoring: Mentors serve as role models, advisors and tutors to students

College Advising: Help students with college applications, financial aid and college readiness

SAT Tutoring: Fall and spring classes

Mock Trial: Prepare students for state-wide high school competition

“Having people help me out so much with the college process in such a consistent way was really one of the best things that came out of the program.”

Sobieda Peralta,
Washington Irving High School '11,
Northwestern '15



CGSH
**WASHINGTON
IRVING CAMPUS**

2015

250+

Volunteers

—
300+

Students

Promoting Education



Educational Pipeline Initiatives

Legal Outreach (New York): Cleary annually hosts a select group of student interns in the Legal Outreach program for a week of legal research, contract negotiation, brief-writing and litigation training.

- 90+ attorney, summer associate and paralegal volunteers
- 16 student interns

McKinley Technical High School Mentorship and Street Law Program (Washington, D.C.): Over a dozen attorneys provide weekly mentoring and college application assistance to public high school students.

London Twinning Mentoring: Partnership with the Swanlea School designed to increase awareness and understanding of the law for youth in underserved communities.

- 6 interactive sessions (including police powers, human rights, applying the law)
- 12 volunteers
- 41 students

Outstanding Achievement for School Partnership Program

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

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