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Welcome

In 2012, Cleary Gottlieb committed time, expertise, and dedication to changing the lives and communities of our pro bono clients. In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, we logged nearly 1,000 pro bono hours, counseling small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals affected by the storm. Earlier this year, we celebrated the freedom of our client Ndume Olatushani, who was released from prison after 15 years of pro bono advocacy. In September, our client AN, an asylee from Cameroon, was finally able to reunite with her children after years of separation because Cleary Gottlieb attorneys helped them secure derivative asylum. Throughout the year, we worked to vacate the prostitution convictions of sex trafficking victims so they could move forward with their lives, and helped transgender individuals secure official name changes to conform their legal identities to their personal identities.

As a firm, we contributed more than 90,000 hours throughout the year to pro bono and public service projects globally. In the following pages you will learn more about the ways we helped to change the lives and communities of our pro bono clients in 2012.

“Cleary Gottlieb’s pro bono practice is as wide-ranging and diverse as the interests of our lawyers. We very much value their contributions to our community and to our ethical responsibilities as a profession, and we are proud to support both our institutional partnerships and individual initiatives.”

Paul Marquardt, Chair, Washington, DC Pro Bono Committee

“Our grass-roots, associate-driven approach to our pro bono practice provides our lawyers the opportunity to give back to their communities while gaining critical professional experience.”

Kimberly B. Blacklow, Chair, New York Pro Bono Committee

Immigrants

Cleary Gottlieb has a long-standing and vibrant pro bono immigration practice. Our work in this area continued to thrive in 2012 as we vindicated the rights of immigrants through litigation and secured immigration status for our individual clients.

New Haven Immigration Raids

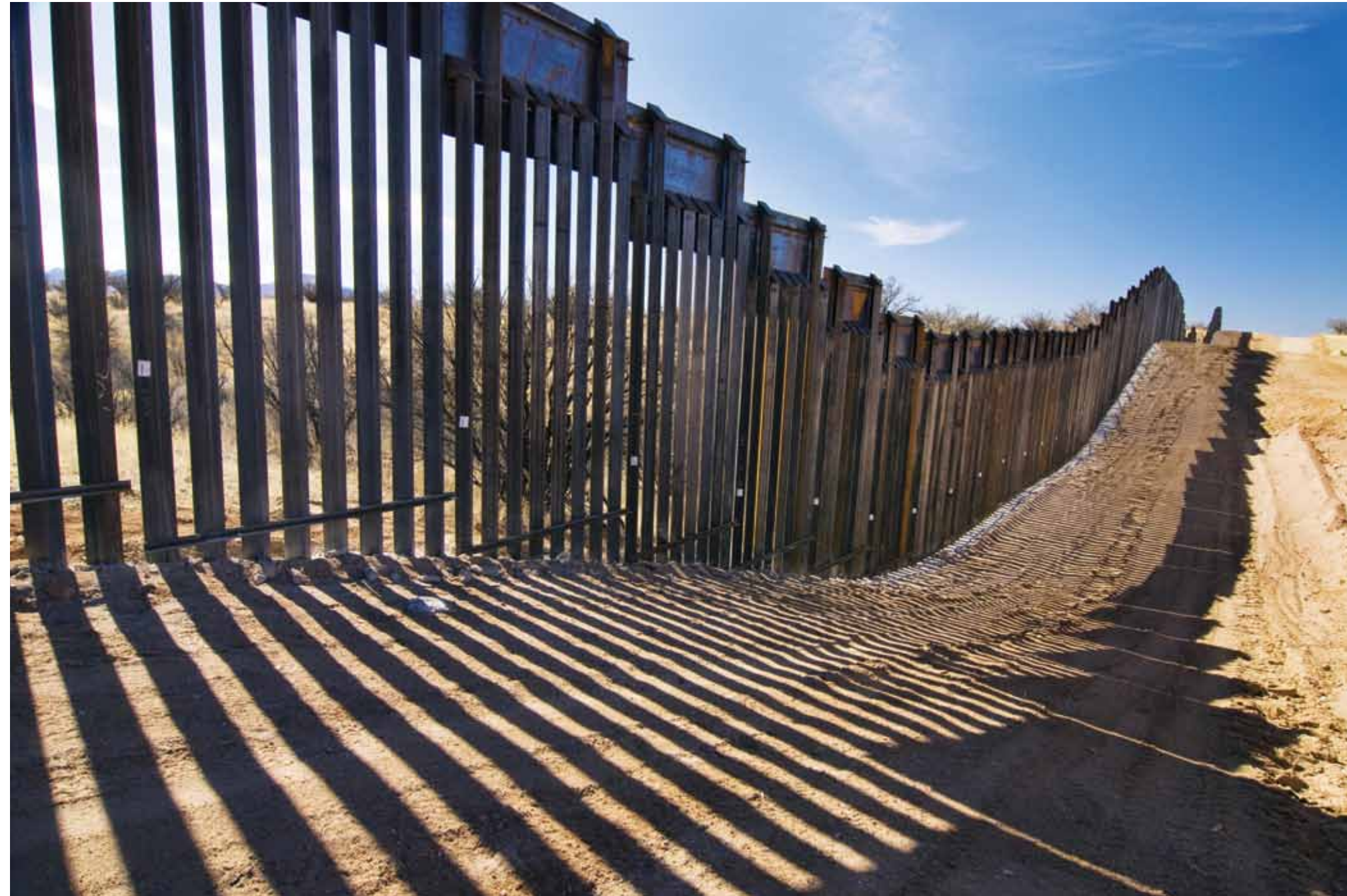
In the early morning hours of June 6, 2007, approximately 20 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, together with other federal, state, and local officers, entered homes without warrants or consent in Fair Haven, a predominantly Latino neighborhood in New Haven, Connecticut. Agents illegally seized and arrested over 30 residents.

Cleary Gottlieb, together with the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic at Yale Law School, represented 11 plaintiffs in a pro bono civil rights action filed in the District Court of Connecticut alleging violations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments and Federal Tort Claims Act.

The plaintiffs announced in early 2012 an unprecedented settlement, which appears to be the largest monetary settlement ever paid by the United States government in a suit over residential immigration raids, and the first to include both financial compensation and immigration relief.

Cleary Gottlieb Files Suit on Behalf of Teenager Exploited by ICE

Also this year, we filed suit in federal district court in Arizona on behalf of Jane Doe, a teenage Guatemalan girl. The suit alleges that border patrol officers unlawfully coerced Doe into acting as bait in a sting operation against human smugglers resulting in a car chase by police and physical injuries to Doe. The complaint alleges that the agents refused to take Doe to the hospital and instead arrested her after the sting. Doe seeks damages for negligence, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Fifth and Eighth Amendments.





“For asylum-seekers who risk persecution if returned to their home country, finding high-quality representation can be a matter of life or death. Yet many wind up navigating immigration court on their own, drastically reducing their likelihood of success. Cleary Gottlieb and ARP provide critical intervention by helping screen potential asylum-seekers currently in removal and matching them with pro bono counsel.”

Kelly Engel Wells, Associate

Immigrants

Supreme Court Amicus on Arizona Immigration Law

Cleary Gottlieb authored and submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court on behalf of former Arizona Attorneys General Terry Goddard and Grant Woods and a bipartisan group of 42 other former Attorneys General in support of the United States position in its suit against Arizona's immigration law, S.B. 1070. This law made it a state misdemeanor for an alien to be in Arizona without carrying required government documents. On June 25, 2012, the Supreme Court struck down three of four provisions of S.B. 1070 on federal preemption grounds. In discussing the law's fourth provision, Justice Anthony Kennedy cited the Attorney Generals' brief for the concern expressed that the provision could be read to require that state officers indefinitely detain individuals solely to confirm their immigration status.

Asylum Representation Project and Other Individual Cases

Cleary Gottlieb is a founding member of the Asylum Representation Project (ARP), a program sponsored by the independent advocacy nonprofit Human Rights First and the Leon Levy Fellowship. Firm associates, working with Human Rights First, interview potential asylum-seekers at Immigration Court with the goal of matching them with pro bono attorneys. In 2012, Cleary Gottlieb took five new asylum cases for individuals in removal proceedings and nine additional affirmative asylum cases for clients from countries all over the globe, including Peru, Togo, and Tibet.

In addition to our asylum work, Cleary Gottlieb:

- Helped secure humanitarian parole for a client held against her will in another country by family who wanted to force her into an arranged marriage; and
- Partnered with Harvard Law School and Iraqi Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP) to assist refugees from the Middle East with resettlement. To date, the firm has assisted nine people with resettlement through IRAP.

The Homeless

The homeless are among the most disempowered groups in America. This year, Cleary Gottlieb worked to advocate on their behalf.

Law Suit Filed with The Legal Aid Society

Together with The Legal Aid Society, Cleary Gottlieb brought a lawsuit in late 2012 against the City of New York challenging its determination of eligibility for homeless families. We are eager to litigate this important case in 2013.

Washington, DC Homeless Litigation

The firm continued its work to stop eviction companies in the DC area from paying their homeless employees less than minimum wage. Cleary Gottlieb is litigating a class action suit on behalf of the employees against six DC-area eviction companies and their principals. The firm has obtained a court order barring the companies from illegally paying rates below the minimum wage and conspiring with each other to suppress wages, and also obtained an unliquidated judgment on liability. Several defendants have settled with the class, accepting the injunction, paying damages, and cooperating in prosecuting the case against the remaining defendants.

HELP Clinic

In 2012, Cleary Gottlieb again participated in the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) clinics. Firm volunteers staffed clinics at Project Renewal, Urban Pathways, and CEO Works in New York City for the month of October, advising the homeless on a range of legal needs, including immigration, criminal law issues, and access to public benefits.



Photos courtesy of Project Renewal



“Thank you all for all of your help. I am so grateful for all the time, effort, and work you all did for me. This would not have happened without all your hard work. I am so thankful to have my record clean, and I hope that all victims like me get the chance to do the same! Thank you again.”

SC, client and sex trafficking survivor

“Thank you guys so much for your help in bringing this case forward. I can’t begin to express the gratitude I feel and of course HOPE!! God Bless!”

MR, client and sex trafficking survivor



Labor Trafficking Team

(l-r): Jessica Källström-Schreckengost, Cyrus Ghavi, Liliane Diaba, Deepa Alagesan, Shira Kaufman

Trafficking Victims

Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers tackled the issues of sex and labor trafficking in 2012 in a variety of ways.

Prostitution Conviction Expungement Project with The Legal Aid Society

Cleary Gottlieb expanded its partnership with The Legal Aid Society to help sex trafficking victims convicted of prostitution petition to have their convictions vacated. This remedy is provided for by a 2010 New York State law and has tremendous impact on the individual's ability to secure a job, housing, education, and better financial opportunities.

The firm successfully vacated the convictions of 3 clients and is currently assisting an additional 12 domestic and foreign sex trafficking victims. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers in Washington, DC are also working on vacating prosecution convictions for a sex trafficking victim in Maryland, which passed a similar state law in 2011.

Immigration Remedies for Trafficking Victims

In 2012, we worked with foreign trafficking victims to help them secure T-Visas, an immigration remedy available for sex and labor trafficking victims. Here are details from several cases:

- JY traveled to the United States from Korea on a tourist visa with men who claimed she would receive job training and skills. Upon arriving, the traffickers took her documentation, held her hostage, and forced her into prostitution in the massage-parlor industry. Cleary Gottlieb provided counsel to JY in Korean and helped her secure a T-Visa.
- SM and VG were victims of different Mexican sex trafficking rings. The firm worked on T-Visa applications for both women.
- Cleary Gottlieb represents three women (MA, SL, and RL) who were trafficked into the United States as domestic workers by three diplomats of a small African nation. Once here, MA, SL, and RL were forced to work extraordinarily long hours for little pay and were kept as virtual prisoners in their employers' homes. We secured asylum for MA, which was based, in part, upon her reporting the abuses and being threatened by the government of her home country. We also secured a “green card” for SL following the granting of a T-Visa in 2011. We expect to file a T-Visa application on RL's behalf shortly.



Cleary Gottlieb partner James L. Bromley speaks at a press conference about the conversion therapy suit, with Christine Sun and Sam Wolfe of the SPLC.

Courtesy of Southern Poverty Law Center

Conversion Case

Working with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Lite DePalma Greenberg LLC, Cleary Gottlieb filed a groundbreaking lawsuit against providers of “conversion” therapy. Conversion therapy claims that homosexuality is a disease, that it can be cured, and that conversion therapy is that cure. Cleary Gottlieb represents four young men (and two of their mothers) who paid the defendants for conversion therapy services based on defendants’ false, misleading, and fraudulent claims, including that science showed conversion therapy worked, even though conversion therapy has been rejected by every mainstream mental health association as well as the World Health Organization. The complaint alleges defendants violated New Jersey’s Consumer Fraud Act by claiming they could “cure” clients of being gay.

LGBT

Cleary Gottlieb has a long history of working to eradicate discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, and we continued that tradition in 2012.

Doe v. Jindal

In March, Cleary Gottlieb, working with the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Law Clinic at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, and police misconduct attorney Andrea J. Ritchie, obtained an important victory invalidating as unconstitutional the solicitation provision of Louisiana’s Crime Against Nature by Solicitation (CANS) statute. The suit, filed in the Eastern District of Louisiana, was on behalf of nine anonymous plaintiffs convicted under CANS solely for solicitation of oral or anal sex for a fee. They were required to register as sex offenders under Louisiana’s sex offender registry law, even though individuals convicted for identical conduct under Louisiana’s prostitution statute were not required to register as sex offenders.

In granting the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment, the court agreed with the firm’s argument that the CANS provision violates the Equal Protection Clause under the Fourteenth Amendment because there is no rational basis for treating those convicted under CANS differently from those convicted under the prostitution statute.

Transgender Client Denied Access to Cancer Screenings Secures Insurance Coverage

In April, Cleary Gottlieb, working with the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, secured a favorable settlement for its client Ms. Scott, a transgender woman. Ms. Scott had been denied coverage for a mammogram because of an exclusion in her employer’s insurance policy related to “changing sex or sexual characteristics.” The settlement included reimbursement for the mammogram and changes to the health plan to ensure all transgender individuals can access appropriate care.

Children

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

The Obama administration announced in June 2012 a major change to immigration policy that allows certain young people to apply for protection from deportation, or “deferred action.” Deferred action is granted for a period of two years, can be renewed, and allows recipients to apply for permission to work. While not a permanent solution, this advance is life-changing for many young people who, for the first time, are able to work legally and live without fear of deportation. As soon as the change was announced and throughout the year, Cleary Gottlieb attorneys helped young people complete their applications for deferred action at legal clinics around New York City.

CG Secures Special Education Benefits for Client

In late 2012, Cleary Gottlieb successfully settled a claim brought against the New York City Department of Education (DOE) on behalf of MH, a student with autism, and his parents. In their request for an impartial hearing, MH's parents alleged that the DOE failed to provide their son with a free and appropriate public education as required by state and federal law by failing to offer him a school placement that fit his needs. As a result of the DOE's failure, MH's parents unilaterally placed their son in a private school appropriate to his needs and sought reimbursement from the DOE for the cost of tuition. Rather than proceed to a hearing, the DOE agreed to settle the matter, offering MH's parents full tuition reimbursement for the cost of sending their son to the school of their choice for the upcoming year. MH is now settled at his school and doing well.



Washington Irving High School Model Congress team at the University of Pennsylvania.

“I’ve been involved with Legal Outreach since I was a summer associate. The organization is not only a successful pipeline diversity program but also encourages interest in the legal profession. Lawyers from Cleary Gottlieb and other firms help develop workshops for students, teach valuable writing and legal skills, and often develop longer-term mentoring relationships.”

Francesca L. Odell, Partner



Legal Outreach students in front of the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse.

Children

Washington Irving Campus Partnership

In 1991, Cleary Gottlieb initiated a partnership with Washington Irving High School (WIHS) to assist in revitalizing the perceived failure of the New York City public school system. Since then, the partnership has expanded to include five schools within the Washington Irving campus, allowing the entire firm to participate in community service in an area of dramatic need. Major programs include mentoring students one-on-one, providing college advising and SAT preparation, and sponsoring annual events promoting the academic and cultural talents of students. In 2012, more than 80 lawyers and staff participated in the Washington Irving partnership, helping more than 400 students.

Legal Outreach

Legal Outreach prepares urban youth from underserved communities in New York City to compete at high academic levels by using intensive legal and educational programs as tools for fostering vision, developing skills, enhancing confidence, and facilitating the pursuit of higher education. Each summer, the firm hosts a group of Legal Outreach interns for a week-long mock transactional and litigation exercise. Interns also participate in cultural and educational field trips around the city.

Sadie Nash

Sadie Nash Leadership Project is an organization that promotes leadership and activism among young women. Each year, Cleary Gottlieb hosts a group of young women to participate in a mock trial workshop led by firm attorneys.

Increasing Legal Awareness in London Schools

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers in London work with Citizenship Foundation to provide interactive introductions to the law at Swanlea School in Tower Hamlets, central London. Our lawyers have delivered citizenship lessons in “twinning” sessions on a variety of legal matters, including intellectual property, police powers, and employment law, with a view to improving individuals’ knowledge of legal rights and responsibilities.



Photo by Robin Swartout

Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy devastated many areas of New York City and the tri-state region. Despite the fact that a number of our own lawyers were displaced and our downtown offices were closed for a week, Cleary Gottlieb sprang immediately into action to help fellow New Yorkers. Less than two weeks after the firm reopened following the storm, we were working with Volunteers of Legal Service and NYC Business Solutions to provide a free legal clinic for downtown Manhattan and Brooklyn small businesses affected by Sandy. Cleary Gottlieb identified legal matters relevant to our downtown neighbors, and provided a two-hour training to firm lawyers on landlord-tenant, insurance, employment, contract, and FEMA issues. More than 30 firm lawyers advised 16 businesses at a legal clinic held at our offices.

Additionally, Cleary Gottlieb, in partnership with The Legal Aid Society, committed to staff a weekly clinic for individuals affected by the storm at the Red Hook Restoration Site in Brooklyn. Firm lawyers also provided legal assistance at other venues around the city, offering advice in English, Russian, and Mandarin Chinese.

“At Cleary Gottlieb’s clinic, business owners worn down by waiting in lines at Disaster Recovery Centers and holding endlessly on government phone lines received free, prompt, thorough, and expert legal advice, in person, on matters that were crucial to the survival of their businesses. The care and effort that Cleary Gottlieb’s pro bono team put into organizing this event, despite the disruption Sandy caused to their regular work, was truly inspiring.”

Bill Lienhard, Executive Director, Volunteers of Legal Service



Photo by Anna Maria DiGregorio



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“Working with The Bronx Defenders has been an incredibly rewarding experience. By shadowing arraignments and appearing in court, I got invaluable courtroom exposure. By filing a motion to dismiss, I developed my writing and advocacy skills. By defending cases and securing case dismissals, I helped my clients overcome their legal troubles. The Marijuana Arrest Project was a wonderful project all around.”

Diarra Guthrie, Associate



Bronx Criminal Justice System

Throughout 2011 and 2012, Cleary Gottlieb worked with The Bronx Defenders to address the denial of meaningful access to justice in the Bronx criminal courts for the thousands of people arrested for low-level marijuana possession every year. Cleary Gottlieb and The Bronx Defenders interviewed and represented over 500 clients who were arrested and charged with marijuana possession in the Bronx. 54 “fighter” clients ultimately chose to contest their charges as a way of highlighting the unconstitutional “stop and frisks” leading to their arrests. In April 2013, The Bronx Defenders released a report, *No Day In Court*, concluding that it was almost impossible for any fighter to get his day in Court in the Bronx. Instead, prosecutorial delay, manipulation of the Speedy Trial Act, pressure to plead guilty, and the requirement that the clients be physically present in court for each court date, systematically deprived each fighter of his day in court. We are proud that more than 50 Cleary Gottlieb lawyers and paralegals worked with The Bronx Defenders on this important project.

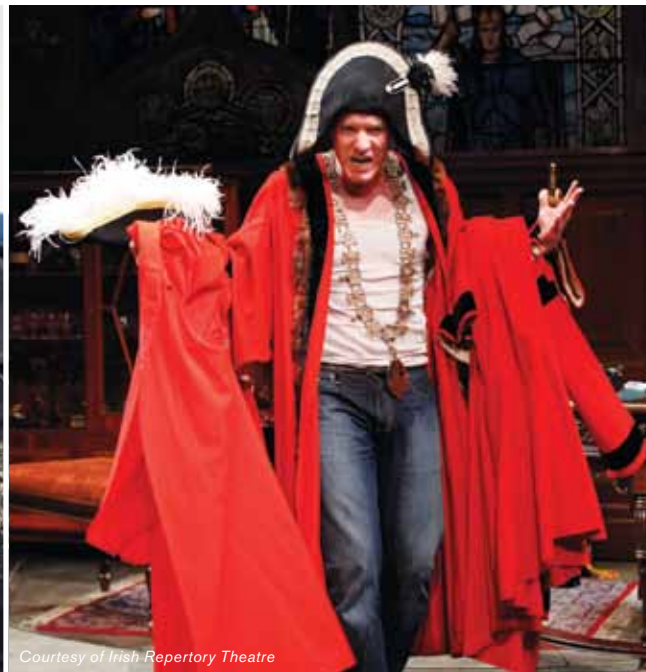


Fighter Case Team

Standing (l-r): Christopher DeNicola, Darryl Stein, Bryan Warner, Matthew Vanek, Jeremy Opolsky
Seated (l-r): Maya Kushmaul (paralegal), Chinyere Ezie, Jesse Sherrett



Courtesy of Single Stop USA



Courtesy of Irish Repertory Theatre



Courtesy of ScriptEd



Photo by Bethany Bandera. Courtesy of SEO Scholars Program



Photo by Benoit Dorchies. Courtesy of Battery Dance Company

Nonprofits

Helping nonprofit organizations that help others is a key part of Cleary Gottlieb's pro bono practice. Firm lawyers assisted nonprofits with a variety of legal matters in 2012, including advice on incorporation, tax exemption, fiscal sponsorship, mergers, dissolution, employment, and real estate.

Selected Nonprofit Clients

- **Battery Dance Company** performs on the world's stages, teaches, presents, and advocates for the field of dance. Battery Dance Company is dedicated to the pursuit of artistic excellence and the availability of the Arts to everyone.
- **The Irish Repertory Theatre** brings works by Irish and Irish-American masters and contemporary playwrights to American audiences.
- **Law Works** is a London-based pro bono charity that aims to provide free legal help to individuals and community groups who cannot attain legal aid.
- **ScriptEd** recruits and trains professionals from the technology industry to provide computer programming instruction to students in high-needs high schools.
- **Single Stop USA** is dedicated to helping low-income families and individuals build economic security. They offer a unique "one-stop" program that combines benefits screening and application assistance with tax preparation, legal assistance, and financial counseling.
- **Sponsors for Educational Opportunity** provides educational and career programs to young people from underserved communities.
- **Trans Bodies, Trans Selves** is an organization that is developing a resource guide for the transgender community covering health, legal issues, cultural and social questions, history, theory, and more.
- **The Wilmington Fund** was created to provide disaster relief to victims of Tropical Storm Irene in Wilmington, Vermont. The Fund provides relief through grants and low-interest loans to business and property owners, undertakes historic preservation efforts, and supports community activities.

Human Rights

Female Genital Mutilation

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) threatens the health and well-being of women around the world. In the United States, many girls and young women are subjected to “vacation cutting” in which they are sent to their families’ native countries and forced to undergo FGM. In 2012, Cleary Gottlieb provided extensive research to Sanctuary for Families used in an important report released in 2013, *Female Genital Mutilation: Protecting Girls and Women in the US from FGM and Vacation Cutting*.

The Public International Law & Policy Group

The Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) is a nonprofit organization that operates as a global pro bono law firm. PILPG has advised more than twenty states and governments on the negotiation and implementation of peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions, including Darfur, Kosovo, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Somaliland, South Sudan, Libya, and Egypt. PILPG has also provided legal assistance to every international criminal tribunal. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers have assisted PILPG and their clients in the Government of South Sudan, the Constituent Assembly of Nepal, key stakeholders working on constitutional reform in Bosnia, and members of the judiciary and government ministries working on justice sector reform in Kosovo. In 2012, the firm advised PILPG clients in Tanzania, Egypt, and Libya on issues ranging from dispute resolution powers of human rights institutions, to electoral management, to governance of foreign direct investment.



Courtesy of PILPG

PILPG Managing Director Jim Hooper in Cairo, Egypt, with a youth protestor.



Courtesy of Pro Mujer

Small Businesses

QEDC Partnership

In partnership with the Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC), Cleary Gottlieb helps small business owners in New York City realize their dreams. QEDC assists its clients with business plans, one-on-one counseling, and workshops, and in 2012, more than 70 firm lawyers provided legal representation to dozens of businesses referred to us by QEDC. Clients included a Queens bakery specializing in St. Louis-style cakes, a wedding photographer, a jewelry import business, and a tutoring company. Our legal assistance includes tax advice, contract negotiation and drafting, business formation, and intellectual property advice. Firm lawyers also conduct workshops on common legal issues facing small businesses, including a workshop conducted entirely in Mandarin for Chinese contractors.

Start Up Lex

A working group from Cleary Gottlieb's Milan and Rome offices has been deeply involved in assisting and advising young entrepreneurs and start-ups in Italy on how they can benefit from "start-up legislation" that was passed at the end of 2012. Similar to the U.S. JOBS Act, this legislation seeks to remove many of the bureaucratic hurdles and tax burdens associated with starting a business in Italy, an effort to spur growth and innovation in the country. The firm's volunteer group has hosted information sessions and maintains a website for young entrepreneurs and business leaders, explaining how they can take advantage of this new legislation.

Pro Mujer

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers in our Buenos Aires, New York, London, and Rome offices continued to provide legal advice in 2012 to Pro Mujer, a client that helps indigent women in Latin America gain economic independence through microfinance, business and empowerment training, preventive health education, and primary healthcare services.

Events

Green Card Stories

Coinciding with the release of the book *Green Card Stories*, Cleary Gottlieb hosted a conversation about the face of immigration and policy reform. This special event featured a panel discussion with immigration attorney and Cornell professor Stephen Yale-Loehr, journalist and *Green Card Stories* author Sandra Amrhein, Fragomen partner Lisa Koenig, and actress and green card holder Farah Bala. Firm associate Alida Lasker moderated the panel.

Ndume Olatushani Visits Cleary Gottlieb

Cleary Gottlieb celebrated its success in representing pro bono client and former Tennessee death-row inmate Ndume Olatushani in July. Mr. Olatushani (formerly Erskine Johnson) was released from jail without conditions after more than 15 years of advocacy by the firm. Cleary Gottlieb took on the case in 1995, and since then more than 25 firm lawyers have dedicated over 15,000 hours to this effort. At the event, lawyers from the team and Mr. Olatushani spoke movingly about the life-changing friendships that formed throughout the years of advocacy.

Pro Bono Appreciation

On April 24, 2012, we celebrated Cleary Gottlieb's 2011 Pro Bono Honor Roll, recognizing lawyers who made a meaningful contribution to pro bono and public service at the firm in 2011. Firm alumna Holly Leicht gave the event's keynote address and described how her pro bono experience at Cleary Gottlieb prepared her for the role of Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks.

Top Left: (l-r) Jennifer L. Kroman, Director of Pro Bono Practice; Anil Kalhan, Professor, Drexel University Law School; and Seth Bornstein, Executive Director, QEDC at the 2012 Pro Bono Appreciation Event. **Top Right:** *Green Card Stories* profilee and actress Farah Bala (photo by Ariana Lindquist). **Bottom Left:** Ndume Olatushani team with Mr. Olatushani. **Bottom Right:** Ndume Olatushani after being released from prison after serving 28 years.





"I was privileged to serve as an extern at MFY Legal Services this past year, where I advocated and litigated on behalf of New Yorkers who otherwise would not have been represented in Housing Court. Not only was this a rewarding professional experience, but it was personally gratifying working with clients who entrusted me with keeping a roof over their heads."

Tamara Britt, Associate

Courtesy of MFY

Externships

As testament to the firm's deep-rooted commitment to its pro bono practice, Cleary Gottlieb became the first law firm to establish public interest externships in 1968 and has continued to do so for more than 40 years. The firm sponsors two externship programs, whereby associates are placed for four-month rotations in a full-time position assisting MFY Legal Services and Lawyers Alliance for New York, two service organizations in New York City. On completing each rotation, lawyers pass their cases to incoming externs, thus providing these organizations with an additional full-time staff lawyer on an ongoing basis.

MFY Legal Services, Inc.

Cleary Gottlieb has sponsored an externship at MFY Legal Services, Inc. since 1969. MFY provides civil legal representation and community education to nearly 5,000 households each year. The organization's effectiveness over the years has been rooted in community participation and its collaborative delivery of services that address the multiple and interrelated problems affecting low-income families and individuals. Approximately 156,000 eligible low-income individuals reside in MFY's Manhattan service areas. Cleary Gottlieb externs work in MFY's housing department and represent indigent New Yorkers in housing court.

Lawyers Alliance for New York

Cleary Gottlieb's externship with Lawyers Alliance provides lawyers with firsthand experience in the world of nonprofit law. Lawyers Alliance is New York City's largest provider of business law services to the nonprofit community and provides pro bono opportunities for law firms and in-house counsel. The firm's externs work with Lawyers Alliance staff to serve thousands of nonprofit clients each year, advising them on corporate structure and governance, tax, real estate, employment, and other business and transactional law issues.

Selected Awards

Pro Bono Firm of the Year

Law 360

Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy

Sanctuary for Families

Sanctuary for Families

Pro Bono Publico Award

The Legal Aid Society

Norman Redlich Award for Advocacy in a Death Penalty Case

City Bar Association

Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

DC Bar Pro Bono Program





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