

2010 Pro Bono Annual Report

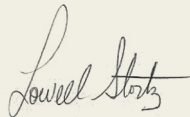
“Thanks for being the voice of the vulnerable in our society. At a time where so many other groups are reducing their services, Leonard, Street and Deinard continues to help our patients. I can say this from the bottom of my heart, without Leonard, Street and Deinard attorneys, our work would not be possible. Thank you for making a difference in people’s lives.” ~ Asiya Ali, Case Manager, Community-University Health Care Center

A Long, Proud Tradition Continues

2010 was “The Year of The Client” for Leonard, Street and Deinard, reflecting the great pride we’ve always taken in our existing client relationships, while confirming our desire to reach out to new clients and affirming our motivation to always meet our clients’ needs. That same pride and commitment applies to our pro bono clients.

Last year, 100% of our associates and 80% of our shareholders participated in pro bono work through the firm’s Legal Clinic, various legal services programs and many nonprofit agencies. Additionally, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association recognized the firm as a “Beacon of Justice” for our work on behalf of immigrants and refugees. In fact, we served individuals from 53 countries through our Legal Clinic last year. There is a Chinese proverb that says

“the one who moves mountains begins by carrying small stones.” For the last 18 years, our attorneys, paralegals and staff have carried over 1,800 stones (cases) on behalf of Legal Clinic clients. This legal advocacy has indeed moved mountains, helping to improve immensely the health and welfare of the patients at the Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC) and residents of the surrounding neighborhood. The Legal Clinic and CUHCC combine to form a legal-medical partnership that we treasure and will continue to support well into the future.



Lowell Stortz, President

2010 Pro Bono by the Numbers

4.2% of total billable hours donated to pro bono matters

Approximately **\$4.3 million** donated in pro bono work (**\$2.8 million** donated through the Legal Clinic alone)

100% of associates at the firm participated in pro bono

80% of shareholders participated in pro bono work

45% of all attorneys donated 50 hours or more to pro bono work

91% of all pro bono work was donated on behalf of those of limited means

73% of the firm’s pro bono work was on litigated matters, with 27% on non-litigated matters

450 matters were handled

201 cases were worked on through the firm’s medical-legal clinic in the Phillips neighborhood

Keith Moheban Honored with HCBA’s Pro Bono *Publico* Award

Shareholder Keith Moheban was selected as the recipient of the Hennepin County Bar Association’s 2010 Pro Bono *Publico* Award, which is given each year to a private practitioner for outstanding pro bono service. Keith was selected for his longstanding representation of Legal Clinic clients and other indigent individuals in our society. Keith co-chaired the firm’s Pro Bono and Legal Clinic committees for over 12 years, continues to serve on the Board of the Fund for the Legal Aid Society and spearheads the firm’s participation in the Equal Justice Works Fellowship program.



NLADA Beacon of Justice Award

Leonard, Street and Deinard received a National Legal Aid and Defender Association Beacon of Justice Award for its representation of vulnerable immigrants. Firm attorneys handled 55 immigration matters in late 2009 and 2010, with the majority coming from the firm's Legal Clinic in the Community-University Health Care Center in the economically disadvantaged Phillips neighborhood in south Minneapolis.

The firm was also recognized for providing pro bono immigration assistance in the areas of asylum, juvenile petitions, family reunification and assistance to victims of domestic violence through the Violence Against Women Act and U-Visa programs.

Exemplary Legal Service: 2010 Honorees



Legal Clinic Volunteer of the Year

Jonathon (J.T.) T. Naples contributed 144 hours of pro bono work in the areas of immigration and Social Security appeals in 2010. J.T. frequently represents immigrants from Cuba who have specialized status and legal problems, and last year worked on four very difficult Social Security hearings.



Outstanding Legal Service to the Indigent

Volha (Olga) A. Andreyeva has been a tireless advocate for recent immigrants, in a number of cases working with immigrants who have had serious mental health challenges. Olga carefully walks her clients through the complex and often difficult next steps of their adjustment and naturalization processes. Her thorough research and effective advocacy have helped clients move forward not only with their immigration status but also with their lives.



Amy Walsh Kern has been a steadfast family law pro bono volunteer since 2000. Last year, Amy helped a client reunite with his daughter by having custody transferred from the county, along with securing sole legal and physical custody for our client. Additionally, Amy volunteers with the Children's Law Center of Minnesota, where she has been assisting a young woman over the last two years with her various foster care legal issues.



Outstanding Pro Bono to the Community

Sandra L. Fussy (St. Cloud Office) and **Gail E. Partlow** (Minneapolis office), paralegals in the firm's Corporate Department, received this award for their efforts on behalf of a local children's charity by providing the necessary corporate filing services needed to operate in all 50 states. Their arduous work involved complying with multiple statutes, following up on filing requirements in each state and delivering on rapid turnaround times.

Community Service

The Jefferson Award for Public Service was given to Leonard, Street and Deinard in 2010. The award is prestigious recognition honoring community and public service in America on a local and national level.

The firm received this award for its long-standing community service programs, including, but not limited to, People Serving People, Hearts and Hammers, Catholic Charities Branch III, the Equal Justice Works Fellowship program and Memorial Blood Bank Blood Drive.



Please note that the results described herein are based on the specific facts and circumstances of the cases described, and there are no assurances that similar results could be obtained given the different facts and circumstances of each matter.

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