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Throughout our history, we have committed ourselves to pro bono work as a way to use our skills as lawyers to help those most in need.

Each year the Firm honors a select group of lawyers for their outstanding pro bono achievements. All of them have applied their legal training and skills to make a difference in individual lives and in the broader global community.

The truest measure of the impact of our pro bono efforts is the gratitude of the people and institutions we help and the rich experience we gain as individuals and as a firm.

BRUSSELS RECIPIENT



Louis Apker

On behalf of the widow of a European Commission official who had been seeking a pension on the basis of her husband's death through a work-related illness, a cancer related to cigarette smoke inhaled in the workplace, associate Louis Apker challenged the Commission's rejection of her application for a pension before the EU Civil Service Commission. Louis was successful in two respects. Firstly, the Commission withdrew the contested Decision before the Tribunal could pass judgment and is now reconsidering the matter. Secondly, although a pro bono matter, the Tribunal awarded White & Case LLP its costs. Louis has kept up client morale, coordinated the gathering and digesting of technical epidemiological information, dealt politely but firmly with officialdom and has contributed actively to this success.

ISTANBUL RECIPIENT



Ahu Yalgin

Ahu Yalgin, an associate in Istanbul, assisted with work for Tohum Vakfi (Autism Foundation). Combining her legal acumen with a creative flair, she created a training video for staff members and third parties regarding legal rights of children suffering from autism.

JOHANNESBURG RECIPIENTS



Kantha Rattay



Elizabeth Lindsay

Kantha and Elizabeth responded to a request from Human Rights First in New York for local assistance in reuniting a young Ethiopian woman with her refugee family in the US. They were able to deal with the myriad problems, legal, social and linguistic, promptly and effectively.

LONDON RECIPIENTS



Charles Lightfoot



Sara Lulo

The London office has been assisting with a rule of law project in Liberia initiated by Lawyers Without Borders—a non-profit, non-governmental agency committed to providing pro bono legal resources around the globe where they are needed most. The Liberia project concerns the training of lawyers and the judiciary—specifically with reference to the chronically under-resourced Liberian criminal bar, which faces huge challenges in ensuring both victims’ and defendants’ access to justice. Charles Lightfoot and Sara Lulo joined lawyers from Shearman & Sterling and US federal judges who travelled to Liberia at the beginning of July 2007 to participate in a training course for Liberian lawyers and magistrate judges. This challenging and exciting project was a huge success due, in no small part, to the commitment and sensitivity of the White & Case team.

MOSCOW RECIPIENT



Ekaterina Palagina

Ekaterina served a number of the Firms' pro bono clients: Big Change, HIV, ICG, Jessup Court Competition, MSF, Mayhew Animal Home, Polish Humanitarian Organization, UNICEF and dealt with a broad range of issues: NGO incorporation, miscellaneous medical licensing, employment issues, work permits and legal education.

PALO ALTO RECIPIENT



Jennifer Co

On behalf of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Jennifer managed a very challenging project: the development of an online legal assistance system which provided VLA members with quick responses to their Frequently Asked Questions and prompt referral to counsel.

NEW YORK RECIPIENTS



Linda Jeannine Acevedo

On behalf of pro bono clients Conservation International Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, associate Linda Jeannine Acevedo recently completed a debt-for-nature swap under the US Tropical Forest Conservation Act, which will provide \$26 million to help protect critically threatened tropical rain forests in Costa Rica. Under debt-for-nature swaps, a country's foreign debt is forgiven in exchange for its commitment to directly support conservation work.



Aaron Brooks



David Suggs

Aaron and David have emerged as the team leaders on our Juvenile Deportation Docket Program. Relief from deportation for youngsters often entails motion practice and bench trials in Family Court. Aaron and David not only have had considerable success with these cases, but they also have trained and mentored a large number of colleagues doing this work.



David Lew

David has been involved in a number of pro bono efforts. His nomination for this award was a result of his representation of Anatole Hernandez, who was referred to us by Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. David represented Mr. Hernandez in a New York Civil Court action on a bogus check and secured a judgment for the full amount.



Irina Yevmenenko

On behalf of Volunteers for Legal Service and New York Presbyterian Hospital, associate Irina Yevmenenko managed the development of the Legal and Social Advocacy Code card, a pocket-sized book providing quick reference connections to providers in New York City to be used by physicians and social workers.

WARSAW RECIPIENTS



Tomasz P. Chmal

Tomasz is being awarded for his work on behalf of the Polish Humanitarian Organization (Polska Akcja Humanitarna). PHO is a non-governmental organization registered in Poland, which operates internationally and in Poland. PHO achieves its goals by helping communities in crisis regain responsibility for their own future and become self-reliant. PHO shapes humanitarian attitudes among the public and creates a modern culture of mutual assistance. PHO combines effectiveness with respect for human dignity. White & Case, as a strategic partner of the foundation, has been cooperating with it since 2006. The Warsaw office, in cooperation with the Moscow office, assisted in changing entries in the register of representatives of non-governmental organizations in Russia in accordance with Russian law. The Warsaw office analyzed documents regarding humanitarian aid in Chechnya (especially regarding all EU procedures with respect to the bidding process for providing aid) and the cooperation of PHO with business entities (corporate partnership program).



Grzegorz Wasiewski

Grzegorz Wasiewski is being honored for his work on behalf of The Kosciuszko Foundation. Kosciuszko Foundation grants scholarships to students and young scholars and promotes educational activity. The Foundation asked White & Case some years ago for advice regarding the decision of famous Polish doctor and scholar, Prof. Janczewski, who wished to leave his entire estate to the Foundation in his last will and testament. White & Case advised the Foundation and Prof. Janczewski with respect to the construction of the will and printing the Polish-English dictionary of the Foundation in Poland. Mr. Wasiewski, after joining White & Case in the summer of 2005, was assigned to this matter and subsequently became the White & Case Warsaw coordinator of the Foundation's matter.

WASHINGTON, DC RECIPIENTS



Dana Foster

Dana has consistently undertaken pro bono work in various areas. In the past year, he completed his work on the Anita Kessler case, in which he assisted a grandmother in Washington, DC with the adoptions of her six grandchildren, who had been living with her for several years; he also assisted her in qualifying for funding from a special DC program offering financial support to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. In addition, he worked on a difficult Title VII employment case and assisted on a DC Court of Appeals employment appeal.



Maury J. Mechanick

Maury's most recent pro bono work involved representing the Judicial Academy and handling a pro bono appeal to the Court of Veterans Appeals, *Denson v. Nicholson*. He has also assisted on the Jessup Competition and other representations (of not-for-profit foundations) over several years.



Antonia Soares

Antonia is always looking for a new challenge. After working on some difficult adoption cases for the Children’s Law Center, she chose to represent a client in an employment case in the Washington, DC Court of Appeals, along with related evidentiary proceedings before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Antonia has been willing to work on a broad array of pro bono matters over several years.

2008 HONOR ROLL

White & Case gratefully acknowledges the time, energy and commitment of all lawyers and legal assistants who have participated in our pro bono projects and specially recognize:

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