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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



Genevra Forwood

For her work on advising an association of European Fair Trade organizations on the new and proposed laws recognizing and promoting “Fair Trade” as well as her work on behalf of Andrea Legrand, a British woman, on how EU and Belgian law might assist her in her quest for reproductive rights.

Istanbul Recipients



Sezgin Baş



Yalın Akmenek

For their work on various estate issues on behalf of LOSEV, a Turkish nongovernmental organization that provides educational, social and psychological support as well as free treatment and permanent solutions for families of children with leukemia.



Ebru Temizer

For her work on a project being led by Bilgi University Legal Clinic through which she provides legal services, including litigation, to women suffering from domestic violence and any other legal services that women with insufficient financial resources may require.



Ahu Yalgin

For her continuous legal advice to Tohum Otizm Vakfi, a Turkish autism foundation, on various corporate and IP law issues. She reviews press releases and statements to be announced on television on behalf of the foundation, prepares and reviews the contracts to be entered into by the foundation regarding their projects related to sponsorships, dental treatment and educational projects, among others, for children with autism.

London Recipient



Laura Clement

For various pro bono real estate matters including her work for Solar Aid, International Rescue Committee UK, Uincap, Clapham Pottery and Sevington School for whom she negotiated leases, made site relocation arrangements and handled planning issues, thereby allowing these charitable organizations to concentrate their energy and funding on their primary mission.

New York Recipients



Johanna B. Fine

For her extensive work for the Center for Reproductive Rights, a nonprofit legal advocacy organization that promotes and defends women's reproductive rights worldwide. Johanna authored a report for the Center, "At Risk: Rights Violations of HIV-Positive Women in Kenyan Health Facilities," and presented the report at the 2008 International AIDS Conference in Mexico City.



Mihir Desai



Todd Gluckman



Heather E. Huggins

For their representation of Heddy Fox in an Article 78 proceeding against the City of New York. Ms. Fox had been fighting with the City of New York for many years in an effort to take advantage of a home purchase program for which she was fully qualified. This matter was originally taken on by retired partner, Carol Witschel, and finally brought to a happy conclusion by Todd, Heather and Mihir.



James S. Trainor, Jr.



Amit Thakore

For their work on behalf of Bennie McCall, an inmate in the New York State prison system, who has been represented by White & Case for many years. Jim Trainor and Amit Thakore, through their diligence and legal skills, have finally been able to bring this matter to a favorable conclusion.

Palo Alto Recipients



Craig W. Clark



Caryn Nutt

For their work on an asylum case representing an El Salvadoran minor fleeing gang violence in El Salvador. Gang-related asylum cases are particularly difficult and rarely granted by the immigration court.

Washington, DC Recipients



Aristides Diaz-Pedrosa

For his corporate and transactional work with Qualitas of Life Foundation, an organization that aims to improve the quality of lives of Mexican and Hispanic immigrants in New York, and the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas, among other pro bono clients.



Stephanie Casey



Devon Nunneley

For undertaking a successful asylum application for a transgendered individual referred by Whitman Walker Clinic, a landlord-tenant dispute in which they successfully negotiated a settlement for their tenant clients after preparing the case for trial and conducting mediation and a child custody case they are presently handling for a mother seeking sole custody of her daughter (both referred from the Legal Aid Society). Stephanie and Devon have gone about this work effectively and efficiently and have not hesitated to work in a variety of different subject areas.



Chiara Giorgetti

For her work representing the State of Eritrea before the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission in the Hague, in cooperation with Professor Lea Brilmayer of Yale Law School. Chiara handled legal issues relating to damage claims, including participating in a hearing at the Hague before the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission.

Washington, DC Recipients cont'd



Petr Polasek

For assisting the Vaclav Havel Presidential Library, Inc., a nonprofit organization registered in Washington, DC, on various corporate matters such as maintaining its corporate registration. The organization will focus on the creation of a library for the works and papers of Vaclav Havel, a renowned Czech writer and dissident who was instrumental to the overturn of the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, and later served as the President of the Czech Republic. The library is also devoted to promoting human rights and democracy, particularly within the former Communist countries. Petr also provided assistance in various ways to the library's sister nonprofit organization in the Czech Republic, including the disbursement of a grant awarded to it by the Hilton Foundation.

Acumen Fund Team

New York



David Goldstein



Jeremy M. Naylor



Ash Ilkhani

Washington, DC



Mara E.R. Topping



Mary Burner



Katherine McCullough

For their work with Acumen Fund, Inc., a New York-based nonprofit venture capital fund, on the development of a new for-profit venture capital fund targeting investment in small and medium enterprises that provide healthcare, water, energy and housing needs to Base of Pyramid (BOP) customers in South Asia and Africa. The BOP is defined as the four billion people throughout the world whose annual per capita income is less than US\$1,500.

Don't Ask Don't Tell Litigation Team

Los Angeles



Patrick Hunnius



Daniel J. Woods



Sebyul Chun



Rachel Feldman



Ronald Gorsich



Aaron Kahn

The Don't Ask Don't Tell Litigation Team worked on the preparation of an amicus brief for The Log Cabin Republicans in class action litigation against the US military's policy against gay and lesbian service members. These White & Case lawyers have shown both skill and determination in constitutional litigation to overturn a regressive and poorly conceived policy.

Proposition Eight Team

Los Angeles



Patrick Hunnius



Daniel J. Woods



Earle Miller



Rachel Feldman



Aaron Kahn



Amanda Main



Kelly M. Morrison

The Proposition Eight Team worked on an amicus brief for The Log Cabin Republicans contesting the constitutionality of Proposition Eight, which sought to limit the definition of marriage in California to heterosexual couples. These White & Case lawyers have shown both skill and determination to overturn a reactionary attempt to use the election process to deny basic civil and human rights.

Deportation Defense Team

New York



Meeta Anand



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Katherine C. Monahan



William Robertson



Marisa A. Sotomayor



Yara Tajo



Amanda R. Taub



Colin T. West

This group has engaged in devoted representation of individuals facing deportation from the United States. The work has included non-jury trials before administrative law judges, family court proceedings and the presentation of asylum applications. Together they have represented over 30 individuals faced with deportation from the United States.

Berlin-Based Corporate, Labor and Tax Team

Berlin



Dirk Eisolt



Jörg Kraffel



Klaus Sturm



Falko Daub



Sebastian Prügel

For their work with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in establishing its first European establishment, seated in Berlin, Germany. The team provided legal advice on assessing and establishing the adequate legal form of TNC's German basis, obtained its German tax exempt status for nonprofit organizations and provided the documentation of the local management's service agreements and labor agreements. The project took more than one year, including more than 230 hours of work by nine lawyers from the Berlin office. It has led to the successful registration of the German subsidiary and the engagement of the first managers and staff members.

2009 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 recognizes:

Berlin

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Kelly Morrison

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Robert Kline

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Venera Kamalova

Ekaterina Kamkina

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Ekaterina Palagina

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Matthew Bart

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Binoy Dharia

Lynn Diamond

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Allison Dodd

Brendan Driscoll

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Jason Gregory

Matthew Gurch

New York cont'd

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