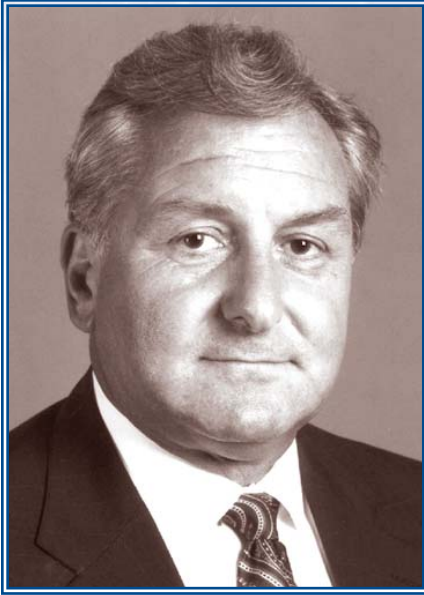


Pro Bono Report 2004

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A Letter to the Firm



Once again, the Pro Bono efforts of Mintz Levin attorneys and staff have made a profound impact on the lives of people, literally around the world. From assisting homeless and disabled clients from the Greater Boston Legal Services, to filing an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of victims of domestic violence, to negotiating reduced costs of HIV/AIDS drugs for African and Caribbean nations on behalf of the Clinton Foundation, 2004 was a year of great accomplishments.

We should all take collective pride in the recognition that Mintz Levin received for its pro bono work last year and applaud the individuals who were so aptly recognized for their tireless contributions. This is perhaps best exemplified by the firm's receipt of the Adam's Pro Bono Publico Award from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Committee.

Under the leadership of the Pro Bono Committee, Mintz Levin's pro bono commitment continues to grow with new partnerships and initiatives. On behalf of the Firm's management, I encourage each one of you to be involved in the firm's pro bono program. As recipients of societal opportunities we have a shared responsibility to help those who are less fortunate. As lawyers we have a special obligation to do our share.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. ROBERT POPEO
CHAIRMAN

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Chris Hildenbrand Receives 2004 Pro Bono Award

Chris Hildenbrand was chosen for this year's Mintz Levin Pro Bono award for his tireless efforts over the past four years in developing and fostering a vibrant Pro Bono program in Mintz Levin's New York office, as well as his skillful work on behalf of individual pro bono clients. Chris has continued his long-standing relationship with the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First), involving a number of colleagues in asylum representations. Chris has also established and expanded productive relationships with several other pro bono referral organizations, including inMotion (formerly the Network for Women's Services) and the Lawyers Alliance for New York. Chris is an associate in the New York office, practicing in the Business and Finance section.



Chris Hildenbrand

Grant Sovern and Susan Cohen Recognized by Mass SJC

The Supreme Judicial Committee of Massachusetts chose to award Mintz Levin the 2005 Adams Pro Bono Publico Award, with special recognition to **Grant Sovern** and **Susan Cohen** for their work on behalf of the PAIR project. Named in honor of Attorneys John Adams and John Quincy Adams, it is the most prestigious pro bono award that is given in the state, and this is the first time that the committee has presented the award for immigration work.

Susan Cohen Receives Outstanding Service Award from PAIR

The Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, held its annual awards dinner on Tuesday, June 29, 2004. **Susan Cohen**, head of Mintz Levin's Immigration Section, was presented with PAIR's Outstanding Service Award for her long-standing dedication and service to the organization and for her successful representation of political asylum applicants from around the world. The Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project is a not-for-profit organization committed to helping asylum-seekers and immigrants in detention. PAIR has realized part of its mission through the Pro Bono Asylum Project and provides most of its pro bono services through volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, and interpreters who donate over \$2 million worth of services each year. Susan is a member in the firm's Boston office and is the founder of the Immigration Section. The Section is composed of nine attorneys and eight immigration specialists and assistants who service the immigration needs both of Mintz Levin's existing corporate and individual clients and of new clients who choose the firm precisely for its expertise in the field of immigration and nationality law. Mintz Levin also is committed to handling political asylum cases, most of which are taken on a pro bono basis.

Jeffrey Moerdler, of the firm's New York office, was honored with the Community Leadership Award from the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty for his pro bono legal work for Met Council and his leadership role in New York's Jewish community. Jeff has devoted countless pro bono hours representing Met Council on several matters designed to help provide greater and more efficient services to the elderly, the homeless, victims of domestic violence and other needy New Yorkers served by Met Council daily.

Jeff was honored alongside Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was named Woman of the Year, Congressman James Walsh, recipient of the National Legislative Leadership Award, and other elected officials and community leaders.



Grant Sovern is a member in the firm's Boston office and practices in the Immigration Section.



Susan Cohen

Founded in 1972, Met Council is one of New York City's largest social service provider organizations. Their citywide network of Jewish Community Councils helps tens of thousands of people every year with crisis intervention, counseling, kosher food distribution, career services, housing, furniture, clothing, home care, family violence prevention, access to health insurance, home safety and repair services.



The American Bar Association selected **Yee Wah Chin**, of the firm's D.C. office, as the recipient of the International Law and Practice Section's Outstanding Volunteer Award.



Mintz Levin received RESPOND, Inc.'s prestigious Leadership Award at RESPOND's 30th Anniversary Gala in October, 2004. RESPOND, Inc. was the first domestic violence shelter founded in New England, and the second in the nation.



Mintz Levin received the "Shining Star" Award from the Victim Rights Law Center for exceptional commitment to providing pro bono legal services on behalf of the Rape Survivors' Law Projects. The award was presented at a reception on April 15, 2004 and again at a symposium on April 16, 2004 co-sponsored by Suffolk University Law School and featuring Susan Estrich, Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of Southern California Law School and a Director of the Board. Established in 2000, the Victim Rights Law Center is a nonprofit organization that serves sexual assault victims, many of whom are adolescents, linguistic minorities and survivors with disabilities. Mintz Levin was one of the Founding Benefactors of the Victim Rights Law Center.



Mintz Levin was recognized by the Boston Medical Center's Family Advocacy Program for its leadership in representing families and children referred by Boston Medical Center physicians. The award was presented at the Family Advocacy Program's fourth annual national conference in Boston, Massachusetts on November 5, 2004. Renee Landers, Esq., Associate Professor of Law at Suffolk University and recent President of the Boston Bar Association, was the keynote speaker at the conference.

Richard Mintz accepted the award on behalf of Mintz Levin.

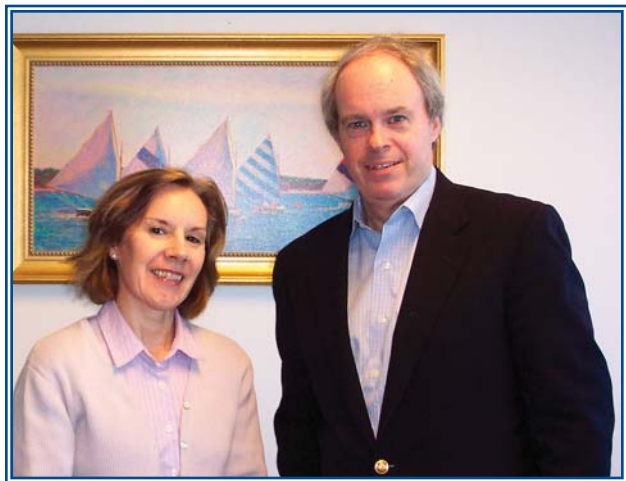
"We are honored to be recognized by the Family Advocacy Program, and to be working with such a forward-thinking program," said John K. Markey, a member in the firm's Litigation practice and Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. "Boston Medical Center is to be commended for recognizing the many outside factors that can contribute to the health and well-being of children, such as a child living in a safe and healthy home."



Mintz Levin's pro bono commitment continues to grow, as the firm forged new partnerships with The Innocence Project, The Appleseed Foundation, the Prison Book Program, and the Clinton Foundation. Details of the important work done by Mintz Levin attorneys and professionals on behalf of these organizations follow.



Jeffrey Moerdler



John Markey is a member in the firm's Boston office and practices in white collar defense. He also serves as the Chairman of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. Marie Jezequel serves as John's assistant and administrative coordinator of the Pro Bono program.

Domestic Violence Project

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Mintz Levin's Domestic Violence Project provides pro bono legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence and is staffed by specially trained Mintz Levin attorneys and paraprofessionals who accept restraining order cases from Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) and other referral services. Project members represent clients in obtaining protective orders, vacate orders, temporary custody and support orders, and further assist clients in the enforcement of such orders. Since 1989, a core of dedicated Mintz Levin attorneys has represented over 250 victims of domestic violence. The Project is currently led by *McKenzie Webster* and administrated by *David Rice*.

In 2004, more than twenty attorneys and paraprofessionals have succeeded in obtaining protective orders for their clients and assisting them in other critical ways. A few examples include: winning a bench trial and restraining order for a client in the Malden District Court, obtaining a one-year restraining order and \$2200/month in support for a client in the West Roxbury District Court, and obtaining a permanent restraining order in a case of severe domestic abuse for a client in the Barnstable District Court. The clients are extremely thankful and often express their gratitude by sending letters and calling to boast about the skilled representation they received.

Mintz Levin employees who have assisted with cases in the past year include **Paul Poth**, **Joe Cavanagh**, **Ben Tymann**, **Jessica Lowney**, **Michael Day**, **Alison McCarthy**, **Betsy Gomperz**, **Wendy Silverman**, **Phil Catanzano**, **Dora Kripapuri**, **Helen Gerostathos**, **Olga Kaplan**, **David Rice**, **Greg Sieczkiewicz**, **Lisa Hess**, **Marna Terry**, **Vail Breed**, **Colin Van Dyke** and **John Koss** (summer associates) and former Mintz attorney **Lauren Benowitz**.

Pro Bono Projects and Partnerships

Mintz Levin continues its strong and longstanding dedication to meeting the critical challenges posed by domestic violence. The attorneys and professionals who commit their time and effort to the Mintz Levin Domestic Violence Project, the Mintz Levin Rape Survivors Law Project, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and the Victim Rights Law Center are a few of those who personify the firm's continuing dedication to these important issues.

*Mintz Levin ranked 27th
out of 200 law firms*

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Founded as the first law center in the nation dedicated solely to serving the legal needs of sexual assault victims, the Victim Rights Law Center advocates for sexual assault victims' legal rights within the civil, academic and criminal justice systems. Mintz Levin was a "Founding Benefactor" of the VRLC and since that initial commitment the firm has provided both financial and legal support to the VRLC.

Mintz Levin filed an amicus brief with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on behalf of its long-time pro bono partner, the Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC), in the case of *Commonwealth v. Pelosi*. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court took the case to re-examine the procedure through which a sexual assault victim's otherwise privileged treatment records – including psychological records, social-worker records and a host of others – may be made available to defense counsel in criminal trials where the victim is the complaining witness. In its opinion issued in March 2004, the Supreme Judicial Court altered the existing procedures for discovery of these privileged records. More significantly, however, the SJC recognized the amicus briefs, including the brief submitted by Mintz Levin and the VRLC, when it announced the "formation of a committee to study and present to the court alternatives to the current

protocol regarding defense access to privileged records in sexual assault cases." *Commonwealth v. Pelosi*, 441 Mass. 257, 258 n.1 (2004). Susan Vickers, the Founding Director of the VRLC, was named to this Committee and, in the spring, the VRLC honored Mintz Levin with its Shining Star Award at a Victim Rights Conference.

Consistent with its firmwide commitment to pro bono projects, Mintz Levin's efforts in researching and drafting the amicus brief came from all levels. The project was led by former associate Lisa Tenerowicz, and associates **Keith Carroll** and **Phil Catanzano** with guidance and assistance from **Andrew Nathanson** and former Mintz Levin attorney, **Susan Finegan**. Fittingly, Ms. Finegan went on to become the Legal Director of the VRLC shortly after the amicus brief was filed.

RESPOND, Inc.

RESPOND Inc., started in the early 1970's by a group of community women in Somerville, Massachusetts, now provides a variety of domestic violence services to communities north of Boston, including outreach, training and hotline initiatives. RESPOND continues to broaden the scope of initiatives against violence to include undeserved populations such as immigrants, persons with disabilities, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people.

Courtney Griffin, Gabe Schnitzler, Margaret Pasulka, Meryl Epstein and Mary Lee Moore represented RESPOND, Inc. in the acquisition and development of their primary shelter facility. They assisted respond in selling its existing facility and acquiring a new site, and are representing RESPOND in the development and financing of that new property.

Rape Survivor's Law Project

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Through the Rape Survivors Law Project (RSLP), a pro bono effort by the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) and Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC), and in collaboration with the Women's Bar Association and the Women's Bar Foundation, Mintz Levin attorneys and paraprofessionals have been assisting sexual assault survivors with a variety of civil legal needs. These needs include restraining orders, privacy rights, university and high school proceedings, and negotiations with employers and housing agents. No government or non-profit legal service organization is currently charged with meeting these needs. Attorneys and paraprofessionals work closely with BARCC, a community-based organization with 26 years of experience providing free counseling, advocacy and educational services to women, men and adolescents who have been raped. The project is coordinated by *Lisa Glahn* and project analyst *Aaliyah Nagji*. In the past year alone, Mintz Levin attorneys and paraprofessionals have contributed over 2400 hours of free legal services to rape victims through the RSLP.

Arising from a VRLC case where a young woman—who had been sexually assaulted four years prior by classmates—sought a restraining order against her perpetrators because they continued to harass and intimidate her, attorneys **Helen Gerostathos** and **Pat Clendenen**, in collaboration with Jane Doe, Inc., drafted state legislation which extends to victims of sexual assault and/or stalking who do not meet the blood relative or substantial dating relationship requirement of M.G.L. c. 209A, the ability to obtain civil restraining orders against their perpetrators. The legislation has been filed in a bill by Senator Resor and Representative Koutoujian as part of a legislative package aimed at strengthening state laws against criminal stalking and sexual assault.

Kimberly Collins and **Dora Kripapuri** represented a client with regard to her post-sexual assault employment issues. Specifically, the client wanted to explore the possibilities of a work transfer at her government job because of the prior sexual assault, and the reactions of those with whom she worked. Kim and Dora helped the client determine her rights in the situation, wrote letters to and met with the client's employers to make them aware of the situation, and advised the client accordingly. The client decided on her own to retire early.



Dora Kripapuri is an associate in the Boston office, where she practices in the Litigation Section.

Political Asylum/Immigration Representation

The Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project provides legal services to asylum seekers and promotes the rights of immigration detainees. Through a two-pronged approach – the Pro Boston Asylum Project and the Detention Center Program – asylum seekers are offered free attorneys and legal advice. Mintz Levin has been involved in PAIR cases since 1990.

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With the support of the Firm's Pro Bono Committee, **Susan Cohen** created the PAIR Project Fellowship, which provides for one first-year associate from Mintz Levin to spend half of his or her time working for the PAIR Project. **Marisa Howe** was the first Fellow in this program. As part of the fellowship, she spent one day per week at the PAIR Project's Boston office and took on two affirmative asylum cases. In one of these cases, which was referred to Immigration Court, Marisa's client faced discriminatory conditions in her native African country based on her status as HIV positive. Impressively, the judge granted Marisa's client asylum in the U.S. directly from the bench. Marisa was greatly assisted by Project Analyst **Veenita Kaushik** and our former summer associates **Mayelin Prieto-Gonzalez** and **Michael Sachs**. Marisa's other case has been referred to Immigration Court as well, with the hearing taking place in May 2005. She also assisted the Detention Center Project, conducted jointly by PAIR and Boston College. PAIR conducts "Know Your Rights" sessions at the 5-6 Immigration Detention Centers around Boston, where the PAIR staff explains the asylum process and answers other general questions to detainees. Most of Marisa's work on this project centered around one individual detainee who

had entered the U.S. as a refugee but now faces deportation to his native Liberia based on very minor offenses. His case is ongoing in Immigration Court at this writing.

Marianne Staniunas, a 2004 law school graduate and new associate in the Mintz Levin Boston Office, has assumed the PAIR externship for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and will continue to provide direct service to asylum seekers referred through the PAIR Project.

In February 2004, a client referred to Mintz Levin from PAIR was granted asylum in the U.S. with the hard work of **Susan Cohen**, **Tullio Capasso**, **Veenita Kaushik**, **Cathy Alviso**, **Kristy Young** (former Project Analyst) and **Elizabeth Wilson** (former summer associate). The client was a farmer and small businessman in Uganda. During the national elections in 2001, he became a campaign coordinator for Col. Dr. Kiiza Besigye, who was running for President. After being arrested and beaten for his political activity, he escaped from jail, and fled to the U.S. The client is currently living and employed in Massachusetts. Mintz Levin is now working to reunite him with his wife and four children, who are in hiding in Uganda.



Marisa Howe is an associate in the Boston office, where she practices in the Immigration section.



Geri Haight is an associate in the Litigation Section of the firm's Boston office. She focuses her practice predominantly on trademark, copyright, patent and securities matters.

Human Rights Campaign

Mintz Levin continued to serve as lead pro bono counsel to the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender civil rights organization. In 2004, **Geri Haight** continued to assist HRC with legislative policy and strategy, as well as with corporate and intellectual policy matters. In addition, **Io Cyrus** and **Kimberly Collins**, as well as summer associates **Jon Koss** and **Mayelin Prieto-Gonzalez**, surveyed state laws with respect to domestic partner benefits, employment non-discrimination and marriage equality.

National Network to End Domestic Violence

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Michael Bisignano is an associate in the firm's Washington office, where he practices in the Business and Finance and Communications Sections.

A team of Mintz Levin attorneys filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of more than 50 state domestic violence coalitions and long-time client National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) supporting Jessica Gonzales, who obtained a protective order against her estranged husband. Ms. Gonzales' ex-husband abducted her three daughters in violation of the order. When Ms. Gonzales repeatedly pleaded with the police to retrieve her children and arrest her ex-husband, they consistently told her to wait. Later that night, Mr. Gonzales killed the three girls before driving to the police station where he was killed in a shootout. Ms. Gonzales sued the City, claiming that the police had violated her constitutional rights by failing to give her due process in refusing to enforce her protective order. The trial court dismissed, but the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, and allowed her case to proceed. The Supreme Court heard arguments for this important case in March 2005. The firm's brief argued that police must enforce a protective order if it is to have value, otherwise it only enhances the danger to a victim. Mintz Levin professionals who participated in this effort included **Fernando Laguarda**, **Bruce Sokler** and **Bryan Stockton** in D.C., and **Kristen Scammon**, **Lisa Palin**, **Betsy Gomperz**, **Suzanne Renaud**, **Carrie Heim**, **Jean Healey**, and **Brendan O'Neil** in Boston.



Lisa Palin (left) and Kristen Scammon (right) are associates in the firm's Boston office, practicing in the Litigation Section.

Michael Bisignano, of the firm's D.C. office, acts as outside general counsel to the NNEDV. In this role, Michael coordinates Mintz Levin's support of NNEDV, which includes legal advice for NNEDV's operational activities, strategic guidance for NNEDV's outreach efforts, and legislative assistance to support NNEDV's interaction with various governmental entities. In addition to the discrete activities listed below, Mintz Levin advises NNEDV in connection with ongoing corporate, contractual, tax and employment matters.



Mintz is filing an amicus brief on behalf of NNEDV, which is on appeal to the D.C. Court of Appeals. The petitioner in the case was the subject of an assault by her boyfriend (for which he was convicted in a separate criminal proceeding). The woman consequently sought a protective order from the D.C. Superior Court. Rather than simply granting her request for a protective order, the court imposed a mutual protective order restraining the conduct of both the woman and her attacker. The court subsequently found the woman guilty of contempt for violation of the protective order against her. NNEDV will argue on appeal that the court's imposition of a protective order against the woman (and the use of mutual protective orders generally) is contrary to public policy and legislative intent because it undermines the purpose of domestic abuse laws, which were established to protect victims of domestic violence rather than punish them.

In addition, NNEDV will argue that the court gave insufficient weight to the woman's right to invoke civil protections that are independent and separate from the government's prosecution of criminal charges by premising decisions in the civil case on events occurring in the criminal case. Mintz Levin professionals from the D.C. office who participated on this case included **Fernando Laguarda**, **Kate Walsh**, and **Catherine Carroll**.



Michael Haas, of the firm's D.C. office, continues to work with NNEDV to overturn regulations implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that endanger the lives of victims of domestic violence. The regulations are part of HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) initiative to collect detailed information from individuals seeking assistance from a shelter that serves the homeless or victims of domestic violence. By requiring individuals to provide detailed identifying information, including where an individual has been residing prior to their arrival at the shelter, the HMIS regulations amount to a tracking system for any individual seeking assistance. It is NNEDV's position that the collection of such detailed information from victims of domestic violence will place them in great danger. Michael drafted a Petition for Rulemaking submitted to HUD in an effort to delay the implementation of the regulations and initiate a new round of rulemaking to install an exemption to the information collection requirements for shelters that serve victims of domestic violence.



Michael Haas is an associate in the firm's Washington office, where he practices in the Federal Section.

52.6% of Mintz Levin lawyers dedicated more than 20 hours to pro bono work in FY 2003

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Fernando Laguarda is a member in the firm's Federal Section with a diverse practice cutting across many business sectors.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

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The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association, formed in 1968, was the first local affiliate of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. The Committee is a private, non-profit, non-partisan legal organization that provides pro bono legal representation to victims of discrimination based on race or national origin. A member since the Committee's formation, Mintz Levin is now one of over 30 of Boston's major law firms which fund more than 55% of the Committee's annual budget and provide millions of dollars in pro bono legal services to the Committee's clients.

Since 2001, Mintz Levin, as co-counsel with the Lawyers' Committee, has represented 19 members and the church of an insular 100-year-old Cape Verdean community in Freetown, Massachusetts, in their federal lawsuit against

the Town of Freetown. The plaintiffs claim various civil rights violations associated with the Town's failure to provide adequate municipal services and the Town's encouragement of industrial development in and around the plaintiffs' community. On the eve of trial, **Paul Wilson, Noah Shaw** and **Mary-Beth McCormack**, together with the Lawyers' Committee, succeeded in negotiating a settlement, according to which the Town will, among other things, pay approximately \$325,000 to significantly improve the plaintiffs' water pressure, will pay nearly \$300,000 in damages to the plaintiffs, will provide credits toward the plaintiffs' future water bills, and will form a task force chaired by a plaintiff to investigate minimizing the effects of industrial development on the plaintiffs' community.

Paul Wilson is a member in the firm's Boston office and practices in the Litigation Section. A general civil litigator, he has significant expertise in real estate and land use disputes, in health care litigation, and in business disputes that involve allegations of bad faith or unfair practices.



Economic Justice Project

The Economic Justice Project, a program affiliated with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, offers pro bono business legal assistance to low-income entrepreneurs who are starting or operating for-profit businesses in Greater Boston's underserved communities. Business and finance attorneys have successfully negotiated leases and contracts and performed other transactional work on behalf of clients opening a variety of businesses, from dry cleaning businesses to telecommunications companies.

Mintz Levin attorneys staffed a clinic run by the Economic Justice Project of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law in March 2004. Attorneys provided guidance to clients in the process of starting their own businesses, addressing corporate, employment, intellectual property and real estate issues. Participating attorneys included **Meryl Epstein, Daren Graham, Agnes Sym, Dan Follansbee, Katya Daniel, Rufina Garay**, and former associate **Kat Comer**.

Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative

The William Jefferson Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI) is an important component of former President Bill Clinton's Foundation. CHAI has helped reduce the price of medicine and tests for people with AIDS in the developing world by 50 to 70%, making it possible to bring life-sustaining assistance to many more people at greatly reduced costs. CHAI has partnered with a number of countries in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and the former Soviet Union to help them scale up care and treatment programs for people with AIDS, and is working with the World Health Organization, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNAIDS, the UN World Food Programme and a number of care partners to ensure that more of the millions of people with AIDS who need medicine and other forms of care and treatment can receive it.

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Richard Zall assisted the Clinton Foundation in the negotiation and documentation of agreements with five global HIV/AIDS medical testing companies to lower the cost of their CD-4 and viral load testing equipment for countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean. Rick also assisted the Foundation in their negotiation with pharmaceutical drug companies in connection with lowering the price of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs, thereby improving access to treatment for

populations in developing countries. Lastly, Rick represented the Foundation in connection with their efforts, in conjunction with the World Bank, to assist the Russian Federation in developing its ARV drug reduction strategy. In addition to Rick's work, **Jeffrey Robbins** advised the Foundation in connection with a World Health Organization inquiry into the certification of the bioequivalency of certain ARV drugs.

*2.8% of all billable hours
were spent on pro bono work*

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Greater Boston Legal Services

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Greater Boston Legal Services is the primary source of free civil legal assistance to the indigent in Boston and surrounding communities. Its clients are homeless, disabled, victims of domestic violence, unemployed and low wage earners, immigrants and other poor people in desperate need of legal help. In addition to Mintz Levin's many years of financial support of GBLS and its cooperation with GBLS in the area of domestic violence, in 2004, Mintz Levin attorneys worked onsite at GBLS' Boston office for three-month rotations.

John LaPlante and Ken Sullivan each worked in the GBLS Housing Unit, providing legal assistance to individuals and families facing eviction or other serious housing problems. As one example, John represented an elderly client suffering from Alzheimer's who faced immediate eviction from the apartment she had lived in for over thirty years. After John's intervention, the housing court agreed to vacate a previous agreement that required her to move and ordered her landlord

to give her and her son time to find suitable alternative housing. As an example of his work, Ken cites his effort on behalf of a young family unfairly facing eviction. Ken convinced the Boston Housing Court that the landlord's attempted eviction was improper and that the working father, disabled mother and school-aged children should be permitted to remain in their apartment.



Ken Sullivan

Trial Lawyers Care

Trial Lawyers Care, the largest pro bono project in the history of American jurisprudence, is an organization formed to provide pro bono attorneys for victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks who requested assistance with claims before the federal Victim Compensation Fund.

Michael Gardener and Meredith Leary represented the family of a Ghana immigrant who died while working as a banquet manager at Windows on the World. Michael and Meredith assisted this family in obtaining an award of over \$1.85 million from the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

*75 members, 168 associates,
and 82 paraprofessionals
participated in the pro
bono program*

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a unique and cutting-edge service of the Pediatrics Department at Boston Medical Center designed to improve the health and welfare of low-income children and their families through the provision of proactive legal assistance in a community health care setting. Since the program's inception in 1993, FAP services have helped over 4,000 families, while assisting in the establishment of similar programs across the country. The program's success has received national attention with articles appearing on CNN, CBS Evening News, *The New York Times*, and *The Boston Globe*. Most recently, FAP was featured on the NPR radio show, *All Things Considered*. As the first law firm to work directly with the FAP, Mintz Levin plays a critical role in the expansion of this unique program.

Since June 2001, Mintz Levin attorneys, through FAP, have provided direct legal assistance to 25 families facing legal issues related to housing, immigration, disability and social security benefits and education. The firm's volunteers have recorded over 2,700 hours of service.

Two examples of the many important FAP cases handled by Mintz attorneys include the following:

A 17-year-old child with multiple behavioral and cognitive handicaps was referred to Mintz Levin by the Family Advocacy Program. He had been shuffled by the Boston Public School system from one inappropriate educational program to another. On the strength of the appeal filed with the BSEA, BPS settled the case, agreeing to pay for a full-year private program at the Cardinal Cushing School. **Dan Maranci** and **Lisa Hess** drafted and filed the appeal, advised by **Kathy Anbinder**.

Suzanne Renaud, working with **Sarah Herlihy**, obtained disability benefits from the Social Security Administration on behalf of a woman and her three-year-old son. The child had been

disabled by childhood asthma and seizures since the age of one. However, his mother's initial application for SSI benefits was denied, as was her request that the denial be reconsidered. Suzanne collected voluminous medical records that the SSA had not seen, including records that reflected the child's repeated hospitalizations for asthma-related illness. She also prepared the mother for her testimony before the Administrative Law Judge and submitted a post-hearing brief that summarized the critical elements of the case. The Administrative Law Judge quickly granted in full the client's request for benefits and back-dated them to start from the initial date of the child's application, more than two years prior.

*62.3 pro bono hours
per lawyer on average
in fiscal year 2003*

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Twice a year, the Boston office participates in clinics sponsored by the Lawyer's Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness. Project participants interview residents at shelters in the Boston area and work on cases brought back to the firm. Issues that have been tackled in the 100+ cases handled by the firm include political asylum, wrongful termination, discrimination, housing problems, and applications for social security benefits.

Through the Pine Street Inn, **Omar Khondker** and **Richard Guiltinan** helped a client clear his criminal record. Initially, the client had an outstanding arrest warrant with approximately \$800 worth of unpaid fines. Richard accompanied him to court, where he convinced the judge to allow the client to substitute thirty hours of community service in lieu of paying the fines. The client was pleased with this result and grateful to Mintz Levin for its assistance.

Olga Kaplan and **Hemanth Gundavaram** assisted a client in obtaining a voucher for subsidized Section 8 "mobile" housing from the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership. She had applied and had been waiting for over a year for this voucher. The client was interested in obtaining the mobile housing as soon as possible, so that she could move to Memphis with her fiancée. Due to the dedication of Olga and Hemanth, the client received her Section 8 mobile housing voucher. The client was extremely happy in getting her long-awaited voucher, and even made a personal visit to Mintz Levin to thank us, and sent a thank you letter as well.

At the legal aid clinic at the St. Francis House, **John Laplante** and **Julia Forbes** (*a former employee*) assisted two clients involved in disputes with their landlord involving their rights as tenants and rent issues. John helped these clients reach agreements that resolved their legal problems without resorting to litigation.

*Mintz Levin professionals firmwide
spent 17,986 hours on bono work*

Volunteer Lawyers Project

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Mintz Levin has consistently supported the work of the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) for many years by accepting clients in need of assistance with issues such as housing concerns, special education, probate matters, consumer cases, bankruptcy affairs, issues of fraud, discrimination claims and disability benefits applications. Several VLP training sessions have been conducted over the years for attorneys, summer associates and paraprofessionals, who then assume cases and carry them through to settlement or hearings in various administrative agencies.

Michael Connolly and Breton Leone-Quick represent a senior citizen in a property dispute over the building he lives in and owns in Boston's North End. When Mintz Levin began its representation, the client was penniless and demoralized after barely surviving 11 years worth of litigation brought by an aggressive plaintiff seeking to wrest ownership of the building away from him. Mintz Levin briefed and argued an appeal of one of the lower court's decisions to the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and have worked with the client on his finances and growing debt in order to help stabilize his living situation while the appeal is pending.

Kim Collins represented a racial minority family who had been evicted from their home. At the time she took on the case, it was necessary to appeal a previous decision to the Massachusetts Appeals Court in very short order. With help from Lisa Tenerowicz, Kim put up such a spirited defense that opposing counsel and the landlord eventually agreed to generously settle the case in favor of the VLP client. So instead of being evicted, ML turned the case around so the tenant family was paid by the landlord to avoid a potential damaging and protracted case.

Appleseed Foundation

The Appleseed Center for Law and Justice is the local branch of the national Appleseed Foundation, a network of advocacy organizations with a mission of building "a just society through legal advocacy, community activism, and policy expertise." In Massachusetts, the Appleseed Center focuses on educational advocacy. As such, it has played a leading role the issues of equality in school funding, school desegregation, ensuring educational opportunities for homeless children, and bilingual education, among others.

In the fall of 2004, Mintz Levin partnered with the Massachusetts Appleseed Center to assist in monitoring and enforcing two federal consent decrees that sought to ensure desegregation and bilingual education in two cities in Massachusetts. Mintz Levin Associates Phil Catanzano, Helen Gerostathos, Michael Day, and Joseph Cavanagh, along with Project Analyst Olga Kaplan, researched the underlying legal issues and compiled demographic trends in the cities in question.



Joseph Cavanagh, Olga Kaplan, Helen Gerostathos, Michael Day and Phil Catanzano.

Additional Pro Bono Work by Category

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BANKRUPTCY

Adrienne Walker recently completed a pro bono case assigned by the Boston Bar Association in connection with its Disbarred/Suspended Attorney Project. Adrienne's client was a Chapter 13 debtor, who suddenly was left without representation when his attorney was suspended from practicing law before the Bankruptcy Court. Adrienne was assisted by **Megan Fein**. Adrienne was able to resolve significant disputes with her

client's creditors and the United States Trustee and assist him in the consensual sale of his primary residence. The sale enabled the client to emerge from bankruptcy approximately two years earlier than his initial payment plan was scheduled to conclude. Adrienne is the current co-chair of the BBA Bankruptcy Section Pro Bono Committee.

CHILD CUSTODY

Betsy Burnett, Paul Abbott, and former Mintz Levin attorney **Beth Boland**, successfully argued on behalf of a mother and her two young daughters that the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit should uphold a trial court decision finding that the children should remain in the United States with their mother rather than return to Sweden, where their father resides. In the summer of 2001, the mother fled with her two daughters from their home in Sweden to the United States to escape sexual abuse of the children by their father. The father filed a petition in federal court seeking to have the children returned pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In December of 2001, a U.S. District Court Judge allowed the father's petition. The First Circuit overturned this decision and remanded the case for a new trial in April of 2002. In August of 2002, the parties re-tried the case before a different U.S. District Court Judge, and in September of 2003, the Court denied the father's petition for return of the children on the ground that a return of the children would expose them to a grave risk of psychological harm. The First Circuit upheld this decision in October of 2004 in the

published decision of *Danaipour v. McLarey*, 386 F.3d 289 (1st Cir. 2004). A number of additional Mintz Levin attorneys and staff worked on this case throughout its various stages, including **Jennifer Sulla**, and former employees **Francine Wachtmann, Meredith Brand Wade, Christina Gagne, Yana Dobkin**, and **Susan Basham**.

Heather Westphal and **Noam Fischman**, of the firm's D.C. office, represented a woman when her husband sued her for joint custody of one of his children. We assisted the woman in establishing that the man fathered two of her other children, in addition to the child originally in question, thereby entitling her to additional child support. We also negotiated a temporary visitation schedule with the man that included all of his children. Court-ordered home visits have been conducted and the parties are attempting to finalize a visitation arrangement. The parties await a new hearing date.



Paul Abbott is an associate in the Boston office practicing in the Litigation Section.



Noam Fischman is an associate with the Litigation Section and practices in the firm's Washington office.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda recently convicted radio broadcasters and newspaper owners of inciting crimes against humanity in that country in the mid-1990's. For the Anti-Defamation League, summer associate **Michael Sachs** researched the possible application of the same legal theories to certain elements of the present-day media in the Middle East. **Paul Wilson** supervised Michael's work.

L'Arche DC is an international federation of communities for people with learning disabilities and their assistants. This highly regarded non-profit agency provides services to people with developmental disabilities. Under the direction of **Marie Infante** and **Karen Lovitch**, of the firm's D.C. office, Mintz Levin will provide advice and guidance related to the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. The issues involve: 1) end-of-life decisions by and for people who are not legally competent and who have no legal guardian; and 2) District of Columbia policy decisions restricting the right of people with disabilities to use personal funds to make travel arrangements.



Karen Lovitch is Of Counsel in Mintz Levin's Washington, D.C. office, practicing in the Health Section. Her client base includes independent laboratories, hospitals and health systems, long term care entities, trade associations, and a variety of other health care entities.

Mintz Levin assists the Prison Book Program, Inc., a 35-year old organization whose mission is to provide free reading materials to prisoners across the country, with its corporate and litigation affairs. In 2004, **Io Cyrus** assisted the Prison Book Program with its reincorporation and **Geri Haight** and **Noah Shaw** continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections to allow the Prison Book Program to resume sending free reading materials to Massachusetts prisoners, as it does to prisoners in 45 other states.

Mintz Levin was retained by the Innocence Project, a non-profit legal clinic and criminal justice reform organization that has successfully worked to exonerate, based on DNA evidence, 156 wrongfully convicted individuals. The Innocence Project asked Mintz Levin to research two important legal questions concerning access to underlying crime lab documentation and case documents held by police and prosecutors. Upon receiving Mintz Levin's product, which was completed by the team of **Noah Shaw**, **Phil Catanzano**, **Jessica Lowney**, **Io Cyrus**, **Eoin Beirne** and **Jean Healey**, the Innocence Project's Executive Director wrote, "we were all overwhelmed by the scope and breadth of the research project." "[It] will be an invaluable resource for our lawyers and clinic students."



Noah Shaw is an associate in the firm's Boston office, where he practices in the Litigation Section, focusing on complex business disputes. He also represents pro bono clients in civil rights and fair housing matters.

Additional Pro Bono Work by Category

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CORPORATE MATTERS

Mintz Levin represents Jewish Musical Theater Firelech, Inc., a charitable non-profit, organized for purposes of performing, educating, promoting and preserving modern Jewish culture and traditions. In order to continue to receive funds to sustain its operations and advance its goals successfully, the Theatre needed to become a 501(c)(3) public charity by obtaining a tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. **Anthony Hubbard** and **Katya Daniel** prepared and filed the application for recognition of tax-exempt status with the IRS in August 2004. By October 2004, the IRS approved the application and granted the Theatre the status of a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Jeff Moerdler and **Dom Picca**, of the firm's New York Office, performed an internal investigation of allegations of fraud by executives at a large New York City community-based service organization. The investigation included engaging and supervising private investigators and interviewing employees. The investigation resulted in a finding of no evidence of fraud.

Io Cyrus and **Maryann Civitello** helped a group of parishioners from St. Bernard's Parish in West Newton organize the Friends of St. Bernard's, Inc., a non-profit corporation that worked to prevent their parish from closing as part of the reconfiguration process implemented by the Archdiocese of Boston. Through the efforts of the Friends of St. Bernard's, parishioners raised funds to support a prayer vigil in their church that caused the Archbishop of Boston to reconsider his decision to close the church. The organization is now working with an administrator appointed by the Archbishop to revitalize the church and to possibly merge the parish with a neighboring one.

Ralph Child and **Howard Susser** provided copyright and contracting advice to the Church of the Larger Fellowship, a Unitarian-Universalist online congregation serving a world-wide diaspora of UUs. CLF sought expertise on a better publishing arrangement for its magazine, UU&Me. Based on the advice, CLF repositioned UU&Me as an insert into a more broadly circulated,

denomination-wide magazine published by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Joel Papernik, of the firms' New York Office, worked with the New York Biotechnology Association, a non-profit, on a Code of Ethics and other corporate governance matters.

Jeff Moerdler, of the firm's NY Office, and **Elizabeth Canning** represented the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg (the "UJO"), the co-developer of a low income housing project on the site of the former Schaefer Beer Brewery in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in extensive negotiations with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and with the UJO's co-developer of the project over the eligibility criteria for occupants of the project. UJO felt that the proposed criteria would reduce the number of local residents who would qualify for the project. Our negotiations resulted in several modifications of the criteria.

Tom Burton provided assistance in connection with the formation of a food pantry, which is part of the First Universalist Church in Salem, MA, and has been in operation for 15 years. The work entailed general/corporate formation matters, tax advice with respect to the formation of a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and advice towards structuring fundraising activities.

Mike Solet represents Bryn Mawr Booksale in Cambridge, Inc., in contesting the City of Cambridge's refusal to grant a property tax exemption. The real estate in question is used by the client in the operation of a used bookstore that sells donated books and uses the net profits to fund scholarships to Bryn Mawr College.

In connection with Mintz Levin's representation of United Leaders, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that encourages young people to pursue honorable careers in political service, the firm provided a number of services in 2004, including but not limited to, general corporate, tax, real estate and employment work. Specifically, **Kurt Steinkrauss** guided the company successfully

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Tom Burton is a Member in the firm's Boston office where he practices in the Business and Finance Section.

CORPORATE MATTERS, *continued*

through various tax matters; **Elizabeth Canning** assisted the company in negotiating its real estate leases; and **Drew Matzkin** was masterful in handling a number of employment-related issues on behalf of the client.

Fernando Laguarda, **Kate Walsh**, and **Cindy McIntyre-Lerch**, of the firm's D.C. office, are working with the D.C. Young Suffragists, an organization founded in 2003 by Washington D.C. residents interested in educating children about the city, voting rights and democracy in general. The DC Young Suffragists organization, open to boys and girls between the ages of four and twelve, holds family workshops and organizes field trips to help kids gain a better understanding of democracy and voting rights through education and civic action. Mintz Levin drafted incorporation documents for the DC Young Suffragists and successfully filed these documents with the D.C. government. Mintz Levin also prepared the documents necessary for the organization to receive tax-exempt status with the IRS. The firm will continue to represent the DC Young Suffragists as needed.

Agnes Lee Sym and former ML attorney **Sandy Tarrant** assisted in the formation of Homes For Our Troops, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to providing handicapped-accessible homes for disabled veterans. Agnes, with supervision provided by **Anthony Hubbard** and with the assistance of **Marianne Staniunas**, also aided the organization with its preparation of the Unified Registration Statement, which will enable it to solicit for charitable donations in various states.

Through The Lawyer's Alliance, **Sylvia Sironi**, of the firm's New York office, serves as corporate counsel to Project FAIR, Inc. Project FAIR provides information, assistance, referrals and representation to people who have requested Fair Hearings to adjudicate their rights with regard to public assistance, food stamps and Medicaid. Project FAIR is the product of the efforts of a coalition of New York City advocacy, and student groups, who came together to create this vehicle to assist low-income New Yorkers. In 2001 volunteers began staffing an information

and assistance table in Brooklyn where the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance conducts approximately 800 administrative hearings each day. This is an ongoing representation. Sylvia incorporated Project FAIR, Inc. as a not-for-profit in New York State and got them approved with the Department of Education in New York State. The representation will continue while they figure out their tax status given their relationship with the City Bar of New York.

Jennifer Rubin, of the firm's New York and Stamford offices, provides employment advice and counseling to the Stamford Community Partnership, a non-profit organization devoted to developing the business community in the City of Stamford through the combined efforts of business and governmental leadership. The premise of the organization is that through a strong economic foundation, the City of Stamford will attract and retain a commercial community that will in turn foster a more beneficial environment for the community at large, including in particular job development opportunities.



Kate Walsh is an associate in the Federal Section, practicing in the Washington, D.C. office. Her expertise includes both regulatory and litigation representation in relation to antitrust matters.

Additional Pro Bono Work by Category

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Karen Lovitch and **Stefani Watterson**, of the firm's D.C. office, are working with Women Empowered Against Violence, Inc. (WEAVE) and the District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCCADV) to draft local legislation designed to create an advocate-client

privilege for victims of domestic violence. The statutory privilege would protect communications between non-lawyer advocates (such as WEAVE's intake workers and DCCADV's advocates) and clients.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Marilyn Newman continues to advise and assist the Island Alliance, the non-profit corporation working to preserve and enhance public recreational uses in the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, on whose Board **Jeff Porter** serves. A particular focus of this work has been the Island Alliance's efforts to improve Peddock's Island as a destination for active visitor use, a project which will involve the permitting and construction of an underwater utility conduit to provide water, wastewater, and electrical service, as well as evaluation and restoration of selected historic Fort Andrews buildings and grounds. Marilyn has been working closely with the Island Alliance's board, staff, and consultants on the planning and environmental permitting for this long-term project. Marilyn has also assisted the Island Alliance in consultant selection and contracting, in contracting for public boat transportation serving the Harbor Islands, and in legislative drafting.

Susan Phillips and **Doug McLaughlin** assisted the Greater Boston Food Bank with the investigation

and purchase of an "environmentally challenged" property adjacent to the Food Bank's existing Boston facility. The purchase of this property will enable the Food Bank to begin a much-needed expansion of its warehouse and operations in Boston. As part of the purchase, we worked with Mass Development to designate the project a state Brownfields project so that it was eligible for specific funding and environmental insurance. We are continuing to assist the Food Bank in environmental and permitting matters.

Will Hill assisted the Appalachian Mountain Club in litigation against the Department of Resources and Economic Development of the State of New Hampshire. The litigation arises out of the creation of a snowmobile trail by the State of New Hampshire in the Crawford Notch area of the White Mountain National Forest and adjacent to the Crawford Notch State Park and the AMC's Highland Educational Center.

Hillary Meltz, Dora Kripapuri, Nick Cramb, Julie Barbuto and Veenita Kaushik have contributed great effort to representing our client, a Cameroonian citizen persecuted in his home country for his political activity, and who now is seeking political asylum. He was tortured and imprisoned, without ever being charged with a crime. After more than a year in abominable prison conditions, he escaped while on work duty and eventually fled to the United States. After many days gaining his trust and trying to understand the details of his situation, we assisted the client in applying affirmatively for political asylum and represented him in his asylum interview in August 2004. Recently, we helped our client apply for his work authorization and he is currently employed by a local university.

On behalf of a citizen of Japan, **Tullio Capasso** processed an H-1B petition so that she could serve HarborCOV on a temporary basis in the specialty occupation position of Domestic Violence Advocate/Caseworker. HarborCOV, Inc. is the only comprehensive domestic violence program serving Boston's harbor communities of Chelsea, East Boston, Winthrop, and Revere. HarborCOV provides emergency assistance, support services, and permanent housing for women and their children, while seeking community solutions to end domestic violence.

Susan Cohen and Tullio Capasso pursued an asylum application on behalf of a native of Rwanda, which had originally been filed by **Jeannie Smoot**, while she was an associate in the Litigation Section. The case was initially denied, but the firm filed a motion to remand based upon new evidence that demonstrated that the client could not be a citizen of both Rwanda and Uganda, which would have been a basis for denial. The case was remanded back to Immigration Court in Boston, and after many arduous hearings the case was approved by the Immigration Judge.

Cuban inmates in United States prisons have been routinely held for years after their sentences were served because the U.S., without diplomatic

relations with Cuba, could not deport them. **Grant Sovern, Akshat Divatia and Martha Koster** have been representing one such man, a "Marielito" who came to the United States in the Mariel boat lifts in the 1980s. After waiving his right to trial, without benefit of counsel, our client was detained at Fort Devens for four years after his sentence was completed. Since the U.S. Supreme Court decided in January 2005, that such detentions are illegal, our client and other Cubans in like straits will be released.

In a ceremony held on Ellis Island, **Chris Hildenbrand and Narges Kakalia** made a presentation about a recent asylum victory on behalf of their client, Augustine Ayompe, who fled persecution in his own country of Cameroon. The event was organized by Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights) and was attended by summer associates and attorneys from all major New York City law firms.

On behalf of a native of the Congo, **Tullio Capasso** filed an asylum application. The case was referred to Immigration Court as the client was unable to demonstrate that she filed her asylum claim within one year of entering the U.S. Documentation rebutting this has been obtained and will be presented to the immigration court in the near future.



Tullio Capasso is an associate in the Boston office practicing in the Immigration Section. Tullio's practice focuses on a variety of immigration issues.

Additional Pro Bono Work by Category

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HOUSING

Along with former Mintz Levin attorneys **Uzoma Oneyjie** and **Lisa Anderson**, **Christopher Bjornson**, of the firm's D.C. office, represented a client in a dispute with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Due to a lack of repairs by the landlord, the client began a rent strike. Through its management company, HUD then petitioned with D.C. Superior Court for eviction. Uzoma, Lisa, and Christopher successfully defended the client against the eviction, and subsequently negotiated a settlement with HUD whereby all of the repairs were made and HUD agreed to sell the property to the client.

Michael Haas and **Karen Lovitch**, of the firm's D.C. office, represented a D.C. resident in a case brought against him by his landlord, who sought to evict him and to recover four months of unpaid rent. The client had stopped paying rent after his landlord refused to make repairs to his apartment, which was in gross disrepair. Michael and Karen ultimately negotiated a settlement agreement under which the landlord agreed to renovate a new unit in the same building for the client and to drop all claims for the four months of unpaid rent.

Robb Stup, **Christopher Bjornson** and **Heather Westphal**, of the firm's D.C. office, represented three D.C. residents, whose landlord sought to evict them immediately, or, in the alternative, to

convert the residence under personal use and evict them in 90 days. Robb, Chris and Heather were able to negotiate a settlement that prevented the immediate eviction and allowed the tenants to stay in the residence for another 180 days, and obtain payment for moving expenses from the landlord.

With **Joe Lipchitz** newly elected to the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc. ("Habitat"), Mintz Levin had the opportunity to provide pro-bono legal services to Habitat. Habitat is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide decent affordable housing to lower-income families in Boston and the surrounding communities. Habitat does not build for profit, but rather sells homes to families using a 0% interest 25-year mortgage coupled with a pledge of "sweat equity" from the family to assist in the renovation or construction of their home. **Allan Caggiano** and **Jane Urban** helped make home ownership a reality for three needy families by providing the essential legal services to convert a residential building in South Boston into three separate condominiums. Allan and Jane then drafted the closing documents necessary to convey the three condominium units to these families. Mintz Levin is proud to have partnered with Habitat to give these three families a piece of the American dream of home ownership.

DISABILITY

Dinisa Hardley and **Karen Lovitch**, of the firm's D.C. office, successfully represented a D.C. resident, who was seeking Supplemental Security Income benefits. The client, who can no longer work because she suffers from diabetes as well as depression, was initially denied benefits because the Social Security Administration believed that she was still able to work.

Dinisa Hardley is an associate in the firm's Washington, D.C. office and practices in the Intellectual Property Section, with an emphasis in trademarks and copyrights.



Jeff Robbins was co-chair of this year's Anti-Defamation League (ADL) summer associate research program citywide. Jeff and **Paul Wilson** hosted a conference at Mintz Levin at the end of the summer at which summer associates at various Boston firms, including **Michael Sachs**, described their work on ADL projects. The program's guest speaker was Judge William Young, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The Legal Apprenticeship Program is a once-a-week after school program for middle school students run each spring and fall by *Discovering Justice* and *Citizen Schools*. For ten weeks, groups of eight to ten "legal apprentices" gather in conference rooms at Boston law firms to receive a crash course on the U.S. legal system taught by volunteer attorneys. Attorneys also mentor the legal apprentices in preparing "cases" for trial. The program culminates with an "Evening of Mock Trials," where legal apprentices argue their cases in front of federal and state court judges, VIP jurors and community members at the John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse. Mintz employees who participated include: **Veenita Kaushik**, **Naveen Ganesh**, **David Rice**, **Olga Kaplan**, **Joseph Cavanagh**, **Kwabena Abboa-Offei**, **Kelly Cobb-Lemire**, **Sarah Liebschutz**, **Suzanne Renaud**, **Deb Daccord**, **Kathryn Chelini**, **Hemanth Gundavaram**, **Jonathan Simpson**, **Vail Breed**, **Kyle MacDonald**, **Paul Poth**, and **Andrea Testa**.

Mintz Levin has been a leading partner of The Youth Leadership Program for Girls (YLPG) since its inception in 2002. YLPG, a unique and innovative program of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, Inc. (which, through the efforts of attorneys **Michael F. Connolly**, **Benjamin B. Tymann**, **Meighan McCrea** and others, Mintz also has long supported), is an intensive leadership development program for girls between the ages of 14 and 17 who live in the city of Boston. The program – which is the only leadership program in Boston aimed exclusively at female high school students – provides these young leaders with a variety of skills that they then use to teach peers and to benefit the community through service projects and other activities that promote civic involvement and positive social change. Mintz Levin hosts and plans the program meetings each month at the firm's Boston office. Mintz Levin litigator **Ben Tymann** has coordinated Mintz Levin's partnership with YLPG since the program's inception, and Mintz Levin Project Analyst **Aaliyah Nagji** and Mintz Levin Administrative Assistant **Diane Sandonato** also have been actively involved.

Mintz Levin in Service to Non-Profit Boards of Directors

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Kevin Ainsworth is a Director and Vice Chair of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation – Leathernecks, Inc. The organization is a NY not-for-profit corporation that raises money for scholarships for children of Marines and former Marines, with emphasis on those whose parents have died in the war on terror.

Neil Aronson is Chairman of the Board of Greater Boston Aid to the Blind, Inc.

Linda Bentley is on the Boards of Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council (MassMEDIC) and MassMEDIC's Enterprise Development Resource Center (EDRC).

Alden Bianchi is the Executive Committee Chair, and a Board member, for Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, Massachusetts.

Yael Biran is on the Board of Boston Israel Business Forum (Chairman) and the Friends of Israel Environment.

Maryann Civitello is on the Board of Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council and serves as First Vice President of the Board. She is also on the Boards of the Elizabeth Stone House and the Friends of St. Bernard's, Inc.

Patrick Clendenen is a Member of the Greater Boston Board of The American Heart Association and serves on its Nominations and Awards Committee.

Bret Cohen is the President of the Board of Directors of Natick Montessori School.

Susan Cohen serves on the Board of Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR).

William "Mo" Cowan is the Chairperson-Elect of Roxbury Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees, and a member of the Victim Rights Law Center Board of Directors.

Tom Crane serves on the Board of the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA. As part of this work, he also serves as the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Stephen Curley is a Vice President and Member of the Board of the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York.

John Delehanty is a Trustee of the American Intellectual Property Law Educational Foundation. He is also a Board Member of the Northeast Development Council of the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation and a Trustee of the John J. and Virginia M. Delehanty Scholarship Foundation.

Peter Demuth is on the Boards of the New England Legal Foundation and the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Ivor Elrifi is on the Board for Medical Technology Acceleration Program of Charitable Leadership Foundation.

Charles Ferris is Vice Chairman of the Mike Mansfield Foundation, and Trustee/Trustee Associate of Boston College.

Gregory Fine serves on the Board of the Providence Children's Museum.

Elissa Flynn-Poppey sits on the Board of Friends for Children, the mission of which is to improve the lives of the children of Massachusetts. Programs include sending children with AIDs to camp, and funding a suicide prevention center in South Boston, and parenting programs for fathers in Dorchester.

Russell Fox serves on the Board of Directors of Hillel of Rochester (NY) Area Colleges, and Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County (MD).

Daniel Gaquin serves on the Board of the Hamilton/Wenham Education Fund and is a member of the Hamilton Housing Partnership.

Michael Gardener and **Mary Lee Moore** serve on the Board of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, an advocacy organization for the homeless in Massachusetts. Michael also serves on the Board of DEAF, Inc., which provides services for the deaf and hard of hearing in Massachusetts.

Bob Gault is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Food Bank, and serves on its Development Committee and its Real Estate Committee.

Robert Glovsky serves on the Board of Governors for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, the Board of Trustees of the B’Nai B’rith Sports Lodge and the Spinazzola Foundation. He is also a member of the Anti-Defamation League Regional Board (New England Region).

Ford Goldman is on the Board of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum.

David Halpert is on the Boards of the Longy School of Music and Newton Symphony Orchestra.

Will Hill is the President of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He just recently completed a term, after several years, as Trustee of the Acton Conservation Trust.

Ann Ellen Hornidge is the Vice Chair of the Board of St Mary’s and Children’s Center, and a member of the Business and Professional Friends Committee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Anthony Hubbard is on the Boards of Community Servings, Inc. and The Newton Schools Foundation, Inc.

Marie Infante serves on the Boards of the Beacon Institute, a non-profit educational organization affiliated with the Maryland Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; Culpepper Gardens, a non-profit life care community for low income seniors in Arlington VA; and St. Coletta’s of Greater Washington, a non-profit school serving children and adults who are mentally and developmentally disabled.

William Kannel is a vice president of and on the Board and executive committee of Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Inc.

Tom Kelly is a Trustee of Wheelock College and serves as Chair of the Finance Committee, and is a member of the Executive Committee and the President Evaluation Committee.

Cam Kerry serves on the Boards of New England Nordic Skiing Association and National Jewish Democratic Coalition.

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Martha Koster serves on the Board of Greater Boston Legal Services.

Fernando Laguarda is the Chairman of National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund, and a Member of Friends of Young Suffragists. Both are based in Washington, D.C.

Joseph Lipchitz was newly elected to the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc.

John Markey chairs the Board of Advisors for Project Hope and Board of Trustees at Malden Catholic High School.

Doug McLaughlin is a Board member and the vice president of HarborCOV, a comprehensive domestic violence program serving Boston’s harbor communities.

Richard Mintz is the Director and President of Boston Center for Jewish Heritage, Inc., Trustee of the James D. St. Clair Court Education Project, and Honorary Trustee of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Jeffrey Moerdler is a member of the Board of Trustees, Past President and currently Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Young Men’s and Young Women’s Hebrew Association of the Bronx (also known as the Riverdale Y).

Scott Moskol is on the Board of The Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Youth.

Daria Niewenhous is on the Advisory Board of Community Legal Services and Counseling Center in Cambridge.

Lisa Palin is on the Board of Directors of TECH CORPS, an organization that mobilizes volunteers from the technology community to assist schools with the purchase, introduction and use of new technologies.

Joel Papernik is on the Board of the New York Biotechnology Association.

A.W. Phinney, III (“Chip”) is a member of the Board and the finance committee for the New Repertory Theatre in Newton.

R. Robert Popeo, Jr. serves on the Board of Trustees of Nativity Prep.

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Jeff Porter serves on the Board of Boston Harbor Island Alliance and chairs the Board's Economic Development Committee, which oversees the Island Alliance's efforts on Peddock's Island, Spectacle Island and on the Greenway at the planned Harbor Islands Pavilion. Jeff also serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and Chairs the Governmental Relations Committee.

John Regier serves on the following Boards: United Methodist Foundation of New England (Vice Chairman and member, Executive Committee and Investment Committee); Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church (Treasurer and member of Church Council). John also serves on the Board of Trustees (and Executive Committee) of the Massachusetts Bible Society, which has also become a pro bono client of the Firm. The Society owns property on Bromfield Street in Boston which has been the subject of some interest on the part of real estate developers.

John Regier and **Paul Wilson** serve on the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association. John also serves on its Executive Committee and is its immediate past chairman. The Firm has handled several matters for the Lawyers' Committee.

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