Dear friends and colleagues,

Throughout 2009, nearly 350 attorneys and staff members at Mintz Levin participated in a variety of pro bono matters. We’re enormously proud of all of their efforts, and we thank them for their work.

This year we’re especially proud to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mintz Levin’s Domestic Violence Project. For our two decades of dedication to this issue, the firm was honored with the Boston Bar Association’s Thurgood Marshall Award. It says something special about our firm that this program was started by two first-year associates. It’s even more significant that our strategic commitment to addressing domestic violence—an effort that has expanded across several of our offices—has allowed us to assist more than 750 victims; represent dozens of shelters, counseling agencies, and organizations providing support services; and draft appellate and amicus briefs over the years.

When this award was announced, Navjeet K. Bal, one of the founders of the project and now Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, took time to reflect on what this program has meant to her:

I remember so clearly how supportive the Pro Bono Committee and indeed the whole firm was when Kathy Pawlowski and I started the Domestic Violence Project. No one ever told us to slow down or scale back or lower our sights. Indeed, lawyers from across the firm signed on to help us. Its success belongs to the many Mintz Levin attorneys who have guided it and shaped it over the years, and to the firm as a whole for incorporating the Domestic Violence Project into its very DNA.

Throughout the years, we’ve stayed true to our original mission of helping and supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. As you’ll read later in this journal, Mintz Levin worked for more than seven years to amend Massachusetts law to allow more victims of stalking, sexual assault, and harassment to obtain criminally enforceable protective orders against their perpetrators. There could have been no better way to celebrate our 20-year milestone than to be present this past February when this legislation was signed into law.

Recently, our collective work on this legislation has received national recognition. In August, the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service will honor Mintz Levin with its 2010 Pro Bono Publico Award. Our firm was chosen to receive this award for “helping to enhance the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our nation’s poor and disadvantaged.”

Of course, we don’t do this work for honors, but for the honor of serving our communities and the people in them who need our help. We look forward to continuing this journey in the years to come.

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The Voyage Continues ...
Enacting new protections for stalking victims

In 2003, Helen Guyton, then a first-year associate in Mintz Levin’s Boston office, accepted her first pro bono case. On a referral from the Victim Rights Law Center, she represented “Hillary,” who was sexually assaulted in eighth grade by two neighborhood teens. The boys pleaded guilty to the crime under Massachusetts’ youthful offender law and were permanently expelled from school. Still, they continued to torment and threaten Hillary, who quit the cheerleading squad after her assailants heckled her during football games and changed her class schedule to avoid threats from the boys’ friends.

Hillary wanted to enjoy her prom and graduation, and feel some sense of safety. Helen was sure that a restraining order could bar Hillary’s attackers from attending the events, but she was shocked and troubled to learn that, under then-existing law, a criminally enforceable restraining order could only be sought against a household member, family member, or someone with whom the victim had a dating relationship, but not against neighbors.

Helen and her Mintz Levin colleagues went to work, knowing that if they could change the law, other victims would not have to suffer the way Hillary did. For the next seven years, Mintz Levin worked to fill this loophole in the existing law. The team, led by Sue Firegan, worked closely with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, the Victim Rights Law Center, Jane Doe Inc., and other advocates. Attorneys Elissa Flynn-Poppey and Dean Atkins, summer associate Erin Cornell, and project analyst Valerie Young became involved with this important effort. Elissa and Dean focused on redrafting the legislation, negotiating with key stakeholders (including advocacy groups, legislators, District Attorneys, criminal defense attorneys, and the courts) to gain their support, and working diligently behind the scenes to ensure passage. Due in large part to these efforts, the new legislation passed both the Senate and House unanimously.

On February 9, 2010, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law Senate Bill 2212, An Act Relative to Harassment Prevention Orders, declaring that victims of stalking, harassment, and sexual assault like Hillary would finally have much-needed protection from their perpetrators.

Mintz Levin continues its efforts to see that all victims of domestic and sexual violence have access to protective orders. Attorneys from the firm are involved in the statewide implementation plan to ensure that the law is rolled out effectively and efficiently.

“Mintz Levin has developed a commitment to this area of law and advocacy, allowing for a deeper and more meaningful impact in the community. The firm has developed specialties and relationships with key stakeholders, allowing it to effectively advocate for victims and change laws.”

— Gina Scaramella, LICSW Executive Director Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
When “Ahmad,” a 21-year-old refugee now living in San Diego, California, heard the words “You are now an asylee,” he knew that his two-month, three-continent journey from his native Somalia to the United States had finally ensured that he would be spared from the violence that had taken the lives of his mother and father.

Ahmad spent his life fleeing violence, torture, and death threats at the hands of majority clan members who have controlled much of Somalia since the fall of the Barre government in 1991. Afraid for Ahmad’s safety, his aunt persuaded him to leave his remaining family and flee to the United States.

Aware of Mintz Levin’s extensive expertise in handling political asylum claims, the American Bar Association’s San Diego Immigration Justice Project turned to Mintz Levin’s San Diego office and attorneys Bridget Moorhead and Ben Wagner to assist Ahmad with the asylum process.

Working with Ahmad (and with the advice of Marisa Howe in the Boston office), Bridget and Ben prepared a detailed brief to support Ahmad’s claim and represented him at his hearing. So compelling was Ahmad’s recounting of his life in Somalia that the immigration judge granted asylum from the bench.

For Bridget, this case was both professionally complex and personally profound.

“The challenge as litigators in any case is assembling evidentiary proof,” says Bridget. “In this case, all of [Ahmad’s] records were gone; no birth certificate, no death certificates for his parents. We had no proof of his existence. But, seeing the fear in [Ahmad’s] eyes of returning to Somalia and hearing his story compelled us to do whatever it took to see this case through.”

Now a political asylee, Ahmad has been released from detention. He is on track to get a green card and can apply for citizenship in five years.

This representation continues on a national level through partnerships with immigration and justice projects including the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project in Boston and Human Rights First in New York. Since the early 1990s, Mintz Levin has represented more than 70 individuals and families seeking refuge under the U.S. political asylum laws.
Legal services for entrepreneurs

It happens every day in cities across America: thousands of women commute to work, wearing sensible flats and toting their more fashionable, less practical shoes in a purse or briefcase. However, this requires commuters to always carry a spare set of shoes, which can be cumbersome and heavy, taking up space and even making a mess. A few years ago, Ana began turning this real-life experience into a business idea in San Francisco.

Ana’s idea was to design and market an attractive, foldable shoe, one that wouldn’t bring dirt from the city streets into her carrying bag. “You hear about this all the time. Rather than live with a problem, someone decides to do something about it,” says Phillip Lee, an attorney in Mintz Levin’s Palo Alto office. “The challenge for inexperienced entrepreneurs is to take an idea like this and get it into stores.”

That challenge led Ana—by all accounts an inspiring, resourceful young woman with little formal education—to attend a clinic held by Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (LSE), an economic justice project of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. LSE and its participating law firms provide pro bono legal services to low-income individuals, including women and people of color, who want to start or develop for-profit businesses, and to for-profit businesses committed to community economic development. At the clinic, Ana met Mintz Levin attorney Geri Rochino, who advised her on intellectual property issues and introduced her to others in the firm who could help, including Philip, Carol Peters, and Tali Tuchin.

The Mintz Levin team has helped Ana form an LLC, seek financing, and enter into agreements with consultants. “To her credit, she’s done a lot of this on her own. Where we added value was to offer additional feedback and ask questions as lawyers and as business advisors,” says Philip.

There are other foldable shoes on the market. Still, after two years of research and refining her concept, “she’s very comfortable that what she has designed is unique,” says Carol Ana’s patent application is pending.
Immigration clinics for Haiti

On January 12, 2010, many of us tried to fathom the devastation wreaked on Haiti by the catastrophic earthquake. Within hours, Sue Finegan, chair of the Pro Bono Committee, and Jeff Goldman, manager of the Immigration Practice, were already asking how Mintz Levin could help. Plans came into focus when President Obama granted Temporary Protective Status (TPS), a rarely used discretionary power that would allow Haitian nationals who were already residents in the U.S. to remain here for 18 months and, more importantly, to work in the U.S. to support their families.

Mintz Levin decided to work with Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Boston to help the Haitian community understand the TPS process. As one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities offers nearly 140 programs and services. Within a week, Mintz Levin participated in the first TPS clinic at a Haitian community center.

“We had to quickly master the TPS regulations, and use the full strength of our Immigration Practice,” Jeff says. The Mintz Levin team spent days studying the law, participating in critically important Homeland Security teleconferences, and developing strategies. They were also called on to train volunteers from law firms all over Massachusetts, and to speak and write about this specialized aspect of immigration law. Mintz Levin was even able to advise senior immigration officials on potential problems that applying for TPS could trigger for their Haitian clients, persuading officials to provide clearer information and guidance to the public. “I’m especially proud of that,” Jeff adds.

By the end of March, Mintz Levin and Catholic Charities had worked together on 10 TPS clinics, where more than 730 Haitians were counseled on eligibility and the application process. More clinics were conducted in May and June. In the end, every member of Mintz Levin’s Immigration Practice—10 attorneys and nine paralegals—had participated in this effort.

From Despair to Hope

“We gathered in Dorchester at the first clinic not completely sure what to expect; we simply let our collective commitment to serve guide us.”

— Marjean Perhot
Director, Refugee and Immigration Services
Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of Boston
There is something about a sick child that goes beyond social, political, and religious beliefs. It goes right to the heart of every human being, and simply can’t be ignored.

So it’s hard to believe that, despite being located in the richest country in the free world, the District of Columbia’s health indicators for children are among the worst in the nation, including high levels of asthma, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, HIV/AIDS, and mental illness. DC Appleseed, a non-profit focused on solving important policy problems affecting the daily lives of D.C. residents, is on the front line of these issues.

When DC Appleseed sought volunteers with health law expertise, they turned to Karen Lovitch, who leads Mintz Levin’s Health Law Practice. Karen agreed to assist, and is working closely with Lauren Haley and Sarah Kaput. Mintz Levin attorneys Dianne Bourque and Carrie Roll have also contributed.

Over the past year, Karen, Lauren, and Sarah have actively participated in two working groups, both looking at issues related to the District’s Medicaid program. Lauren’s group is analyzing the DC Department of Health Care Finance’s agreements with managed care organizations “to determine how the District can get the most value from its contractors on behalf of the children they serve,” as she describes it. “It’s been an opportunity to see how the government strives to use its resources for the benefit of its citizens.”

Sarah’s group is focusing on D.C. Medicaid enrollees who are children, and the barriers that prevent them from accessing the health care they need. “Once we identify the barriers, we’re going to look for ways to break them down,” Sarah says. Working in collaboration with the Children’s National Medical Center and other non-profits, the group’s initial study focuses on asthma patients. Sarah is helping to identify and address relevant legal issues, including outreach and access requirements in the Medicaid laws and regulations.

Lauren and Sarah agree that working with DC Appleseed has given them new insights into the work they do. “Our view of the authorities that govern Medicaid providers tends to be narrowly focused. We’re taking a broader view and looking at these issues in a more practical way to improve the health of children,” Lauren says.

“DC Appleseed provides us with an opportunity to serve a cause with which we are all aligned — to help underserved children be healthier.”

— Karen Lovitch
Mintz Levin
Health Law Practice Leader
One afternoon in 2006, an African-American couple, “Linda” and “Greg,” were driving home after work with their three-year-old son. As they approached an intersection, they saw two white motorcyclists waiting at a stop sign. The motorcyclists pulled out behind them, shouting racial epithets and making ugly gestures.

Linda and Greg pulled off the road in hopes of avoiding further confrontation, but found themselves trapped in a parking lot with the motorcyclists, who smashed their car windows, showered broken glass on their terrified child, grabbed Linda’s hair, and punched her in the face. Passersby called 911 and the assailants fled, but they were later arrested and indicted by a grand jury.

Linda and Greg turned to the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association, a nonpartisan legal organization founded in 1968. In turn, the Lawyers’ Committee contacted Paul Wilson, who serves, along with Mintz Levin colleagues Yalonda Howze and John Regier, on the Committee’s Board of Directors.

Paul then asked Colin Van Dyke to represent Linda and Greg in the civil lawsuit. “It’s hard to believe that there is out-and-out racial violence in Massachusetts in the 21st century,” Paul says. “It’s discouraging to see how far we haven’t come.”

The attorneys obtained a restraining order, attached the defendants’ property, and then brought suit for civil rights violations, as well as for assault, property damage, and emotional distress. Meanwhile, in the criminal case, one defendant pleaded guilty while the other refused to plead, stood trial, and was convicted.

After nearly two years, the drawn-out proceedings began to take their toll on Linda and Greg. They opted to go to trial; however, on the first day, the defendants agreed to settle. Colin negotiated settlements that would force both defendants to make significant financial restitution. “It was not just about litigating and winning, but about letting the clients know that they had options. It’s not always worth it to endure living through the events all over again,” Colin says.

For Linda, Greg, and their son, life seems to be moving in a positive direction. “Seeing that the defendants have to be accountable for what they did was really satisfying for them,” Colin reports.
Mintz Levin attorney Carrie Kreifels began taking dance classes when she was four years old. So in August 2008, when New York Lawyers for the Public Interest circulated a new list of pro bono opportunities, it was only natural that a request from Mark Lamb Dance engaged her interest. Mark Lamb is a choreographer and dancer, a teacher and a storyteller. His unique performance and teaching methods flow from his belief that “everyone is born a dancer” and that “expressive movement is our shared inheritance, a unifying human principle that transcends all established boundaries.” Initially, the dance company that bears his name needed to unwind its status as a for-profit corporation (filed in error) in favor of incorporation as a non-profit with a beneficial tax-exempt status. With support and guidance from Faith Charles, David Lagasse, and Andy Roth, Carrie worked with Mark on the steps necessary to close the books on the for-profit entity and re-incorporate as a non-profit. She was also actively involved in guiding the dance company through the ongoing process of filing IRS Form 1023 and responding to supplemental requests for information in pursuit of tax-exempt status, which was recently approved.

Working on this project has led Carrie to stretch and take leaps as a young lawyer just like she did as a dancer. In addition to studying the intricacies of non-profit law, she has delved into intellectual property issues (with the assistance of Joseph DiCicco) to help Mark enter into a licensing agreement that allows him to offer his unique choreography and creative work to the company for their sole use while retaining ownership rights.

Carrie has forged such a strong connection with Mark Lamb Dance that she agreed to join the company’s board of directors. She’s looking forward to supporting other collaborations and to helping Mark Lamb Dance become a more substantial company. “I started this project so I could have a professional connection to an earlier passion and it has flourished,” she says. “I’ve helped them, but they have thanked me by continuing to work with me and providing me with additional opportunities.”

— Carrie Kreifels
Mintz Levin

"The experience of working with Mark Lamb Dance allowed me to really grow into my role as a new attorney. Helping them rise to a new level in their business was an amazing opportunity and it taught me invaluable lessons that I will take with me throughout my career."

— Carrie Kreifels
Mintz Levin
D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Advocacy & Justice Clinic

A pro bono case is a rite of passage for many first-year associates at Mintz Levin. But when Darren Abernethy and Matt Cohen decided to work together on a referral from the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Advocacy & Justice Clinic, they were told that the case was an especially difficult one.

Their client, “Charles,” is severely mentally disabled and cannot speak, read, or write. He has lived with his brother-in-law, “James,” under difficult financial conditions for more than 10 years. Early on, James arranged for Charles to live in an assisted living facility temporarily. During that time, a District of Columbia social service agency became Charles’ representative payee, receiving Social Security payments to spend on his behalf. When Charles began living with James again, the Social Security Administration (SSA) informed them that Charles’ benefits had been overpaid, and the money would be recouped through significant deductions in his future benefits checks.

James had been working with social workers and other counsel to appeal the SSA’s decision, but over $6,000 had already been garnished. “We can’t stress enough how hopeless he was,” says Matt. “He had been dealing with this for years and years, and it was a very steep hill.”

With support from the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, a social service agency already working on Charles’ behalf, the Mintz Levin attorneys first tried to collect all of the records and correspondence relating to the case. They soon found that there was no documentation proving that the D.C. agency had ever received or spent money for Charles’ care.

On that basis, Darren and Matt persuaded the SSA’s district manager to stop withholding money from future checks, giving Charles an immediate increase in his income. “We were really pleased, but this wasn’t sufficient,” Matt says. “They had been deducting money from his checks for seven or eight years already. Even if we could persuade the SSA to stop recouping the money, the vast majority had already been collected.”

Even though the SSA had taken a hard-line stance, Darren and Matt respectfully forged ahead. “We worked collaboratively to try to get to the bottom of what had happened,” says Darren. Finally, Darren and Matt were able to tell Charles and James that the SSA would refund all of the money that had been improperly withheld. “James was speechless,” Darren remembers. “It’s going to give them a lot more breathing room, and we think it restored some of his faith in the system.”

Breathing Room

“I’m always so impressed at how enthusiastically and creatively our first-year lawyers handle their pro bono cases. These cases not only give our lawyers a better perspective on how daunting it would have been for their clients to face these issues without counsel, but also make them develop into better lawyers because of it.”

- Sue Finagan
Mintz Levin
Pro Bono Partner and Chair of the Pro Bono Committee
On the surface, a merger between the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) and The National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund, Inc. might sound like the most technical of technicalities. But, for the organizations involved, the decision to merge raised important issues of culture and coalition, and for Mintz Levin, it gave strength to a group—and a cause—to which the firm is deeply committed.

Incorporated in 1995, NNEDV grew out of a small working group of state domestic violence coalitions and advocates. “There were so many state coalitions all trying to do the same thing,” explains Daria Niewenhous, who has done pro bono work on domestic violence for almost 20 years. “The idea was to take all of those smaller voices and give them one, much stronger voice.”

In that same year, the Fund, a sister organization, was formed to provide training and technical assistance to the coalitions and to further public awareness of domestic violence issues.

Over time however, it became clear that running two separate organizations meant unnecessary duplications of many administrative tasks. In 2008, the Network and the Fund began discussing a merger. Collaborating with Daria were Kimberly Kirk and John Condon, who worked for months on this effort. Anthony Hubbard also contributed, offering guidance to his colleagues and sharing his experience.

It’s very fitting that NNEDV turned to Mintz Levin, as the fledgling organization began its life in space borrowed from the firm’s Washington, D.C. office, and Mintz Levin attorneys have supported the organization from its inception. Helen Guyton has served as NNEDV’s outside general counsel since 2007, coordinating Mintz Levin’s pro bono work on amicus briefs, intellectual property and employment issues, legislative drafting, and other matters.

It took many months, and many meetings, to come up with a structure that would still enable and respect input from the many organizations that have come together to form NNEDV. “You have this pull; one board was made up of coalition directors, the other was partly coalition members and partly corporate executives. It was great to be able to give them guidance on how to incorporate two boards into one,” says Helen.

And while NNEDV has benefitted from Mintz Levin’s knowledge, it’s equally true that the firm has learned much from the organization. “NNEDV brings domestic violence issues to the forefront at a national level,” says Helen. “We’re able to stay on the cutting edge of these issues by working with them.”

“Mintz Levin always answers the call when the domestic violence field needs help; they are unselfish in their volunteer efforts on behalf of victims and their children.”

Sue Else
President
National Network to End Domestic Violence
Our Partners in Change

The Anti-Defamation League

Israel’s Law of Return grants Jews around the world the right to become Israeli citizens. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) asked Mintz Levin for research help concerning a civil rights issue that ADL came across in a recent case: is it appropriate for a judge to consider Israel’s Law of Return in determining whether to deny bail to a Jewish defendant? Also, is such consideration constitutional? Summer associates Erin Cornell and Rebecca Diamond, under the supervision of Paul Wilson, looked at the Bail Reform Act of 1984 and certain clauses of the U.S. Constitution and determined that consideration of the Law of Return would likely survive most, if not all, constitutional challenges. However, they also determined that, in most cases, consideration is inappropriate under the Bail Reform Act because simply having an option to emigrate to Israel and obtain citizenship does not outweigh reasonable assurances that an individual will appear for trial as required, and further, that the extradition of flight, ADL will use the results of this research in any future cases in which a judge cites Israel's Law of Return as a reason to deny bail to a Jewish defendant.

CampInteractive

CampInteractive introduces the inspiration of the outdoors and the creative power of technology to underprivileged, inner-city youth, providing children with cutting-edge technology skills for the 21st century. Through their unique, year-round program, participants develop leadership skills, computer proficiency, and the creative power of technology to underprivileged, inner-city youth.

The Center for Justice and Accountability

The Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) is an international human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture and other severe human rights abuses around the world, and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice, and redress. CJA uses litigation to hold perpetrators individually accountable for human rights abuses, develop human rights law, and advance the rule of law in countries transitioning from periods of abuse. CJA recently filed a criminal case in Spain against Alfredo Cristiani Burkard, the former Salvadoran President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, as well as 14 former officers and soldiers of the Salvadoran Army for their roles in the 1989 massacre of six Jesuit priests and two civilian assistants in El Salvador. The case was filed using Spain’s universal jurisdiction law, which provides for jurisdiction over criminal matters if the crimes sufficiently concern Spanish interests. Former U.S. Congressman John Moxley was heavily involved in seeking peace in El Salvador and chaired a congressional investigation into the murders. His legislative files are maintained at the Joseph Moakley Archives at Suffolk Law School, and many of these documents are highly relevant to the prosecution in Spain.

In 2009, Mintz Levin attorneys Sue Finegan and Ben Clark coordinated a review of the documents maintained in the Moakley Archives to assist CJA with its prosecution in Spain. In addition to the intensive document review, Mintz Levin summer associates Erin Cornell, Mary Harrison, and Nathan McConarty reviewed and analyzed observation reports of the original trial of military personnel which took place in El Salvador. CJA is currently using these observation reports and the documents reviewed and analyzed by Mintz Levin as it prepares for the prosecution in Spain.

Dario Vaccaro Dance Project

Professional dancer Dario Vaccaro and photographer Lois Greenfield came to Carrie Kreifels and Andrew Roth with the hope of creating the collaboration “Projected,” integrating Greenfield’s compelling imagery with Vaccaro’s poetic dancing to create an interdisciplinary performance combining film and live photography with dance. Carrie and Andy helped the artists create a corporate structure to fund the collaboration and also drafted a partnership agreement delineating the role of each contributor. “Projected” is expected to debut this summer in Buenos Aires. Dario Vaccaro Dance Project aims to support the creation of new works by founder and choreographer Dario Vaccaro, to develop collaborative productions for national and international presentation, to educate and expand audiences for modern dance, and to provide outreach programs for emerging audiences at all levels of artistic experience.

The Elizabeth Stone House

Mintz Levin has had a corporate relationship with and has provided pro bono services in a variety of areas to The Elizabeth Stone House for over 25 years. Located in Roxbury, Massachusetts, The Elizabeth Stone House provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and who often suffer from trauma and substance abuse issues. Three Mintz Levin attorneys currently serve on the organization’s Board: Maryann Civitello (board president), Susan Phinney, and Martha Zackin. After a fire destroyed much of the agency’s emergency shelter in August 2007, Maryann negotiated the sale of the remaining building and land to a developer. The sale was completed in early 2010 by Mintz Levin real estate attorney Andrew Dean and legal assistant Michele Morgan. The proceeds will be used to help the agency acquire land and construct a new building to provide emergency shelter and transitional and permanent housing. In addition, Hillary Senior Torres worked on revisions to the waiver forms used for the hikes for Wilderness Hike, a pledge hike sponsored every July by The Elizabeth Stone House.

The Gala Fund for Women with Cancer

The Gala Fund for Women with Cancer salutes the beauty and spirit of female cancer patients. This non-profit organization provides patients with stylish hats at no cost and educational programs that foster financial independence. Mintz Levin represented Gala in its incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation and on general corporate matters. Anthony Hubbard and Chris Bird provided counsel for the Fund.

The Greater Boston Food Bank

In an effort to help end hunger in eastern Massachusetts, the Greater Boston Food Bank needs more than $210,000 people annually in nine counties. Overseen by Robert Gault, many Mintz Levin attorneys, including Will Hill, Anthony Hubbard, Drew Matzkin, Katrina Kropa, Mauria Pelham, Kelley Finnerty, Patricia Moran, and Joel Nolan assisted the Food Bank this past year with numerous legal issues, ranging from employment and intellectual property to real estate and corporate matters.

Human Rights Campaign

As the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) represents a grassroots force of over 750,000 members and supporters nationwide—all committed
to making HRC’s vision a reality. Founded in 1980, the Human Rights Campaign advocates on behalf of LGBT Americans, mobilizes grassroots actions in diverse communities, invests strategically to elect fair-minded individuals to office, and educates the media and the public about LGBT issues. HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be fully accepted, included, and respected throughout the United States. To make HRC’s vision a reality, the organization provides general counsel to the Foundation and incorporate it into a 501(c)(3), and continue to provide general counsel to the Foundation.

The Kenneth B. Schwartz Center

Founded by Kenneth Schwartz, a Mintz Levin attorney, before his death from cancer, The Kenneth B. Schwartz Center benefited from Mintz Levin’s pro bono services on issues such as contracts, corporate matters, and intellectual property. Attorneys working on these efforts included Dianne Bourque, Rachel Irving, Stephen Weiner, Dean Bostock, Garrett Gillespie, Travis Blais, Katrina Lee, Susan Weller, Tony Starn, and Peter Biagetti.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

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Melanoma Education Foundation, Inc.

The Melanoma Education Foundation, Inc. (MEF) is a non-profit organization devoted to saving lives from melanoma, a common skin cancer that is often deadly unless detected early. The Foundation increases awareness of melanoma by training high-school and middle-school health educators and supplying them with student materials and lesson plans, providing complete educational programs, and a regional and national audience, while simultaneously educating and engaging the community to foster an appreciation of the living artist and the creative process. Scott Biel assisted the Institute by providing advice relating to general real estate issues.

Island Creek Oysters Foundation

Based in Duxbury, Massachusetts, the Island Creek Oysters Foundation, the charitable foundation of Island Creek Oysters, has long contributed to a variety of organizations, striving to give locally and globally to issues impacting Duxbury Bay, children, and food. Recently, the Foundation embarked on a new endeavor: seeking to find a way to make aquaculture a sustainable protein source in Africa. In collaboration with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Foundation reached out to a group of villages on the island of Zanzibar, Tanzania, helping the community start an oyster hatchery off the coast and teaching women in the village how to raise oysters, thereby adding a sustainable, protein-rich resource to the villagers’ diet. Employees from Island Creek Oysters travel to Zanzibar to advise and educate the villagers with the hope of continuing to provide the local population with a greater supply of edible shellfish and have even invited village women to Duxbury to show them how a large oyster hatchery operates.

Attorneys from Mintz Levin, including Joseph Messina and Anthony Hubbard, helped Island Creek Oysters establish the Foundation and incorporate it into a 501(c)(3), and continue to provide general counsel to the Foundation.

The Melanoma Education Foundation, Inc.

Located in Encinitas, California, the Lux Art Institute works to redefine the museum experience to make art more accessible and personally meaningful. As part of this mission, Lux supports artists in the development of new projects through a residency program, and helps them share their discoveries with scholars, art patrons, and a regional and national audience, while simultaneously educating and engaging the community to foster an appreciation of the living artist and the creative process. Scott Biel assisted the Institute by providing advice relating to general real estate issues.

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New York Marine Executive Association

The mission of the New York Marine Executive Association is to foster the continuing development of U.S. Marines and war veterans in the New York metropolitan area through education, mentorship, and expert de corps. Specific objectives include hosting educational forums, creating career opportunities, and fostering camaraderie and mentorship among war veterans and their supporters. This year, Mintz Levin provided legal assistance in connection with regulatory matters, overseen by Kevin Ainsworth, and non-profit incorporation through Muriel Libertas.

Painted Rock Foundation

Painted Rock Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for Painted Rock Elementary School, a public school in Pomwray, California. The Foundation supports technology organizations, businesses, and government agencies in utilizing the empowering influence of information literacy as the 21st-century springboard for personal enrichment, social/economic growth, and development, and civic engagement at the local, state, national, and international levels. As a result of its collaborative efforts with its national and international constituencies throughout the years, the Forum is considered the premier source of authoritative, timely, comprehensive, easily accessible, and efficiently indexed information on information literacy.

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Reach Out and Read

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. ROR builds on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers to develop critical early reading skills in children, beginning at six months of age. The 3.8 million families served annually by ROR read together more often, and their children enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed with larger vocabularies and stronger language skills.

Susan Weller and Jacob Dib helped the organization renew its European trademark registration, and also assisted ROR in communicating with organizations using some form of Reach Out and Read without permission. Susan and Jacobo had a 100% success rate in getting these uses to stop without the need to escalate the matter to the next level.

Riverdale YM-YWHA

The mission of the Riverdale YM-YWHA is to be a hub to bring together the Jewish and wider community. The organization offers social, cultural, educational, health, and wellness programs to members of all ages in the local community. A well-established 501(c)(3) in the greater Riverdale, New York community, the organization also offers services to low-income individuals, including a hot lunch and subsidized health and wellness classes.

Jeffrey Moerdler has handled a wide variety of matters for the organization over the years. Along with Jennifer DiMarco and Michael Arnold, he worked on employment matters, including a separation agreement. Ron Nelson also assisted with the closing of refinancing for the organization and handled several grant applications. Breton Leone-Quick advised on a document retention policy for the YM-YWHA, and Brian Coughlin and Marisa Howe have handled immigration matters for the organization’s staff.
Our Partners in Change

San Diego’s Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau of San Diego is a non-profit organization, supported by local businesses, that seeks to foster an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other. The Bureau’s purpose is to give consumers and businesses alike an unbiased source to guide them on matters of trust. The San Diego Bureau provides educational information, expert advice, and arbitration free of charge and easily accessible to all.

Andrew Skale serves as a certified and trained arbitrator for the Bureau, helping to resolve disputes by listening to both sides, weighing the evidence, and issuing a decision. Better Business Bureaus have a national reputation for fairness, as all arbitrators remain neutral in disputes and are recognized for settling problems as quickly as possible. Andrew is assisted by Bruce Elder in this process; both attorneys have attended multiple hearings in matters of front of the Bureau and have written opinions that serve as final judgment on a variety of cases. Andrew most enjoys his role as arbitrator because it offers citizens who don’t have the resources to hire a lawyer a venue and an opportunity to plead their case.

The Sports Legacy Institute

The Sports Legacy Institute (SLI) is dedicated to advancing the study, treatment, and prevention of the effects of brain trauma in athletes and other at-risk groups, including members of the military. Through its efforts, SLI aims to keep athletes safe and promote awareness of the risks of concussions. Mintz Levin has also worked closely with SLI in its formative years and SLI worked together to secure SLI’s tax-exempt status.

Christopher Bird, Brian Dunphy, Elissa Flynn-Poppey, and Steve Weiner have also worked closely with SLI in its formative years and provided guidance and advice on a range of health law, corporate, tax and related legal issues as it has grown.

Suited for Change

Founded in 1992, Suited for Change provides professional clothing and ongoing career and life-skills education to low-income women to increase their employment and job retention potential and to contribute to their economic independence. Karen Lovitch managed our relationship with this client, which involved drafting the Board of Directors agreement and other corporate and employment matters, with assistance from Anthony Hubbard, Robert Gault, Tyrene Thomas, Jennifer Calaker, Adrienne Walker; and Quincy Ewell.

The Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is a non-profit organization that works to protect immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence through legal services, advocacy, and public education programs. Through this coordinated effort, Tahirih has ensured the immediate protection and safety of its clients as well as their long-term well-being by informing the public of the unique challenges immigrant survivors of violence face and, ultimately, creating lasting legal and social change. Over the past few years, Mintz Levin attorneys have helped many women survivors of domestic abuse on a path to U.S. citizenship through the U-visa and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petition process. Last year, Carrie Roll took on a UWVA case for a client who had been the victim of physical and mental abuse at the hands of her U.S. resident husband. She was assisted in this effort by Farrah Short and records associate Lorena Bonilla (who provided translation services). Mintz Levin looks forward to continuing its partnership with Tahirih to protect immigrant women and girls from domestic abuse.

United Nations Association of the United States of America

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to building understanding of and support for the ideals and work of the UN among the American people. Its education, policy and advocacy programs emphasize the importance of cooperation among nations and the need for American leadership at the UN. UNA is affiliated with the World Federation of United Nations Associations, which began in 1946 as a public movement. David Legasie, along with Gregory Bennett, has counseled UNA for many years on legal issues in the employment and labor areas.

The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts

The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts (WTSM) is a 501(c)(3) land trust whose mission is saving special lands in southeastern Massachusetts. The Trust acquires real estate and conservation restrictions on real estate and has been very successful in helping preserve some fragile lands in the region. Mintz Levin attorneys, including Peter Dernwth, Garrett Winslow, and Tavis Morello, have worked closely with WTSM to secure its tax-exempt status. The firm remains an important sponsor of WTSM and Edye continues her involvement in WCL as a member of the Board of Directors.

Women of Color in Law

Women of Color in Law, Inc. (WCL) grew out of the efforts of Judge Vallera Johnson, a well-known African-American judge in San Diego, to support women of color in law school. Judge Johnson began her informal luncheons with a handful of law students, judges, and attorneys. These luncheons have grown to include over 200 attendees enjoying a place to connect with other women of color in the legal profession. WCL was incorporated to formalize Judge Johnson’s vision to assist people of color, especially women in the legal community to succeed and to provide opportunities for fellowship and mentoring. Edye Bauer worked closely with Judge Johnson and a number of women to refine the vision of WCL and incorporate WCL as a non-profit public benefit corporation. Mintz Levin continues to work with WCL to secure its tax-exempt status. The firm remains an important sponsor of WCL, and Edye continues her involvement in WCL as a member of the Board of Directors.
Our Voyage: 2009 Award Winners

The Boston Bar Association (BBA) presented Mintz Levin with the Thurgood Marshall Award for extraordinary pro bono service at the BBA’s Annual Meeting in October. The firm was recognized for its Domestic Violence Project, which marks its 20th anniversary in 2010.

The San Diego County Bar Association awarded Mintz Levin with the 2009 Award for Public Service by a Law Firm or Agency. The San Diego office was honored for the tremendous pro bono, community service, and charitable contributions its attorneys and staff made on behalf of a local domestic violence prevention organization.

The Lawyers’ Committee on Affordable Housing and Homelessness recognized Mintz Levin for its tireless domestic violence-related pro bono efforts throughout the prior year. Over the past year, 18 attorneys and staff, primarily from the firm’s New York office, provided 30 domestic violence clients with immigration counseling in two half-day legal clinics.

The Mississippi Center for Justice acknowledged Mintz Levin for advancing recovery and ensuring fairness in the wake of Hurricane Katrina at the Mississippi on the Potomac Reception in May in Washington, D.C.

At Bio-Ball in March 2009, Mintz Levin was honored for being a valued partner for over five years. Bio-Ball is a one-day basketball tournament involving 16 local biotech and pharmaceutical companies and 16 Special Olympics basketball teams, in which all of the proceeds go to benefit basketball programs and activities at Special Olympics Massachusetts.


Boston College Law School awarded R. Robert Popeo the second annual Mary Daly Curtin and John J. Curtin Jr. Award for Public Interest for his lifelong commitment to civic causes and for Mintz Levin’s strong pro bono program. Bob has served on the boards of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Massachusetts Mental Health Research Corporation, Catholic Charitable Bureau, Glover Memorial Hospital, the American Cancer Society, and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. He is also a member of the Board of Overseers of Northeastern University, the Board of Advisors of Birmingham (England) Business School, a Trustee of Boston College, a former Trustee of Newton Country Day School, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable. The firm’s extensive pro bono efforts were also highlighted at the award reception, including the firm’s innovative contributions in the area of domestic violence prevention, political asylum, homelessness, and civil rights. In recognition of Bob’s award, BC Law School named four Mintz-Lauded “Mintz Levin Public Interest Scholars” last summer in the areas of domestic violence and political asylum through its public interest stipend program.

The Women’s Bar Association Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers presented Susan Fingeston with a Women of Justice Award for her longstanding commitment to pro bono work, in particular her advocacy on behalf of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.

The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights cited Noah Shaw with a Civil Rights Recognition Award. The Lawyers’ Committee cited Noah for several of his pro bono achievements during his year as a Mintz Levin Fellow at the Lawyers’ Committee and during his Mintz Levin career.

The Boston Bar Association selected Colin Van Dyke to participate in its year-long Public Interest Leadership Program.

At its annual Pro Bono Awards Reception, the firm honored Helen Guyton with the Mintz Levin Pro Bono Award for her longstanding commitment to pro bono work at the firm. Over the years, she has worked with individual domestic violence and sexual assault clients, done legislative advocacy on sexual assault and stalking, and drafted amicus briefs on domestic violence-related issues. In addition, for the past year, Helen has served as outside pro bono counsel to the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Helen also had a significant victory in a challenging political asylum case in which she represented a client who was forced to leave her home country and successfully obtained asylum for her client based on persecution the client suffered at the hands of the Rwandan military.

New England 2009 Super Lawyers listed Lisa Palm as a “Rising Star,” citing her groundbreaking pro bono work with a sexual assault survivor.

2009 Pro Bono Committee

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We particularly wish to recognize those members whose terms ended in 2009-10. We thank them for their longstanding commitment to the pro bono efforts of the firm.

Crystal Barnes, Susan Cohen, John Delahunt, Lisa Glain, Sarah Henth, Daria Melewski, Geraldine Rochino, and Charles Samuel.

We also wish to thank assistants Marie Josepau, Emily Paone, and Jennifer Nelson, along with project analysts Nigal Annd, Julia Berntock, Nick Payton, Ted Upton, and Valerie Young for their assistance with the pro bono program.
Gina Addis serves on the Board of the M. Patricia Cronin Foundation.

Kevin Answorth is Director and Vice-Chairman of Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation-Leathernecks, Inc.

Fred Armstrong serves as Vice President and is a Board member for the Manifold Music and Arts Society.

Dean Askins is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance.

Jonathon Bellan is Chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York and Chairman of the New York State Public Asset Fund.

Edye Bauer serves on the Board of Women of Color in Law, Inc.

Ingrid Beastie serves on the Town of Milton Board of Conservation Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Michael Bell serves on the Leaside News Healthcare Advisory Board and sits on the Seton Hall Law & Policy Programs Advisory Board.

Linda Bentley is on the Board of Directors of MedTech Program’s Advisory Board.

Michael Connolly is on the Board of Directors of the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Scott Biel is on the Board of the Downtown San Diego YMCA.

Teal Brain is a member of the Board of the New England-Israel Business Council and IsraelVenture Network.

Travis Bleis serves on the Board of the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement.

Richard Black serves on the New York Board of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, is Chair of the Board of the International Cinema Education, and is on the Board of the Princeton Club of New York.

Joseph Bluey is on the Board of Directors of the George Washington University Law School Alumni Association. He is also on the Board of the New England Legal Foundation, and serves on its Development and Legal Review Committees.

Stephen Burke is a member of the Board of the Boston Urban Hockey Initiative, Inc., d/b/a S.C.O.R.E. Boston, and the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame.

Bret Cohen is the ex-officio President of the Board of Directors of Natik Montessori School.

Susan Cohen is the President of the Board of Directors of Casa Myrna Vasquez, Inc. and Hope Foundation.

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Andrew Dean serves on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association Law Review and a Trustee of Bridgewater State College.

Scott Ford is a member of the Harvard Historical Districts Commission and is on the Board of the Harvard Historical Society.

Jennifer Friedman serves on the Board of Directors of Potomac Harmony Chorus.

Michael Gaspin serves on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Hamilton Wenham Education Fund.

Michael Gardener serves on the Board and as Treasurer of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, on the Board of DEAF Inc., and on the Board of Trustees of Temple Emanuel.

Megan Gates is on the Boards of Directors of Casi Myna Vaqio, Inc. and hopeFound Inc.

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Jeremy Glaser serves on the Boards of San Diego Venture Group and CON-NECT Springboard.

Robert Glorisky is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Certified Financial Planners Board of Standards, and serves on the Board of Trustees of the B’nai B’rith Sports Lodge and on the Faculty Institutional Wealth Services (IVS) Advisor Council.

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Fred Hernandez serves on the Board of the Southern Caregiver Resource Center.

William Hill is Co-Chair of the Appalachian Mountain Club Board of Advisors.

Benjamin Hincks is on the Board of Newton Youth Lacrosse and the Advisory Board of Self Help Africa, and serves on Citizen Schools’ Council of Champions.

Stuart Hrinfield is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Theatre Association in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Ann-Ellen Horndige is the Chair of the Board of St. Mary’s Women and Children’s Center and Chair of the Board of Trustees for MassINC, and serves on the Board of Overseers for the Huntington Theatre.

Yalonda Howze is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association.

Anthony Hubbard is on the Board of Community Servings, Inc., and serves as its Secretary and a member of its Executive Committee. He also is a Director of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau as well as a Director Clerk, and member of the Executive Committee of Nexus Alliance, Inc.

Matthew Hurley is a member of the Southborough Zoning Board of Appeals. Ellen Jonas is on the Board of Directors of Welles Children’s Services, Inc.

Narges Kalaka serves on the Board of New York Asian Women’s Center and on the Pro Bono Advisory Committee for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.

Hueather Kelly is an Advisory Board Member of Friends of Tut’s Sparrow Park.

Thomas Kelly is a Trustee of Wheelock College and serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee.

Matt Kirkmayer serves on the Advisory Board for Asia.

Kenneth Koch is Director of the Sunrise Charitable Foundation, Inc. as well as its Vice President and Secretary.

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Remember: giving your time, knowledge, and heart isn’t a sacrifice. It’s an honor. So as you move through your day, take a moment to consider how you can help improve the lives of those who are most in need. Perhaps next year it will be your story we proudly share.

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