



Fourteenth Annual Justice For All Luncheon

*Celebrating the Pro Bono Contributions
of the 2014 Empire State Counsel®*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Association is deeply grateful to lawyers everywhere who generously donate their time and expertise to help low-income and vulnerable persons access our complex court system. It is especially gratifying today on the 14th anniversary of the Justice for All luncheon to publically recognize the pro bono contributions of our members who now join the distinguished ranks of the Empire State Counsel®.

The 2014 Empire State Counsel® honorees provided pro bono representation in a diverse range of legal matters.

Thanks to their dedication and hard work, immigrants have been granted refuge from persecution and an opportunity to build a new life in the United States. Survivors of domestic violence have been freed from their abusive partners. Tenants have been empowered to require their landlords provide safe and habitable apartments. Small not-for-profit organizations have been able maintain compliance with complex laws governing their operation, due to the guidance provided by pro bono attorneys. These legal victories were achieved through the efforts of pro bono volunteers.

Each year, the Association undertakes the very difficult tasks of identifying two Empire State Counsel® honorees for special recognition at the Justice for All luncheon. The 2014 Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteers are: Lisa A. Coppola, a first-time volunteer with the Erie County Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project; and Susan Corcoran, a long-time volunteer with the Pro Bono Partnership. Their contributions are described inside the program brochure.

Whether large or small, law firm support of pro bono is invaluable. For this reason, the Association is grateful for the opportunity to again recognize those law firms that enrolled the largest numbers of Empire State Counsel® during 2014. The pro bono practices of the law firms are described in the brochure.

We are pleased Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman once again joins us at the Justice for All luncheon. Also attending this year as the keynote speaker is the Honorable Jenny Rivera, associate judge of the Court of Appeals. Having spent her entire professional career in public service, Judge Rivera has a deep appreciation of the work done by legal services attorneys and pro bono volunteers. We are delighted to have Judge Rivera share in the celebration of our members' pro bono contributions.

Thank you for attending the Justice for All luncheon and for your efforts to expand access to justice for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Lau-Kee". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Glenn Lau-Kee

Thirteenth Annual Justice for All Luncheon

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Welcome

David P. Miranda

President-Elect, New York State Bar Association

Introduction of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman

Glenn Lau-Kee

President, New York State Bar Association

Remarks

Hon. Jonathan Lippman

Chief Judge, New York Court of Appeals

Keynote Address

Hon. Jenny Rivera

Associate Judge, New York Court of Appeals

Presentation of Awards

Glenn Lau-Kee

David P. Miranda



Hon. Jenny Rivera

Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York City in December 1960. On January 15, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo nominated her to the Court of Appeals, and the New York State Senate confirmed her appointment on February 11, 2013.

Judge Rivera has spent her entire professional career in public service. She clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, on the Southern District of New York, and also clerked in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Se Law Clerk's Office. She worked

for the Legal Aid Society's Homeless Family Rights Project, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (renamed Latino Justice PRLDEF), and was appointed by the New York State Attorney General as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights. Judge Rivera has been an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Division for Human Rights, and served on the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Prior to her appointment, she was a tenured faculty member of the City University of New York School of Law, where she founded and served as Director of the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality.

She graduated from Princeton University, and received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law.



EMPIRE STATE COUNSEL® 2014 HONOREES

Pro Bono changes lives. The Empire State Counsel® Program recognizes our members' pro bono contributions. By generously donating their time and expertise our members help low-income and vulnerable persons, who otherwise could not afford an attorney, gain access to the civil justice system. Since the program launched in 2006, our members have donated more than 1.6 million pro bono hours. The program also recognizes the law firms who support and encourage pro bono. Congratulations to the 2014 Empire State Counsel® honorees and their law firms.

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Law Firms New to the Empire State Counsel® Program

The Association owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the law firms, pro bono volunteer programs, and local bar association volunteer lawyers projects for their generous support of the Empire State Counsel® Program over the past eight years. We also extend a warm welcome to each of the law firms joining the program for the first time:

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Susan Corcoran

Partner, Jackson Lewis PC

A partner in the White Plains, New York office of Jackson Lewis PC, Ms. Corcoran has volunteered her employment law expertise with the Pro Bono Partnership since 1997. The Pro Bono Partnership provides free legal advice and consultation to nonprofit organizations throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that serve the disadvantaged or provide important services in our communities. The organizations receiving this free assistance are unable to pay for legal counsel without substantially jeopardizing their ability to provide essential services to the low-income communities they serve.

Throughout the past seventeen years Ms. Corcoran's dedication and enthusiasm for performing pro bono has never waned. During her volunteer tenure she has worked on 44 different legal matters for Partnership clients; spoken at Partnership workshops on employment law issues; answered numerous employment resources calls from the nonprofit community; been a tireless advocate for pro bono with her firm; and served as an invaluable resource to the Partnership's in-house staff on labor and employment issues.

Most Partnership volunteers accept one or at most two pro bono matters a year. However, Ms. Corcoran accepted five projects during 2014 on a range of employment issues, including advising a nonprofit regarding accommodation for an injured employee; counsel about an employee leave under the Fair Labor Standards Act; and three other matters for different nonprofits involving particular issues with individual employees. This past June, the Partnership turned to Ms. Corcoran for pro bono assistance when their New York employment staff attorney needed to take an unexpected leave of absence for several months. Employment law is the largest area of practice for the Pro Bono Partnership and they routinely field more than 1,500 resource calls each year. Employment law matters often require immediate attention. In addition to continuing her work on long term projects, Ms. Corcoran responded by developing a protocol within her firm to ensure that these resource calls were handled promptly and efficiently.



Lisa A. Coppola

First time volunteer with the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project in Buffalo, New York, Lisa A. Coppola rose to the myriad challenges presented by her first immigration case on behalf of an Eritrean family. Although inexperienced in immigration law, Ms. Coppola was a seasoned litigator with more than 25 years of experience. She was moved to accept the family's case because she also is a mother of immigrant children.

Having fled their homeland to avoid persecution on account of their Christian religion and their refusal to serve in their country's brutal "national service", for a time the family was held in a U.S. detention center located in Becks, PA pending removal proceedings. The clients included a husband, wife, and two young daughters ages 2 and 3 years old. The mother did not know she was pregnant with a third child when she filed the asylum petition.

Despite the language barrier, Ms. Coppola took the time necessary to learn as much as possible about the details of the family's situation. Thanks to her patience and skill as an experienced litigator, Ms. Coppola discovered an important fact which had not been included in the family's asylum application – the mother had been the victim of female genital mutilation and, if the family were returned to Eritrea, her daughters would be forced to undergo the same horrific procedure.

Ms. Coppola was able to prepare the evidence she need to make a compelling record for asylum. She also prepared her clients to testify about highly private and personal details of their lives, convincingly coaxing them to relate the facts and emotions that established a valid claim for asylum.

Ms. Coppola spent over 250 hours, including a two day hearing, which spanned six weeks to win her client's asylum. But her work on behalf of this family did not end in the courtroom. Five days, before the family's hearing the apartment they lived in burned down, a truly tragic turn of events. Undeterred, Ms. Coppola and her paralegal legal coordinated the assistance efforts.

Having won her first asylum case, Ms. Coppola now donates her time to train other volunteers to handle these types of case. Describing her volunteer experience with VLP, Ms. Coppola said, "It all comes back to meaningful work and the opportunity to live one's integrity by advocating for deserving people who faced their misfortune with nothing by courage, fortitude and gentle tenacity." According to Ms. Coppola, this pro bono experience has been one of the highlights of her career and she "literally cannot wait for [her] next case."

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Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and affiliates strongly encourages its lawyers, summer associates, and legal assistants to do pro bono work for those individuals and groups unable to afford legal services. The firm is a charter signatory to the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, pledging to commit time equivalent to at least 3% of its annual billable hours to work on pro bono matters. In 2014, New York office lawyers and summer associates reached 4.4% of billable time. Firmwide, Skadden attorneys, summer associates, and legal assistants recorded 144,550 hours of pro bono legal work in 2014.

Deeply ingrained in the firm's culture, pro bono provides vital help to a wide variety of individuals and organizations in need of legal assistance. Skadden attorneys regularly assist those seeking asylum in the United States and elsewhere in their attempts to escape persecution due to religious or political beliefs, or sexual orientation. Attorneys also handle many cases for death row inmates and take on numerous matters involving wrongful imprisonment and prosecution, housing disputes, and family law, and frequently provide legal assistance to legal services organizations and other nonprofits, as well as micro-entrepreneurs. On November 6, 2014, the Pro Bono Institute presented Skadden with the John H. Pickering Award in recognition of the Firm's "long-standing and remarkable commitment to pro bono." In 2013, the firm received the New York State Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Service Award, as the winner in the "Large Firm" category. The firm was jointly nominated by Lawyers Alliance for New York, the Legal Aid Society, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, and Legal Services NYC, through each of which the firm's lawyers have done substantial amounts of pro bono work.

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A steadfast commitment to pro bono representation has been a hallmark of WilmerHale since the early 20th century, when our partner Reginald Heber Smith—considered the father of legal aid in the United States—authored the seminal book *Justice and the Poor* and galvanized the organized bar nationally to secure equal justice for those unable to afford counsel. More than seven decades later, in 1992, our partner John Pickering led the effort to establish the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge and ensured that we were its charter signatory. Today, as measured by *The American Lawyer*, our pro bono program ranks third out of the more than 170 reporting firms.

WilmerHale maintains a strong commitment to pro bono representation and to providing a voice for the least powerful, demonstrated by pro bono contributions that range from cases of national importance before the US Supreme Court to litigation on behalf of individuals who lack the means to secure necessities as fundamental as housing, adequate medical care and a safe home environment. In 2014, WilmerHale secured a significant victory in the US Supreme Court for pro bono client Freddie Lee Hall, an inmate on death row in Florida. The court's decision in *Hall v. Florida* will help ensure that mentally disabled inmates will not be unconstitutionally executed. Also this past year, post-conviction DNA testing in a 30-year murder case exonerated WilmerHale's client Henry Lee McCollum, an inmate under sentence of death for a 1983 murder he did not commit. Additionally, WilmerHale and its co-counsel, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, secured a landmark civil rights victory when the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas struck down Texas's highly restrictive voter photo identification law on the grounds that it violated the federal Voting Rights Act and the US Constitution. Lastly, in 2014, three groups—Prisoners' Legal Services, the Center for Public Representation and the ACLU of Massachusetts—joined WilmerHale to file a federal class-action suit challenging the imprisonment of Massachusetts women who are civilly committed for addictions to drugs or alcohol.

The firm strongly believes that we have a responsibility to help strengthen our communities and is proud to work with numerous legal aid and nonprofit organizations across the globe that are working diligently on behalf of their clients.

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At Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, we approach our long tradition of service to the community with the same passion, creativity and motivation we apply to all our work. Over the last several years, Gibson Dunn's New York office has dedicated enormous resources to its pro bono efforts in a variety of different areas, including advocacy on behalf of trafficking victims, victims of domestic abuse, asylum seekers, nonprofits, and a variety of low income individuals seeking access to the court

system. In addition to these types of individual representations, the office has gotten behind several larger-scale causes, including one case to assist a group of disabled New Yorkers obtain disaster food stamp benefits (so-called “D-SNAP” benefits) that they were unable to apply for in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and another case on behalf of low-income, disabled New Yorkers who were wrongly denied their social security benefits. And over the course of the last year, a number of attorneys have volunteered for, and help spearhead, the Eastern District of New York’s Alternatives to Incarceration Program. In all of these instances, and the countless others not referenced here, Gibson Dunn has been proud and privileged to represent its community and the citizens of New York, and has strived to help in the fight to provide meaningful access to justice.

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White & Case has been taking on important pro bono work since the firm was founded in 1901, and today we are one of the largest providers of pro bono legal services in the world. Under the leadership of Brussels partner and EU-law litigator Ian Forrester, QC, our Global Pro Bono Practice focuses on three areas – providing access to justice, promoting good governance and the rule of law and serving the world’s leading non-governmental organizations. More than 110 partners worldwide serve as Pro Bono Leaders who help guide and develop the practice.

Pro bono is the centerpiece of our social responsibility initiative. Our social responsibility programs also encompass our legal education work – such as our sponsorship of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition – our volunteer programs, charitable contributions and Firmwide Green Initiative. White & Case’s integrated global footprint is distinctive and gives shape to our pro bono work. We offer many cross-border projects that provide all our lawyers the opportunity to work on international issues regardless of where they sit. Our largest project in 2014 was researching the rights of children in every country in the world for Child Rights International Network. More than 230 lawyers and legal staff across 32 offices participated in this global pro bono matter. Among other cross-office projects, we have also:

- Prepared a brochure to raise awareness among Syrian refugees about the importance of officially registering births and marriages with the government of the country to which they have fled, to ensure legal protections. The brochures will be distributed to refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.
- Conducted legal research to support the South Sudan peace process by examining the use of sanctions by regional authorities to promote peace or mitigate conflict and on the successful design and implementation of national dialogues during peace processes.
- Researched laws in five countries establishing criminal injury compensation for one of the first NGOs in China specializing in advocating legal aid for women. The research will be used by the organization to advocate for stronger legislation in China.

In the United States, we expanded our work on pro bono criminal matters including appeals, direct representations, hearing and civil-criminal issues. We also took on criminal representations around the world and addressed important policy issues in the criminal-justice system.

We believe that pro bono work is an excellent way to accelerate a young lawyer's training and development. All first-year and summer associates are assigned at least one pro bono matter. We encourage all of our lawyers to propose pro bono matters to the Firm and to work at least 20 bono hours a year.

To read more about our pro bono work and social responsibility initiatives please visit <http://srreview.whitecase.com>.



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Providing pro bono legal services to those most in need is an integral part of being a lawyer at Hogan Lovells. We have a longstanding and extensive pro bono program that focuses on improving the lives of those without adequate legal representation and providing legal services to charities and nonprofit organizations with social justice as their core missions. The formation of Hogan Lovells in 2010 brought to-

gether two leading pro bono practices, both with strong legacies on either side of the Atlantic. In the United States, we have a 40-year history of recognizing pro bono as a practice group and were the first legal practice in the world to do so.

Our pro bono practice has been honored with tributes such as the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award, and we were the only legal practice named to The National Law Journal's Pro Bono Hot List in both 2012 and 2013. Most recently, The American Lawyer honored us with its Lifetime Achievement Award for Citizenship for our pro bono work in Liberia.

Hogan Lovells takes seriously our commitment to providing high-quality legal services to those most in need and least able to pay. Annually, we deliver tens of thousands of hours of free legal services and mobilize hundreds of volunteers to work on projects in areas such as human rights, poverty alleviation, public health law, education, environmental activism, and international development.

In the past year, attorneys in Hogan Lovells' New York office have secured the safety of vulnerable and marginalized individuals through the grant of protective orders, asylum, U-visas, administrative closure of removal proceedings, and other legal protections; assisted low-income tenants in compelling landlords to make necessary repairs to their apartments to remedy violations of the state housing code; and helped the elderly and chronically ill with advance planning needs. We also advised a variety of New York nonprofit organizations regarding tax, real estate, and corporate/transactional matters and provided legal assistance to a number of low-income artists and inventors regarding contract, trademark, copyright, and patent issues.

Hogan Lovells also tackled issues at the forefront of current events in 2014, including authoring a ground-breaking publication that provides much-needed guidance to hospitals on best practices for the care of transgender patients and obtaining a final judgment in a discriminatory zoning case, *MHANY Mgmt. Inc. v. Garden City* (E.D.N.Y.), requiring a village in New York to remedy the effects of its prior intentional discriminatory conduct which had blocked affordable housing for minority residents.

These pro bono matters are central to our firm's mission. To learn more, please visit www.hoganlovells.com/probono.

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Pro bono work has always been a core responsibility of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. Davis Polk has a long and distinguished history of providing pro bono legal services to those who could not otherwise obtain representation and we dedicate considerable resources to our pro bono program. Over the past year our work has included: representing low-income homeowners against mortgage scammers and developing a nationwide model for anti-scamming cases, assisting many of our corporate pro bono clients to comply with the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act, successfully representing wrongfully convicted individuals; helping victims of domestic violence obtain divorces from their batterers; obtaining U visa and green cards for many crime victims; gaining asylum for indi-

viduals fleeing persecution in their home countries; drafting policy papers on human rights issues; serving as counsel for microfinance organizations; providing IP, tax and corporate advice to numerous non-profit organizations and embarking on two new programs, the first to assist victims of sex trafficking with immigration issues and the second to assist individuals in submitting applications for clemency to President Obama as part of the U.S. government's efforts to address the number of federal inmates serving unjust and disproportionately long sentences.



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Pro bono is a critical aspect of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and its lawyers. Orrick strategically allocates its pro bono resources to ensure that each lawyer's work has the maximum impact for the clients and our communities. In recognition of this strategy, Orrick was named one of the pro bono law firms of the year by Who's Who Legal, one of Law360's Pro Bono Firms of 2014, placed 9th nationwide in The American Lawyer's 2014 Pro Bono Survey, was recognized on the 2015 National Law Journal's Pro Bono Hot List, and was cited by the New York Law Journal for our pro bono contributions. Orrick's pro bono program has been praised for the dedication of its lawyers to supporting diverse causes with tangible results—including high-profile immigration disputes, civil rights litigation and grassroots global development through an innovative impact finance initiative.

We focus our efforts on the important poverty law work for which there are many more clients than pro bono attorneys, specifically, in the areas of housing, family & matrimonial, consumer, immigration and public benefits laws. However, our reach is even more extensive, and includes cutting edge public international law work for NGOs developing and strengthening legal systems, and extends to work performed at the U.S. Supreme Court making law. We are honored and delighted to be selected as the recipient of the Empire State Counsel Bronze Supporter Award.

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