

The background of the entire page is a photograph showing the silhouettes of several people holding hands in a circle, forming a ring. They are positioned against a clear, bright blue sky. The silhouettes are dark, creating a strong contrast with the light background. The people appear to be of various ages and are dressed in casual or business-casual attire. The overall mood is one of unity and support.

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# In the Hands of Many

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2012 highlights of our U.S. Pro Bono practice

# LOOKING BACK...

## 2012

was a banner year for the Pro Bono practice of Hogan Lovells US LLP. I am happy to report that in the past year most of our U.S. offices and practice groups expanded their work on pro bono matters, resulting in a substantial increase in the total number of hours devoted firmwide to such matters and the per-lawyer average number of pro bono hours. This generous contribution of time has translated directly into our ability to take on more pro bono matters than ever before, supporting even more worthy cases and causes.

In addition to increasing our collective work for deserving pro bono clients in 2012, we cultivated strategic relationships through our pro bono work and multiplied our impact. We expanded our work nationally on pro bono programs with several terrific organizations. More and more, we are working to develop pro bono collaborations with clients, building on our shared values and deepening our relationships. In addition, teams of Hogan Lovells lawyers have devoted significant time and effort to several high-profile pro bono matters, working together toward common missions and responding to some of the most pressing needs of our time.

This publication highlights just a few of our pro bono successes in 2012. These matters are illustrative of our broader effort to engage the talents of every single lawyer in our pro bono mission.

With best regards,



T. Clark Weymouth, head of U.S. Pro Bono practice

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# PRO BONO HONOR ROLL 2012

Hogan Lovells lawyers in our U.S. offices devoted a total of 74,175 hours to providing pro bono legal services, for an average of 80 pro bono hours per lawyer

677 of our U.S. lawyers devoted at least 20 hours to pro bono matters

Hogan Lovells non-lawyers in our U.S. offices devoted an additional 10,799 hours to pro bono matters

In 2012, we devoted significant time to these matters:

We are representing John Ferguson, a profoundly mentally ill person who has spent the past 34 years on Florida's death row. His severe paranoid schizophrenia prevents him from being executed in a manner consistent with the Constitution. Our 25-year representation of Mr. Ferguson is not only one with the most dire individual consequences imaginable, but it will establish important precedent on competency to be executed.

So-called exclusionary zoning is a significant obstacle to integrated housing in America. Together with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington, we represent individuals in federal court who are challenging the alleged perpetuation of residential segregation in Garden City, NY, an affluent, predominantly white town. Plaintiffs allege that Garden City deliberately rezoned a Nassau County-owned property within Garden City to obstruct the construction of affordable housing based on racist motivations. Plaintiffs are proceeding to trial against Garden City.

Together with LatinoJustice, we are representing Latino voters in a federal lawsuit against Orange County, FL, in which we are challenging the county's redistricting plans as unlawfully diluting the voting strength of Latino residents in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

In conjunction with the International Senior Lawyers' Project, we are providing significant legal assistance to the Liberian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. We have played integral roles in establishing the Ministry's General Counsel's office, drafting legislation creating the Liberia Medicines and Health Products Regulatory Authority (and developing regulations to implement the law), drafting comprehensive mental health legislation and reproductive health legislation, and making important revisions to the country's public health laws.

# WORKING TOGETHER

Representation of  
unaccompanied children



KIND client who now has status in the United States thanks to their assistance

In 2012, our Baltimore, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, D.C. offices partnered with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to help children seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a U visa, or asylum in the United States. KIND is a nonprofit organization established to create a pro bono movement of law firms, corporations, non-governmental organizations, universities, and volunteers to provide quality and compassionate legal counsel to unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children in the United States. In the short period of time since we began working with KIND, we have helped 25 children seeking legal immigration status. We also represented many parents seeking custody of children in family court.

Of particular note, we won two cases in Virginia family court on behalf of clients on referral from KIND. The first client, an undocumented teenager from Guatemala, entered the United States last year fleeing physical and emotional abuse by his father and death threats from violent gangs. The second client, an undocumented teenager from El Salvador, entered the United States last year fleeing sexual abuse by her father and threats from the families of her father's murder victims.

#### **The impact**

These clients, now safe and happy, have applied for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. They look forward to the next steps in their immigration cases. Our lawyers continue to strive to help create bright futures for them and other KIND clients.

“ Working on a KIND case reminds us of why we went to law school in the first place — to use our legal skills and make a difference in someone's life. All of KIND's cases are compelling for the mere fact that they involve vulnerable children — many of whom haven't had a 'childhood.' Children have their whole lives ahead of them, and it feels great to know that you played some part in giving them a new beginning. ”

Washington, D.C. associates Renee Erickson, Sachi Jepson, and Veronica Knapp



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# WORKING ACROSS

Our Philadelphia office made many pro bono contributions in 2012, but voting rights cases took center stage. The year began with a fast-paced briefing and argument before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a challenge to the state legislature's decennial redistricting plan. We represented a bipartisan group of voters, led by Allentown piano teacher Amanda Holt, who objected to the plan because it needlessly split hundreds of towns, cities, and counties to create voting districts, in violation of the state constitution.

In a divided opinion, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled for our clients based on our demonstration that an alternative plan split dramatically fewer political subdivisions. The decision was the first in history to vacate a Pennsylvania state redistricting plan. On remand, the state legislative redistricting commission devised a new plan that also split far too many subdivisions. Our appeal of the new plan was briefed and argued in 2012, and a decision is pending.

We also brought a case in federal court challenging Pennsylvania's non-compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). Working with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Project Vote, and Demos, we prepared a complaint and motion for preliminary injunction arguing that major Pennsylvania public agencies were failing to comply with the NVRA's requirements for making voter registration materials available to applicants for benefits. The impact of these failures is significant: in an entire year, Pennsylvania's public agencies were registering less than half as many voters as public agencies in Ohio (with a comparable population) registered in a single month.

## **The impact**

Our lawyers defended the rights of voters in Pennsylvania to participate in fair elections. In the Amanda Holt case, we deftly conveyed the wrong that had been done to Pennsylvania citizens in a way that was comprehensible and

compelling to the court. In the NVRA matter, we helped obtain a favorable settlement from Pennsylvania's agencies less than two months after we filed suit. The settlement required significantly expanded distribution of voter registration materials, and, importantly, implementation of these changes in advance of the registration deadline for the November 2012 general election.



# OFFICES

Spotlight on our Philadelphia office



Personnel in our Philadelphia office

“ Without the legal expertise and tenacity of the dedicated team of lawyers at Hogan Lovells, this case might not have even proceeded or would have likely met with a very different outcome. The team was able to quickly grasp a complex issue and present it in a way that made legal sense to the Justices — and all this pro bono. They offered a key component in the ‘powerful evidence’ cited by the Justices in their decision. The efforts of [Hogan Lovells] have touched the life of every Pennsylvanian, and that is not an exaggeration. ”

Amanda Holt, piano teacher and voting rights advocate

“ It was a pleasure to work with Ginny, Dave, and the rest of [the] Hogan Lovells team. Project Vote salutes their dedication to ensuring that the most economically vulnerable among us are able to register to vote and participate in our democracy on an equal footing with every other citizen. ”

Michelle Rupp, Election Counsel and Assistant General Counsel, Project Vote

“ State governments must vigorously promote and protect [the freedom to vote] by ensuring that no barriers stand in the way of participation for eligible voters. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania was falling short in this regard by systematically failing to register certain low income individuals as required by the National Voter Registration Act. Our coalition of national voting rights groups — Demos, Project Vote, and the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law — soon realized that litigation was the only way to ensure these issues were remedied. We were thrilled to have Hogan Lovells step up and offer their resources and legal talents as pro bono counsel in this important cause. With [their] help, we entered a comprehensive settlement agreement that will keep the state in compliance on voter registration matters for years to come. ”

David Rubino, Counsel, Democracy Program, Demos

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# WORKING ACROSS PRACTICE GROUPS

Spotlight on our New York Employment practice group and the Washington, D.C. Education, Environment, Health, International Trade and Investment, Legislative, and Litigation practice groups

Our New York office's Employment practice group went above and beyond in 2012. The group worked on a variety of different matters, including:

- Representing several unaccompanied minors referred by KIND in immigration proceedings.
- Advising many nonprofits regarding their employment policies and handbooks.
- Playing an active and integral role in defense of fair housing rights in the Garden City litigation (cited on page 3).

Our Washington, D.C. office's Education, Environment, Health, International Trade and Investment, Legislative, and Litigation practice groups also performed above and beyond the pro bono call of duty. These groups worked on a variety of matters, including:

- Assisting the Liberian Ministry of Health in developing more comprehensive healthcare laws and regulations (cited on page 3).
- Representing the largest international organization devoted to ocean conservation in a lawsuit against the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish monitoring of catch limits in the New England Groundfish Fishery.



Members of our New York Employment group

- Assisting a nonprofit organization focused on promoting pediatric cancer research in successfully advocating for the enactment of legislation allowing pharmaceutical companies to expedite Food and Drug Administration review of more profitable drugs in return for developing treatments for rare pediatric diseases.
- Authoring an amicus brief in *Fisher v. Texas* advocating for the value of diversity in higher education.
- Providing corporate governance and general commercial advice to a national organization supporting programs for children from Belarus

and the Ukraine who have been exposed to low-level radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident.

- Working with Freedom Now to obtain the release of two Turkmen journalists who had been unlawfully imprisoned in Turkmenistan since 2006 on false weapons charges.

These groups also spent hundreds of hours volunteering in legal clinics such as Legal Aid and the Landlord Tenant Resource Center.

### The impact

Lawyers in these groups were able to make significant pro bono contributions both by taking on matters that allowed them to use skills in their areas of concentration and by stretching their “comfort zones” to take on matters in areas where they did not have the same degree of know-how and yet, working with others, were nevertheless able to bring their legal training and experience to achieve meaningful, and often life-changing, results.

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# HERE ARE SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT OUR LAWYERS IN THE AMERICAS ASSISTED ON A PRO BONO BASIS IN 2012:

## **The Alliance for Children's Rights**

protects the rights of impoverished and abused children and youth so that they have safe and stable homes, healthcare, and the education they need to thrive. We have advocated for several youth and teens to ensure that they receive appropriate educational placements and services.

## **Colorado Springs Together**

is an organization dedicated to disaster relief efforts that was put together within days after the devastating Waldo Canyon Fire in Colorado Springs. With our help, the organization obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in a matter of weeks, was incorporated and registered for charitable solicitations, and adopted governance documents to immediately begin operations.

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The **CEO Roundtable on Cancer** works to develop and implement initiatives that reduce the risk of cancer, enable early diagnosis, facilitate better access to best-available treatments, and hasten the discovery of novel and more effective diagnostic tools and anti-cancer therapies. We assisted the organization in establishing Project Data Sphere, LLC as a wholly owned subsidiary of the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, Inc. that will operate a database that enables researchers worldwide to access oncology clinical trial data and harness the power of "big data," and are continuing to advise on a number of matters related to Project Data Sphere.

As has been the case for the last decade, our Miami office enjoys a close relationship with **Miami-Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back**, through which our lawyers frequently accept referrals to assist the indigent on a wide variety of matters, including family issues, guardian ad litem representations, housing disputes, and various litigation matters.

**Second Home** serves children and families in the child welfare system and provides short and long-term structured therapeutic foster care. Due to policy changes in the State of Maryland, Second Home is facing dissolution. We are advising Second Home as it contemplates dissolution by negotiating debts with creditors, drafting board resolutions, and advising the client on the formal process for dissolution.

**Goodwill Globetrotting** is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of creating a global network to foster charitable contributions by helping people locate opportunities for humanitarian work in the countries that they visit. We assisted Goodwill Globetrotting with general corporate matters involved in starting the organization, including nonprofit corporation formation and the preparation of bylaws.

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** works in over 30 countries to promote sustainable economic social development by working with local communities to eradicate poverty, illiteracy, and disease. Our Caracas office has been active in helping Islamic Relief Worldwide to establish a presence to begin work in Venezuela.

**The University of Northern California Foundation (UNCF)** was founded to make education in biomedical engineering available to all students regardless of their country of origin, native language, or level of income. We have represented UNCF in a litigation matter involving patent portfolios owned by the UNCF.

### **The Support Center for Child Advocates**

provides legal assistance and social services advocacy for abused and neglected children in Philadelphia County. We are representing a 7-year-old boy who has lived in a variety of foster care settings to ensure that his needs are being met and orders of the court are being carried out appropriately. He is currently living in a pre-adoptive home, and we are helping him and his pre-adoptive family move toward finalizing the adoption.

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## SOME OF OUR KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2012:

We were the only legal practice named to *The National Law Journal's* Pro Bono Hot List in both 2012 and 2013. This year we were recognized for our ongoing representation of John Ferguson, and in 2012 for our successful efforts to free prominent Syrian human rights lawyer Muhannad al-Hassani.

[Read \*The National Law Journal's\* 2013 Pro Bono Hot List feature on Hogan Lovells](#)

[Read press on the Ferguson matter](#)

We were awarded Best Firm for Pro Bono Work at the inaugural Euromoney Legal Media Group Americas Women in Business Law Awards, which honors the achievements of women leading the legal sector across the Americas.

WBGO/Jazz88.3 FM, a publicly supported (and the country's leading) jazz radio station, honored 18 lawyers in our New York office who have provided pro bono legal services to WBGO on matters ranging from intellectual property to real estate to contract litigation.

We received the 2012 Annual Theban Award for Meritorious Service from Family Matters at its 130th Anniversary Celebration Benefit in May. The Theban Award for Meritorious Service is given to an individual or entity exemplifying the qualities of service to Family Matters demonstrated by John Theban during his 37-year tenure as the Agency's Executive Director. We received this award for the tremendous assistance our lawyers have provided to Family Matters over the years, especially during the past three years as their leadership changed.

Washington, D.C. partner Pat Brannan was named one of City Year Washington, D.C.'s 2012 Idealists of the Year. An Idealist of the Year is someone who works to improve our community, nation, or world through acts of service and volunteerism.

Robert Kapp, of counsel in our Washington, D.C. office, was named a recipient of the 2012 Lifetime Achiever awards by *The American Lawyer*. The award honors outstanding private sector success and devotion to public service by members of the legal profession. Bob was a founder and has served as co-president of the International Senior Lawyers' Project since it was established in 2001. He has helped to improve the lives of countless individuals in places like Haiti, Liberia, and South Africa.

[Read \*The American Lawyer's\* feature on Bob](#)

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