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	HOURS	MATTERS
Racial Equity	15,159	281
Survivors of Abuse	9,806	198
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Immigration	8,028	196
Children	6,798	193
Fellowships	5,896	240
Disabilities	5,692	198
Family Law	4,926	194
Veterans	4,519	116
Prisoners	4,379	26
Church Hill	3,588	202
Housing	3,471	210
International Work	3,007	18
Women's Rights	2,414	74
Small Business	1,307	46
Amicus	855	22
LGBTQ Advocacy	818	29
Environmental	509	9
Voting Rights	456	5
Restoration of Rights	444	19
Elder Law	412	18
Animal Rights	343	11

100%

Participation for
14 Consecutive
Years

138

Timekeepers With
More Than
100 Hours

30

Years of Meeting
and Exceeding the
PBI Challenge

54,224

Total Hours

1,347

Total Matters

PRO BONO COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP



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FELLOWS

F E A T U R I N G

Carolina Rivas, Emma Bykerk and Michaela Ross

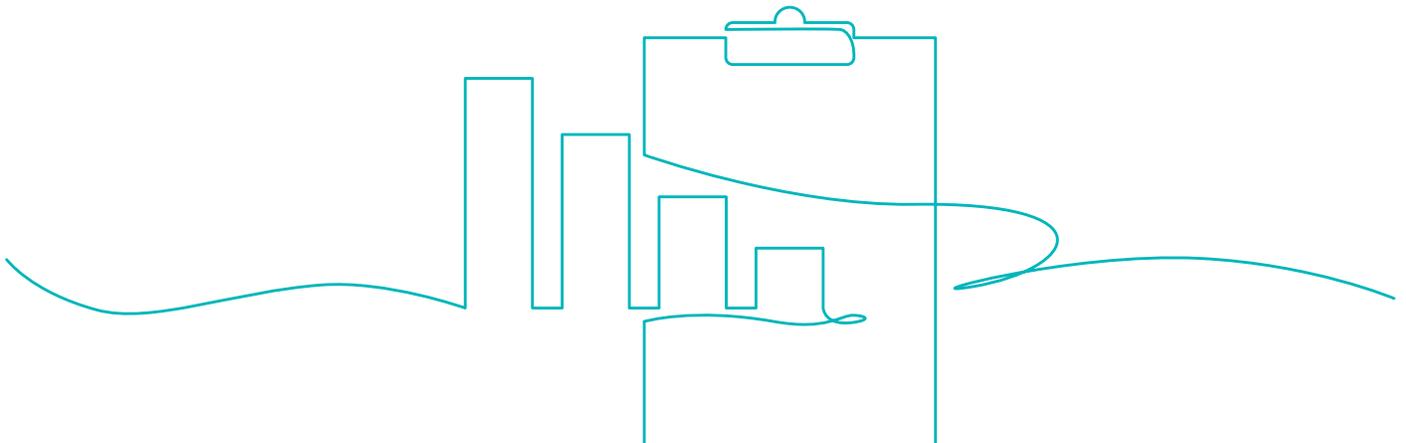


Carolina Rivas (New York) assists low-income clients with immigration matters, dividing her time between clients at the Immigrant Youth Project of **The Legal Aid Society (LASNY)** and **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**. Carolina advises and represents immigrants in family court across counties in New York and three New York immigration courts. Most of her clients file applications for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and asylum.

Last year Carolina represented a Garifuna woman who sought asylum before the Federal Plaza Immigration Court. The client fled from Honduras with two small children to escape violence from her partner and institutional discrimination as a Garifuna woman, an Afro-descendant minority group. After a lengthy hearing in immigration court, the client was granted asylum on the record, with the judge acknowledging the plight of Garifuna women in Honduras. The client is looking forward to applying for her green card next month.

Carolina also represented an unaccompanied minor from the Ivory Coast in a Special Immigrant Juvenile Status matter last year. The client was neglected, abused and

abandoned by both of his parents for being gay and experienced discrimination daily by classmates, teachers and neighbors. After representing the client in the Bronx County Family Court, Carolina filed for SIJS before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in May 2022. USCIS granted the client's SIJS petition in August 2022 and issued him a green card in November 2022. The client still lives with his court appointed guardian, is now fluent in English, is enrolled in college and has plans for a career in aerospace and business.

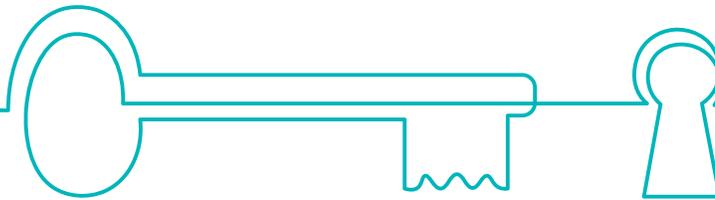




Emma Bykerk (Houston) assists low-income clients on civil legal aid cases through **Houston Volunteer Lawyers**, the pro bono arm of the Houston Bar Association. Her practice focuses exclusively on pro bono housing, family law, human trafficking, criminal record expungement and guardianship matters.

A client was needing help getting repairs done in her apartment. The client was Spanish speaking, so there was a language barrier between her and the landlord. The client made numerous requests for electrical outlets, light bulbs and a leaking ceiling to be fixed, but all her requests were being ignored. These problems had been going on for over six months and were causing health issues for her young child. Emma sent the landlord a demand letter for repairs, and that if he failed to make the repairs, the client would seek legal remedies. Luckily, the demand letter was enough to get the landlord to make the necessary repairs.

In a recent case, Emma was able to get a nondisclosure of her client's misdemeanor theft conviction that happened over a decade ago. Even though her client had completed her punishment for the crime, she was essentially still being punished a decade later. Having this one and only conviction on her record has negatively affected her ability to obtain better housing and employment opportunities. She has faced homelessness because of this inability. Now with the nondisclosure of this criminal record, the client can move forward with her life, knowing that a hurdle to finding employment and housing has been removed.



Michaela Ross (Richmond) assists low-income clients with a variety of civil pro bono matters, dividing her time between clients at the firm's Church Hill pro bono office and **Central Virginia Legal Aid Society**. Michaela concentrates on

housing cases in Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield General District Courts. She defends tenants from eviction, assists them in wrongful evictions and tenant's assertions of poor conditions and also handles family law and guardianship matters.

Michaela's client was stuck in a bind with her landlord. The rent relief money both parties were counting on had not come through. She was also experiencing significant issues with the conditions of her house. Her landlord wanted her out, and had filed an eviction case against her. She

appealed the case, so the landlord filed another one. With two different cases pending and lots of moving pieces, she reached out to Michaela. Michaela took on her representation. Through litigation and negotiation, Michaela managed to get both cases dismissed, thousands of dollars released to the client and thousands of dollars of back rent forgiven. Michaela's client was able to move out on her own terms and with no eviction judgment hanging over her head.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Hunton Andrews Kurth has been honored with a wide variety of awards and recognitions in FY23 for its commitment to pro bono.

PRO BONO INNOVATOR

Bloomberg Law

PRO BONO HOT LIST ESG & COMMUNITY IMPACT

National Law Journal

10-YEAR RECOGNITION

*Houston Volunteer Lawyers &
Texas Children's Medical-Legal Partnership*

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Dallas Volunteer Lawyers Project



FAWAZ BHAM

Dallas

Young Lawyer Pro Bono Service Award
Dallas Association of Young Lawyers



CHARLIE TRUSLOW & TED HUFFMAN

Dallas

Outstanding Virtual Clinic Attorneys
Dallas Volunteer Lawyers Project



VALERIE HOLLINGSWORTH

Dallas

Outstanding Support Volunteer of the Year
Dallas Volunteer Lawyers Project



DOUG DUA

New York

2022 Individual Cornerstone Award
Lawyers Alliance for New York



MIKE GOLDMAN

Richmond

Benjamin R. Lacy IV Pro Bono Volunteer Award
Greater Richmond Bar Foundation



CHIP NUNLEY

Richmond

Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award
Virginia State Bar

E. RANDOLPH WILLIAMS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Given to lawyers and staff who dedicate 100 or more hours to pro bono clients.

ATLANTA

*Lawrence J. Bracken II
Matthew J. Calvert
Rachel E. Hudgins
Andrew S. Koelz*

BANGKOK

James P. Bradley

BOSTON

*Britt E. Anderson
Maureen Maher-Patenaude
Madison W. Sherrill
Elizabeth L. Sherwood
Nicholas D. Stellakis*

CHARLOTTE

*Patrick C. Macher
Bryon Mulligan
Kate Perkins*

DALLAS

*Reed M. Bartley
Fawaz Bham
Jennifer Clyde
Kate Eberhardt
Drake Genna
Jillian A. Loh
Louis Stahl
Kevin A. Wakefield
Kathleen Wu*

DUBAI

Patricia Tiller

LONDON

Ryan T. Ketchum

LOS ANGELES

*Christopher W. Hasbrouck
Rebecca J. Hoffman
Alexis Z. Romero*

MIAMI

*Casey Coffey
Tyler Grant
Halyna Hnatkiv
Jamie Zysk Isani
Gabriel M. Lopez
Forrest S. Murphy
Michael J. Sanchez*

HOUSTON

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Brandon Bell
Audrey A. Briscoe
Emma Bykerk
Paige Dusthimer
Tommy Ford Jr.
Ashley Harper
Justin K. Hicks
Celeste A. Kelly
Sami M. Khan
Garrett Korbitz
Crawford C. LeBouef
Drew McKay
Alex Miron
Zach P. Monty
Rachel Morico
Samantha Rachlin
Catherine A. Rankin
Christopher Richardson
Doris Rodriguez
Emma K. Sajdak
Megan M. Teltschik*

NEW YORK

*Nuri K. Aujla
Brendan Benge
Sarah Eskreis
Bethany Frank
Donald J. Gallino
Paul J. Greco Jr.
Matthew A. Hayes
Sam Kim
Jeremy C. King
Maeve Malik
Leslie A. Okinaka
Joelle R. Pisani
Robert A. Rich
Carolina M. Rivas
Joseph J. Saltarelli
Colton Tully-Doyle
Alice Yao
Angie Yearick*

NORFOLK

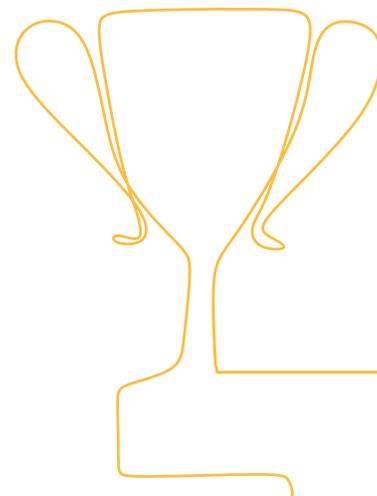
Wendy McGraw

RICHMOND

*Benjamin C. Ackerly
Jaime E. Bloxom
Morgan B. Colonna
Trevor S. Cox
Vincent P. D'Amico
Stephen P. Demm
Maya M. Eckstein
Kevin S. Elliker
Enyonam O-K Enninful
Catherine Freeman
Douglas M. Garrou
Michael P. Goldman
Steven M. Haas
Michelle L. Hayden-Winston
James W. Head
Ian P. Hutter
Sarah Ingles
Joh R. Jenkins
Pete Johnson
Toby Long III
Kimberly C. MacLeod
Charles M. Matthews
Stephanie E. Meharg
Lonnie D. Nunley III
John D. O'Neill, Jr.
Justin F. Paget
Ryan Pedraza
Lewis F. Powell III
Robert M. Rolfe
Michaela B. Ross
Kate Saltz
Emily Spanyer Sanford
Penny A. Shamblin
Michael R. Shebelskie
Jack H. Spain Jr.
Gary E. Thompson
Patrick C. Tricker
Dixon Wallace
Mark W. Wickersham
George Zhu*

WASHINGTON

*Ian P. Band
F. William Brownell
Scott W. Burton
Faheem Fazili
Kevin E. Gaunt
Alexandra S. Glazer
Thomas B. Griffith
Erin Grisby
Suzanne E. Haynie
Andrew Kasnevich
Suzan Kern
Leslie W. Kostyshak
Garrett Kral
Brian R. Levey
Jeffrey N. Martin
Lorelie Sue Masters
Matthew Revis
Sona Rewari
Daniel A. Schultz
Carol Schlenker
Destiny T. Stokes
Jessica N. Vara*





CLIENT PARTNERSHIPS

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project and Banco Santander

Four Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers, **Claudia Fendian** and **Ruby Wang** (New York) and **Demi Grekos** and **Gabriel Lopez** (Miami), partnered with four in-house attorneys in **Banco Santander's** US subsidiaries to screen case files for the **Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project**. The project kicked off in Fall 2022 and the teams submitted their summary memos in February 2023.

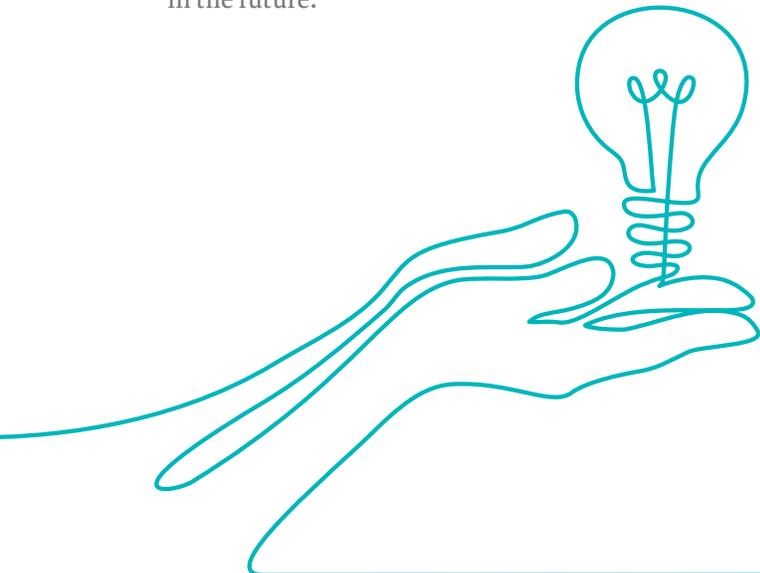
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and CarMax Mike Goldman (Richmond) and Claire Frost (CarMax)

co-chaired an Eviction Expungement Pilot through **Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS)**. Through a new law passed in 2022, many Virginia tenants are eligible for expungement of their eviction records if the suit was dismissed/nonsuited. In November 2022, Mike, Claire and **Christina Edwards** (Richmond) filed 46 expungement petitions on behalf of 16 clients. The law requires that the records be expunged upon receiving the petition, so with just a few hours of work, the team enabled the tenants to position themselves for better housing opportunities in the future.

National Veterans Legal Services Program with Capital One and MFA Financial

Hunton Andrews Kurth attorneys have partnered with **Capital One** and **MFA Financial** on direct representation Combat-Related Special Compensation matters. **Jamie Isani** (Miami) worked on a Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) matter in partnership with Capital One. The veteran, an Army Special Forces Engineer Sergeant, was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for his bravery in combat in Afghanistan. He suffered traumatic brain injury with PTSD, migraines and retinal detachment as a result of numerous training incidents and extensive exposure to blasts in combat theaters. He also suffered rhinitis, a condition that is presumptively service-connected due to burn pit exposure in the Gulf War. Jamie and the Capital One attorney worked together to interview the client, draft portions of the legal brief and prepare the factual record from military and medical records, ultimately obtaining an award of CRSC for all of the conditions the veteran was seeking. **Brian Otero** (New York) and **Patrick Macher** (Charlotte) also are partnering with a lawyer from MFA Financial to assist a veteran on a Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) matter.

The firm partners with the **National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)** by assisting veterans including military sexual trauma victims, veterans with needs in front of board of corrections of military records, combat-related special compensation (CRSC), Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI) and discharge upgrades for veterans. Throughout FY23, attorneys firmwide worked on over 90 individual matters for NVLSP clients, contributing over 3,800 hours. The firm's pro bono veteran program is co-chaired by **Kevin Gaunt** (Washington) and **Maeve Malik** (New York).





FEATURES

Spotlight On Project Afghan Legal Assistance

Approximately 2,865 hours have been devoted to assisting Afghan Refugees in FY23. Lawyers spanning 13 offices have been volunteering with **Human Rights First (HRF)** to support Project Afghan Legal Assistance. The project was launched in response to the crisis in Afghanistan and to provide legal assistance to Afghan refugees who fled the country. In the last months of this fiscal year, Human Rights First reached out to Hunton Andrews Kurth as a key partner seeking additional volunteers to tackle a backlog of 175 potential Afghan clients seeking US-based relief. In the last two months of FY23 alone, 28 Hunton lawyers reached out to over 75 clients to determine the client's need and potential eligibility to receive legal assistance.

Kim MacLeod and **George Zhu** (Richmond) were the first firm lawyers to learn that asylum was granted for their client, Mr. G, through the firm's partnership with Human Rights First's Project Afghan Legal Assistance. Mr. G

was threatened by the Taliban for being a member of the Hazara ethnic minority and being affiliated with the US government and western ideologies.

Mr. G was a Kabul local. Mr. G was part of a Hazara household with Shi'a Muslim beliefs, and his family members were actively involved in various democratic and financial development initiatives in Afghanistan. During his teenage years, Mr. G and his family became targets of extremists because of their involvements with US-backed projects, including a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development for female Afghan weavers in the rug industry.

When the Taliban took over Kabul in August 2021, Mr. G was a recent college graduate in Kabul. Mr. G was stopped, searched and interrogated by the Taliban because of his Hazara features during one of his evacuation attempts. Prior to his eventual escape from Afghanistan, Mr. G lived in constant hiding fearing he would be harmed because of his

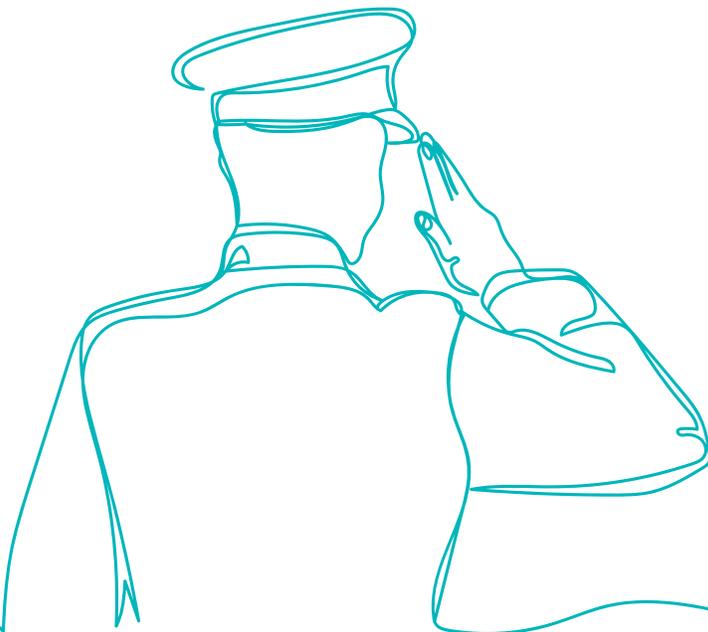
Hazara ethnicity and his affiliations with US funded projects. Mr. G's ultimate escape from Kabul was perilous and aided by a network of veterans, activists and other citizens who had started Slack channels in the days after the fall of Kabul to help vulnerable Afghans get out of the country.

Since his arrival in the United States, Mr. G has been active in personal development and giving back. Mr. G has been volunteering in local Afghan communities to provide assistance to other refugees, and he is planning to go back to school for an advanced degree. Mr. G filed for asylum on the basis that he would be prosecuted by the Taliban if he were to return to Afghanistan and his application was granted in March 2023. George and Kim will continue to work with their client on the next steps in obtaining permanent resident status. Former Hunton Andrews Kurth Counsel **Sherry Yeats** assisted George with the preparation of Mr. G's asylum application prior to her departure to the firm's client, Capital One.

Compensation for Decorated Veteran

Patrick Macher (Charlotte) is assisting a decorated retired US Army Veteran with their Combat-Related Special Compensation Claim referred by **National Veterans Legal Services Program**. Throughout their decades of service in the Army, the client suffered from mental and physical disabilities directly related to their service, including PTSD, tinnitus, knee injury and cervical strains. These injuries result from direct gunfire engaged with hostile nation or terrorists while in Iraq and Kuwait and from treating young women and children who were injured in the crossfires. In 2009, the veteran was travelling in a vehicle that was hit by an improvised explosive device as well. As a result of multiple breach missions, they also suffered head trauma from explosive force. While serving as a Military Free Fall Instructor, the veteran experienced many hard landings, one in particular causing a debilitating knee injury.

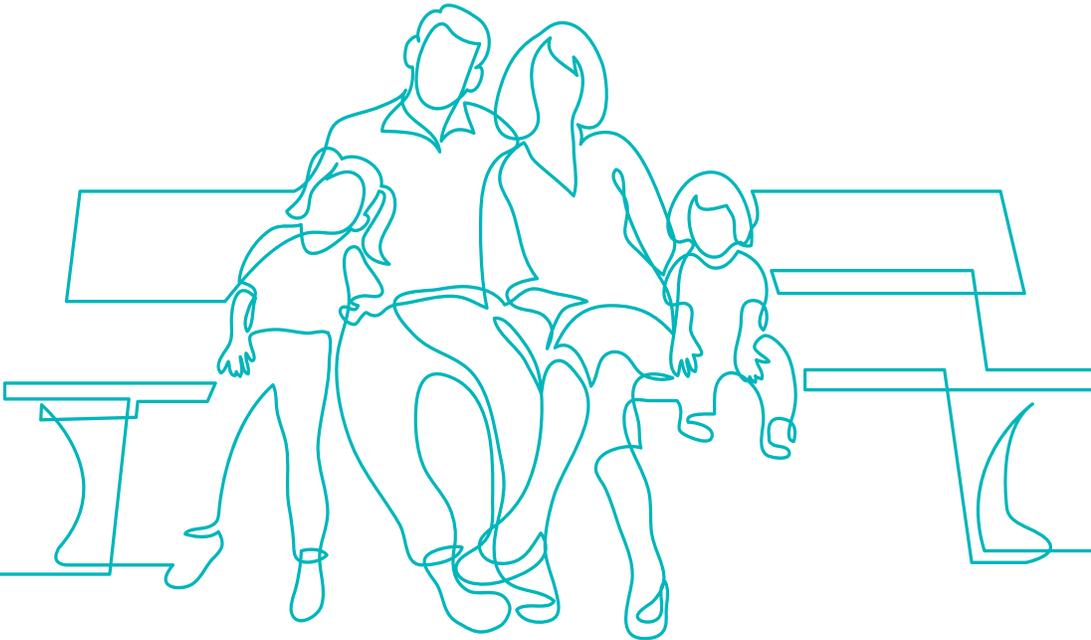
The veteran began their army career in 1992 with the Army Reserve, transitioned to the National Guard two years later and then spent the last 20 years of their career serving Active Duty in the US Army. During their time in the army, they received numerous awards for their time dedicated to the Army. Between 2004 and 2010, the veteran was deployed to Iraq six times on the Combatant Commander's In-Extermis Force, serving as an Assault Cell Member, Sniper/Observer Cell Leader, Senior Medical Sergeant and Special Forces Company Medical Sergeant and served for the Military Free Fall Element until they retired in 2016 with an honorable discharge. With Patrick's assistance, the veteran has now applied for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) for these service connected injuries and is awaiting a decision. If granted CRSC, the client would become eligible for additional benefits due to their suffering.



Justice for Separated Families

Larry DeMeo and **Maureen Maher-Patenaude** (Boston) have been representing a mother and daughter in pursuit of remedies for the harm they suffered after being forcibly separated when they arrived in the United States to seek asylum.

The mother and daughter, who was 10 years old at the time, fled their country of origin due to threats of violence from the gang that murdered the daughter's father. Upon arrival, they were forcibly separated by US immigration officials and detained separately for two months, a traumatic experience for both. The mother suffered an injury while being taken into custody, and endured difficult conditions in detention. The team is co-counseling with **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**.



Addressing Systemic Discrimination in Housing

Hunton Andrews Kurth attorneys filed an amicus brief on behalf of John Trasviña, former Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at HUD, in the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in a pending case concerning fair housing discrimination arising out of a mobile home park operator’s policy that requires all residents over the age of 18 to prove their US citizenship or legal status in the US.

Trevor S. Cox (Richmond), **Pierce Lamberson** (Richmond) and **Cameron Davis** (Austin) argued in support of the appellants that, because landlords do not expose themselves to criminal liability simply because they entered a lease with an undocumented individual, the fear of such liability does not justify the appellee’s challenged policy. In support of this conclusion, the brief pointed out that the federal government’s regulation of immigrants’ employment—enforced by penalties on employers who ignore the regulation—contrasts sharply with the dearth of regulation regarding immigrants’ housing. As the brief argued, if the court upholds the decision of the lower court, it would result in severe consequences for an untold number of immigrants.



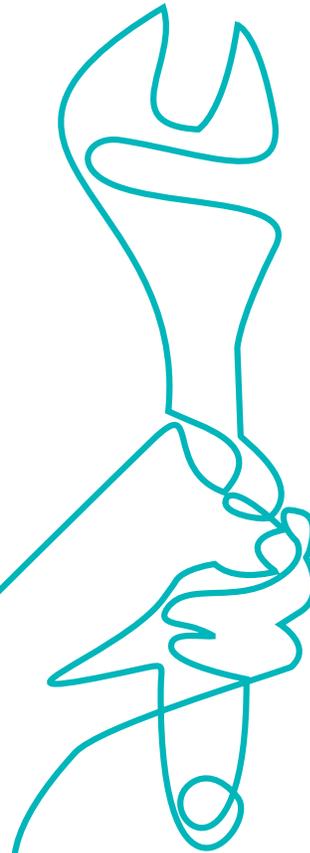
Tenants Rights

Shelly Anderson (Atlanta) successfully represented a client, Ms. KB, in a landlord/tenant dispute regarding the return of her security deposit. Ms. KB’s landlord had been combative with her over text messages, and she felt the landlord discriminated against her based on her race and gender identity. Ms. KB told the landlord via text not worry as she would be leaving soon (at the end of her lease term). The landlord responded that he interpreted her text message as formal notice to vacate at the end of the month. Ms. KB did vacate and the landlord refused to return her security deposit (and sought \$500 additional in damages). Shelly was able to successfully negotiate the return of Ms. KB’s entire security deposit and Ms. KB was not required to pay the \$500 in additional damages requested by the landlord.

Aiding the Elderly

Mike Pearlson and **Ann Marie Mortimer** (Los Angeles) successfully represented the daughter of a senior citizen with impaired cognitive function who was exploited into entering a home improvement contract she could not afford by a contractor who performed less than satisfactory repairs to the home causing further damage.

The contractor came to the home of the elderly woman in 2017 unannounced and told the woman that she was eligible for a senior citizen discount and that the contractor could repair her home for a reduced rate on a payment plan. However, there was in fact no senior citizen discount and the work on the home increased the woman's tax liability to an unaffordable rate. To make matters worse, in addition to being overcharged, the work on the home was so substandard that it caused damages to the house including wood rot, mold and more. The Hunton Andrews Kurth team co-counseled with **Bet Tzedek** to sue the contractor which resulted in a default judgement of over \$285,000 against the contractor.



Care for the Disabled

Madison Amons (Houston) assisted a low-income single mother apply for guardianship of her adopted adult son. The son suffers from bipolar disorder, legal blindness and ADHD, and will not be able to make complex decisions about health and finances nor perform certain basic day to day tasks without assistance. The client has already been granted guardianship of four other adopted adult children. Thankfully, the judge in Harris County Probate Court had already assisted the client with her other guardianship cases, and she was successfully appointed as guardian to her son as well. Madison is now assisting this same client in seeking guardianship of her adult daughter.

Rachel Morico (Houston) devoted over 50 hours to helping a low-income single mother apply for guardianship of her disabled adult son. The son suffers from seizures and experiences speech and mental delays. He has also been diagnosed with autism. Due to these disabilities, the client's son will not be able to make complex decisions about health and finances nor perform day to day tasks such as driving and other basic self-care tasks.

After several filings with the Harris County Probate Court, the client was successfully appointed as guardian of her son at the court hearing and was very satisfied with the result. Now she will be able to ensure her son gets the care he needs to thrive. This matter was referred to the firm through **Houston Volunteer Lawyers' Foundation**. In FY23, Houston attorneys worked on guardianship cases for 20 clients.



Finding Funds for a Widower

After inheriting the case from another lawyer at the firm, **Inara Bandali** (Dallas) had to effectively start over for a client who was already over a year into attempting to settle his estate and was urgently trying to access the funds to pay for his late wife’s funeral expenses, for which he was on a payment plan. When Inara became involved, she learned the judge was not willing to grant the Application for Independent Administration due to minor children involved. After conducting additional research, Inara realized that the independent administration was not necessary because the estate was so small and that a small estate affidavit would be the better course of action for the client. With this in mind, she filed a motion for nonsuit to essentially undo all of the prior work on the case.

With a new plan in motion, Inara quickly gathered and filed all the required documents. After all of the documents were filed, the probate court became unresponsive. Despite daily calls and emails for weeks, Inara was still unable to get ahold of the probate court and

she learned that they are notoriously slow due to being understaffed. The client, with good reason, was losing hope as it was now 2023—two years since the process started. Thankfully, Inara was finally able to connect with someone at the court, provide the decedent’s death certificate and the contact promised to expedite the signing of the order.

Inara continually checked the Dallas County portal every day in the hopes that one day the signed order would miraculously appear, although she was met with disappointment for over a year. That finally changed in March 2023 when she checked and saw that the order was available. She instantly called the client to let him know. They were both happy, surprised, shocked and relieved at the same time. A couple of weeks later, the client called Inara with joy and said that it worked and he was very thankful for her support and ultimate success for his case. The case was referred through the **Dallas Volunteer Attorney Project (DVAP)**.



Health & Non-Profit Advocacy

The Defeating Epilepsy Foundation was founded by Natalie Boehm, a woman who was diagnosed as a young child with epilepsy. Recognizing early the struggles people with epilepsy face in modern life, Natalie set out to help individuals with epilepsy better adapt to and acclimate while also teaching them to better advocate for themselves. She quickly realized that it would be helpful to create a foundation with centralized resources to assist people with epilepsy to find healthcare, education and employment and giving them the support they need to achieve their goals.

During a softball game at a local league in Jacksonville, Florida, **Tyler Grant** (Miami) and a member of the board of the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation struck up a conversation and the board member relayed that the organization might have some legal needs. Tyler and Natalie connected and she conveyed her desire to create stronger, more professional corporate by-laws for the Foundation and to have a board member agreement that would better protect the organization while also encouraging board members to produce their best work as fiduciaries for the Foundation and on behalf of individuals with epilepsy. Tyler continues to assist the Foundation advising on revisions to the corporate structure and their board member agreements as issues arise.

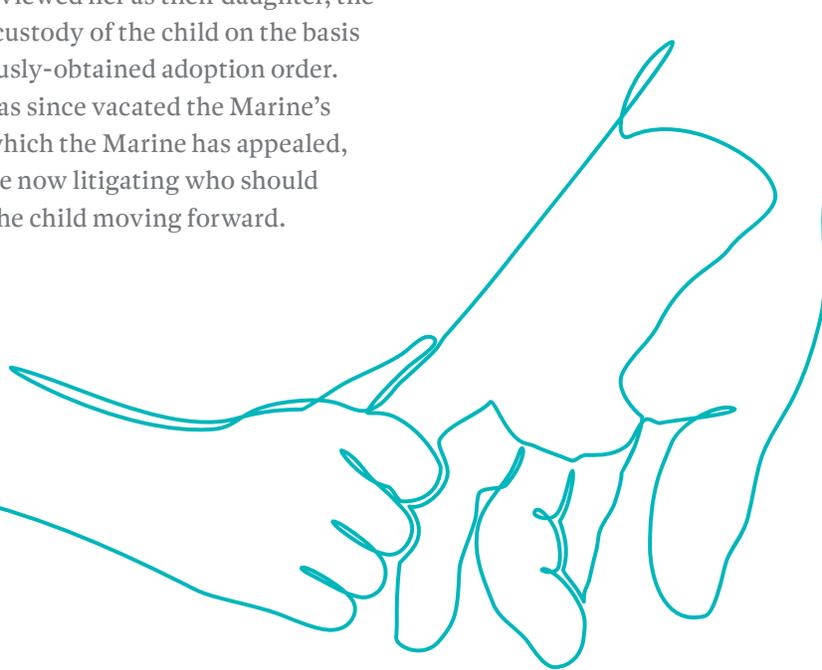


Real Estate Assistance

The Hunton Andrews Kurth New York real estate team assists the **Leviticus Fund**, an investment pool sustained to serve low-income and vulnerable people by combining flexible capital from social impact investors. The fund seeks to finance projects in low-income communities, including affordable housing, charter schools and community centers, so that economically poor individuals can live with dignity and self-determination. In FY23, lawyers worked on eight separate real estate matters for the Leviticus Fund, totaling over 450 hours. The work originally was generated through **Don Simone** (New York) and is supported by New York lawyers, **Lara Adoumie, Arjana Balaj, Jillian Cherry, Molly Daugherty, Sarah Eskreis, Bethany Frank, Jeff Goland, Brett Gross, Matthew Halal, Peter Mignone, Joelle Pisani** and **Brian Shortt** (New York).

Reuniting an Afghan Child

Jaime Bloxom and **Joh Jenkins** (Richmond) are assisting **Maya Eckstein, Lewis Powell, Kevin Elliker** (Richmond), **Jeremy King** (New York) and **Michaela Ross** (Richmond) with federal litigation accusing a US Marine of abducting an Afghan baby. The child was orphaned by a joint US/Afghan military operation in Afghanistan and taken to a US airbase for medical treatment. The US government agreed that she was an Afghan citizen and should be reunited with her Afghan family members (who the firm is representing). Nonetheless, the Marine surreptitiously obtained custody and adoption orders from a Virginia court. When the child traveled to the United States with the firm's clients, who had cared for her for 18 months in Afghanistan and viewed her as their daughter, the Marine asserted custody of the child on the basis of the surreptitiously-obtained adoption order. The state court has since vacated the Marine's adoption order, which the Marine has appealed, and the parties are now litigating who should have custody of the child moving forward.



Fighting for the Community

In October 2022, the **Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** filed suit on behalf of individual John Doe against members of Patriot Front, a group with ties to white supremacy. The group calls for the formation of a white-ethno state and vandalized the Arthur Ashe Mural in Richmond, Virginia the previous year. The mural resides in Battery Park, a majority black neighborhood, and the incident created fear among the community, compelling residents to avoid use of the park. Arthur Ashe hailed from Richmond and won three grand slams. He was the only black man to ever win the singles title at Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian Open. After his death, in 1993 he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A team of Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers and staff, **Nick Drews** and **Noreen Verini** (Washington) and **Michael Shebelskie**, **Kevin Elliker**, **Jack Bisceglia** and **Stephanie Meharg** (Richmond) are acting as co-counsel in the suit. The lawsuit includes claims for conspiracy to violate civil rights under the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 and racially motivated intimidation under Virginia code.





KEY PROJECTS

Human Rights First Project Afghan Legal Assistance | 2,865 Hours (334 Screening)

Screen evacuees and provide intake services and in some cases representation for immigration status.

Jason Beach (Atlanta); Madison Sherrill (Boston); Patrick Macher and Quince Thompson (Charlotte); Reed Bartley, Jimmy Bui, Drake Genna, Nikki Skolnekovich, Charlie Truslow and Lori Wester (Dallas); Brandon Bell, Emma Bykerk, Dana Drake, Paige Dusthimer, Philip Guffy, Phil Haines, Justin Hicks, Clayton Holland, Jordan Latham, Crawford LeBouef, Allison Mantor, Catherina Rankin, Russell Tan, Laura Trenaman and Holly Williamson (Houston); Steve Morphy (Los Angeles); Veronica Adams, Brittany Buhler, Tyler Grant, Halyna Hnatkiv, Devin Moore and Forrest Murphy (Miami); Peter Birghoffer, Ann Bozza, Brendan Benge, James Coromilas, Zainab Hassoun, Matthew Hayes, Marshall Mattera, Eric Mogel, Joseph Niczky, Paige Papandrea and Christian Rudloff (New York); Morgan Colonna, Vincent D'Amico, Diana Dominguez, Sevren Gourley, Christine Klein, Kim MacLeod, Wendy McGraw, Ryan Pedraza, Kate Saltz, Dixon Wallace, George Zhu and Julia Zimmerman (Richmond); Jason Brown, Christy Bergstresser, Faheem Fazili, Suzanne Haynie, Andrew Kasnevich, Phyllis Marcus, Sona Rewari, Kelli Rice, Sam Thomas, Jessica Vara, Michelle-Ann Williams and Sam Wolf (Washington)

ABA Free Legal Answers | 2,429 Hours

Virtual advice legal clinic where qualifying individuals post civil legal questions online and volunteer lawyers provide basic legal advice.

Martin Gaynor and Michael Perry (Boston); Linda Trees and Kate Perkins (Charlotte); Drake Genna and Kevin Wakefield (Dallas); Madison Amons, Taylor Arndt, Andrew Blasio, Audrey Briscoe, Andre Hays, Garrett Korbitz, Joseph Holloway, Erin Jennings, Sami Khan, Jeffrey Lam, Crawford LeBouef, Alexander Miron, Rachel Morico, Christopher Richardson, Emma Sajdak, Casey Shaw, Allison Tanton, Megan Teltchik and Alexa Williams (Houston); Steve Morphy (Los Angeles); Gabriel Lopez and Michael Sanchez (Miami); Daniela Alvarado, Nuri Aujla, Donald Gallino, Vincent Hilldrup, Matthew Kugler, James Tsimis, Colton Tully-Doyle and Ruby Wang (New York)

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project (MAIP) Screening and Retrospective | 1,317 Hours

Review case files of MAIP's successful exonerations and screen potential future cases.

Tara Elgie (Dallas); Megan Teltchik and Kaitlyn Thorson (Houston); Demi Grekos and Gabriel Lopez (Miami); Claudia Fendian, Sam Kim, Mitchell McCloy, Joshua Milgrom and Ruby Wang (New York); Jaime Bloxom, Alyson Brown, Holly Cerasano, Mark Connolly, Christina Edwards, Catherine Freeman, Mike Goldman, Emma Gram, Jeffrey Harvey, David Hildebrand, Kim MacLeod, Matthew Nigriny, Whitney Nixdorf, Rachel Northup, Hillary Patterson, Emily Sanford, Allison Stelter, Jessica Tobin and Martha Warthen (Richmond); Alexander Abramenko, Hannah Flint and Alexandra Hamilton (Washington)

MAIP Direct Representation | 938 Hours

Represent client in a wrongful conviction matter in partnership with Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project.

Alexandra Glazer, Sherry Fisher, Leslie Kostyshak, Brianne Reese, Matt Revis and Destiny Stokes (Washington)

Georgia Prisoner Direct Representation | 909 Hours

Represent prisoner against Dept. of Corrections for failure to treat a medical condition.

Larry Bracken, Peggy Estes, Andy Koelz and Laura Wagner (Atlanta); Casey Coffey (Miami)

Commercial Law Development Project | 631 Hours

Advise on best practices for economic development.

James Bradley (Bangkok); Ryan Ketchum (London); Jamie Head, Ian Hutter and William Newton (Richmond)

Lawyers for Good Government Reproductive Health Database | 385 Hours

Track state specific laws regarding reproductive health.

Lauren Flatow (Charlotte); Natalia San Juan (Miami); Christopher Adan, Lara Adoumie, Nuri Aujla, Brit Dufilho, Monika Dziewa, Sam Kim, Matthew Kugler, Ruby Wang and Alice Yao (New York); Elizabeth Brightwell, Vince D'Amico and Zachary Roop (Richmond); Jessica Agostinho, Colleen Grygier, Garrett Moore, Kelli Rice and Jessica Yeshman (Washington)

National Park Trust | 334 Hours

Non-Profit legal assistance.

F.W. Brownell, Julia Casciotti, Alexandra Hamilton, Charles Knauss, Art Schmalz and Joseph Stanko (Washington); Luis Ferreira (Richmond)

Political Asylum | 293 Hours

Assisting a radio journalist and activist from Cameroon with their asylum claim.

Kate Eberhardt (Dallas); Tyler Grant (Miami); Joelle Pisani (New York); Art Schmalz (Washington)

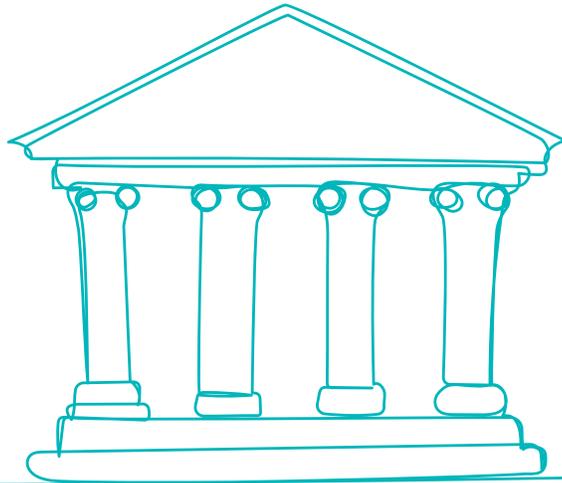


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<i>Catholic Charities of Baltimore</i>	<i>Housing Resource Line</i>	<i>Mediation Program of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York</i>	<i>Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Legal Clinic</i>
<i>Catholic Charities Dallas</i>	<i>Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL)</i>	<i>Mosaic Family Services</i>	<i>Virginia Holistic Justice Initiative</i>
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