

# Pro Bono & Community Involvement

We are committed to providing pro bono representation to individuals and organizations in the communities where we practice.

## Overview

Jackson Lewis P.C.'s deep commitment to pro bono legal services is formalized in our Pro Bono Initiative. In 2019, our attorneys donated over 10,936 hours of pro bono legal services, and over \$4.6 million worth of lawyers' time to pro bono legal matters.

At the core of our Pro Bono Initiative is the belief that the firm and our attorneys play a unique role in ensuring equal access to the justice system on behalf of the disadvantaged and charitable organizations that serve the indigent. Not only does pro bono work provide a valuable public service, it dispenses invaluable training for our attorneys. In 2019 Jackson Lewis was spotlighted for the number of pro bono hours worked by its attorneys in "The American Lawyer's National Pro Bono Rankings," published by The American Lawyer.

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## Representative Matters

Jackson Lewis attorneys have successfully served indigent clients across the country in a wide variety of pro bono matters, including securing civil rights and access to housing; representing children, parents, and vulnerable adults in custody disputes; ensuring appropriate outreach efforts for veterans; and filing disability claims for disabled homeless veterans. In addition, we partner with our corporate clients to provide legal services and training on legal topics to public interest organizations. An illustrative list of organizations and communities impacted includes:

- **Asylum Representation:** We obtained a pro bono victory for a client who sought asylum after fleeing his country after security forces severely beat, tortured, and unlawfully detained him. Jackson Lewis attorneys drafted comprehensive

briefing and presented extensive evidence to support the client's asylum application. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Immigration Court granted the client asylum.

- **Wounded Warrior Project:** We provide national pro bono assistance to the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit dedicated to helping veterans injured in combat since 9/11. We established a dedicated helpline and handle a variety of matters that help veterans resolve legal issues after returning from combat.
- **Pro Bono Partnership:** Throughout the Connecticut, New Jersey and New York area, our attorneys have assisted a diverse group of Partnership not-for profit clients with their workplace compliance needs, whether through advice and counsel, training or preparing employee handbooks. We have been actively involved with the Partnership since 1998, when one of our Shareholders served on its Board, and are proud of our growing relationship across the tri-state region.
- **Susan Komen for the Cure:** We provide national pro bono assistance on various types of labor and employment matters, including training and handbook reviews.
- **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:** We provide national coverage for the labor and employment law needs of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America:** We provide pro bono legal assistance on a wide variety of labor and employment matters to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

We also provide pro bono legal assistance to numerous other organizations across the country, including the Hispanic National Bar Association, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc., Chicago Bar Foundation and the Northern Virginia Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

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