



pro bono publico



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REWRITING THE ODDS

Everyone deserves access to justice, regardless of race, religious beliefs, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, or economic situation. We provide pro bono legal services because it is the right thing to do, and our representation of those who cannot afford legal representation serves as a profound source of personal and professional satisfaction.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

At Robins Kaplan, we believe everyone deserves access to our legal system. We work every day to provide legal representation to those who cannot afford it.

Our pro bono policy sets high expectations. Each attorney is asked to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono work annually and all pro bono work counts toward an associate's billable hour goal without a cap. As a result, our pro bono program is consistently recognized as among the top law firm programs in the country.

WE TACKLE TOUGH CASES

Whether working for a paying or pro bono client, on a class action or for individual justice, our attorneys bring their reputation as tenacious champions to the courtroom. Our representations cover a broad spectrum, focusing on children with nowhere else to turn, survivors of abuse and violence, and immigrants seeking asylum. When life or liberty is on the line, we help our clients win what matters most.

We partner with more than 20 nonprofit organizations, including The Advocates for Human Rights, Public Counsel, and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts to help us identify pro bono opportunities that match attorneys' interests and skills. Additionally, we partner with corporate attorneys from a number of businesses to leverage our resources and address unmet needs. Our program offers a wide range of opportunities, from brief advice at a legal clinic, to serving as a moot judge for attorneys preparing for trial, to full representation at a trial.

25,443

Total pro bono hours
in 2015 by Robins
Kaplan attorneys

Since 2008, more than 7% of the firm's total billable hours have been contributed to pro bono legal services. That's more than two times the standard set forth by the Pro Bono Institute.

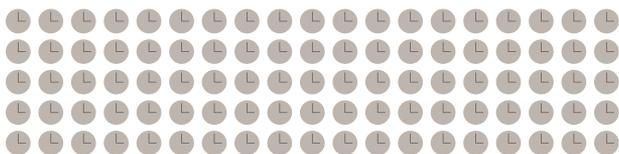
ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY AND OURSELVES

Our pro bono program serves to better our clients' lives and the communities we live in. Yet our attorneys find they benefit as well. We provide plentiful mentoring and pro bono legal services training to our attorneys, beginning with our Summer Associate program. Pro bono cases provide opportunities to gain courtroom experience, direct client interaction, and substantive legal expertise.

Our Well & Good writing program assists our new associates in developing their writing skills while working with one of our pro bono partner organizations. The associates participate in skill-based trainings, receive feedback and writing mentoring from each other and senior members of the firm, and provide the pro bono partner organization with a much-needed written work product.

"... Whether it's a team of experts to help low-income students challenge a nefarious college's bankruptcy, or a dedicated advocate to secure permanent asylum for a Guatemalan refugee fleeing horrific violence, Robins Kaplan is always there for our clients."

-PUBLIC COUNSEL



119

Average number of pro bono hours per attorney in 2015

MAKING AN IMPACT, CASE BY CASE

Our victory in United States District Court will allow a mother and her five year-old daughter to continue living with loving family and friends. Our client and her daughter had been living in the United States for over four years when, after very little contact with his daughter, the father filed a petition for their return to Mexico under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction. We represented the mother at a three-day trial, where we proved that the child was well settled in Minnesota.

We represented a California family with eight children facing foreclosure and eviction proceedings for a purported default on their home mortgage. Our firm and Public Counsel filed a suit that resulted in halting the eviction and led to negotiations that returned title of the home to our client, along with a monetary settlement to the client and recovery of Public Counsel's attorney fees.

Robins Kaplan represented a man from a Central African country in his attempt to gain asylum and reunite with his family members after being detained, beaten, and tortured numerous times by government officials for participating in a peaceful rights advocacy group. Our representation spanned six years until the victim gained asylum and the entire family was safely reunited.

**Total summer associate hours
spent on pro bono work in 2015**

425

RECOGNITIONS

- Recently Ranked #4 on The American Lawyer's "Am Law 200" for Pro Bono
- Recently Ranked #10 on Vault's "Best Law Firms for Pro Bono" List
- Named to Law360's list of "Pro Bono Firms of 2015"
- Named to The National Law Journal's 2016 Pro Bono Hot List

"... The caliber of representation Robins Kaplan volunteer attorneys provide their Children's Law Center clients is truly remarkable. Our clients know... their rights and wishes are protected and advanced both inside and outside of the courtroom."

-CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA



Robins Kaplan LLP is among the nation's premier trial law firms, with more than 220 attorneys in six major cities. Our attorneys litigate, mediate, and arbitrate client disputes, always at-the-ready for an ultimate courtroom battle. When huge forces are at play, major money is at stake, or rights are being trampled, we help clients cut through complexity, get to the heart of the problem, and win what matters most.

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