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2009 PRO BONO HIGHLIGHTS

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Selected 2009 Pro Bono Matters

A MESSAGE FROM REGINA M. PISA, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING PARTNER



Client diversity is a hallmark of Goodwin Procter's Pro Bono Initiative. It allows our case-work to be varied and enables us to help individuals from all walks of life.

A diverse pro bono client base also fosters invaluable opportunities to bring together attorneys from different departments, practices and office locations – all working towards a common goal: ensuring that our pro bono cases receive the same focus, dedication and professionalism as our fee-for-service matters.

This report highlights the diversity of our clients within several of the broad areas in which we practice: Family Stability, Health Care, Asylum, Microenterprise, Historic Preservation, Domestic Violence, the Environment and Community Development. The matters featured on the following pages represent the wide variety of individuals and organizations our legal staff assisted in 2009.

Goodwin Procter is committed to providing pro bono legal services at the highest level. We do so enthusiastically, knowing that our efforts are making a difference – at home and overseas. For a more comprehensive look at our Pro Bono Initiative and its many facets, I invite you to visit the Pro Bono section on our website.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Regina M. Pisa".

Health Care

VITAMIN ANGELS

In a team effort across multiple offices and practice areas, Goodwin Procter is counsel to Vitamin Angels, an organization dedicated to reducing child mortality worldwide by advancing availability, access and use of essential nutrients to newborns, infants and children under five years of age. Vital nutrients help build the foundation for good health and give children the opportunity to lead meaningful and productive lives. Today, Vitamin Angels is reaching over 20 million children in over 40 countries, including the United States. Goodwin provided advice to the organization in a number of areas, including nonprofit law and governance, tax, international expansion, employment law and trademark issues. Founder/President Howard Schiffer notes: "Goodwin Procter's pro bono counsel has proved invaluable during a time of incredible growth for Vitamin Angels. Together we are improving the lives of millions of children around the world."



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Asylum

"MARIAMA"

In 2007, "Mariama" arrived in the United States after fleeing Guinea for her life. Shortly before she left, government soldiers killed her brother and tried to kill her because of their membership in a pro democracy group called the Rally of the Guinean People (RPG). The previous year, Mariama was arrested, jailed and beaten because of her affiliation with the organization. Upon her release, her jailors threatened to kill her if her involvement with the RPG continued.

Mariama's case was referred to Goodwin Procter by Human Rights First in 2008 following the denial by USCIS of her asylum petition. We assisted her by filing an appeal with the Immigration Court in the Second Circuit. A cross-department team consisting of attorneys, paralegals, administrative staff

and summer associates helped prepare the case. In addition, several outside experts were retained by the firm. In May 2009, an Immigration Judge found Mariama's story "highly credible" and granted her asylum petition. We then applied for derivative asylum for her husband and three children. We look forward to the day we can reunite Mariama with her family in the United States.

Poverty Law

D.C. BAR CLINIC

The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program's Advocacy & Justice Clinic first opened its doors in 1993 as the flagship project of a reorganization of the Bar's pro bono program, which was recommended by a review committee chaired by Goodwin Procter senior counsel Steve Pollak. Marking 15 consecutive years of participation with the clinic, Goodwin attorneys took on eight new clients in 2009. The recent recession heightened the already pressing unmet needs of low-income D.C. residents for civil legal services. For example, the D.C. Superior Court reported that only 3% of tenants in Landlord/Tenant Court and 2% of litigants involved in domestic violence cases were represented by counsel. To help respond to this crisis, we provided representation to low-income clients referred by the Advocacy & Justice Clinic in matters that involved Social Security benefits, contesting evictions, and resolving disputes over child custody and support, to cite just a few.

Domestic Violence

ASIAN TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) focuses on preventing domestic violence in the Asian community. ATASK operates a victims' safehouse and a telephone hotline, and provides support and counseling services in many Asian languages for survivors of domestic violence and their families. It is the only organization to do so specifically for the Asian community in New England. In 2009, Goodwin Procter attorneys and staff provided over 250 hours of support to ATASK on matters as diverse as employment and human resource issues, insurance and litigation. We also counseled ATASK in obtaining a federal trademark registration for its new fundraising campaign, "1000 Cranes and 2000 Butterflies."

Historic Preservation

THE USS SARATOGA MUSEUM FOUNDATION



An interdisciplinary team of lawyers from Goodwin Procter has represented the USS Saratoga Museum Foundation on a variety of regulatory and transactional matters since 2008. The foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing the USS

Saratoga (CV-60) as a museum and training center in Rhode Island. Using the Saratoga as well as other ships, aircraft and naval artifacts, the organization seeks to educate the public about the role of the U.S. Navy in the defense of our country and contribute to the development of the Rhode Island economy through vocational training programs for students and surrounding communities. During 2009, a Goodwin team provided legal services to the foundation in several interdisciplinary areas, including environmental permitting, berthing lease arrangements, loan guarantees, Naval procurement, acquisition of the Sea Shadow experimental Navy stealth ship and sale of a Cold War Soviet submarine.

MicroEnterprise

THE SMALL ENTERPRISE EDUCATION AND PROMOTION NETWORK

The Small Enterprise Education and Promotion Network (SEEP) is a leading international network and promoter of best practices in microfinance enterprise development and financial services. With 67 members in over 140 countries, SEEP reaches more than 23 million microentrepreneurs. Goodwin Procter has been involved in almost every facet of SEEP's mission, including assistance with corporate governance and best practices, intellectual property protection, benefits, website creation and compliance, government regulatory issues and employment matters. Our work over the past three years has allowed SEEP to continue to grow and to focus its resources more on the needs of members and less on the legal issues of the day-to-day operation of a nonprofit organization.

Environment

JONES RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The Jones River Watershed Association (JRWA) is a non-profit organization established over 30 years ago to protect, enhance and restore the natural resources of the Jones River watershed in Southeastern Massachusetts. Goodwin Procter previously assisted JRWA with the acquisition and financing of a historic boatbuilding site on the Jones River in Kingston, Massachusetts, for use as a marine ecology center. The center promotes scientific research and education programs designed to protect the Jones River, and also offers classes to the public in water safety and traditional wooden boat building. Goodwin is currently assisting JRWA with the acquisition of additional land along the Jones River. This acquisition, and the proposed removal of the Wapping Road Dam, will enable JRWA to restore native river habitats to the Jones River in order to re-establish fish passage and to create a public park commemorating Kingston's significant mill history.

Guardianship Law

“MARY”

In conjunction with Bet Tzedek Legal Services of Los Angeles, our attorneys represented “Mary,” a legally blind, single grandmother of three who was seeking emergency guardianship of her grandchildren, whose mother's ability to adequately raise them was impaired by a traumatic brain injury that occurred during her adolescence. After winning emergency custody of the grandchildren, we extended our representation of Mary into a year-long battle to establish her as the children's permanent guardian. Although multiple, contested court appearances throughout that year ensued, she was granted permanent guardianship of all three grandchildren in November 2009. Mary's guardianship has given her grandchildren stability, safety and the opportunity to enroll in social programs previously denied to her because – despite being their caretaker – she lacked legal guardianship.

Assisting Inner-City Entrepreneurs

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS INITIATIVE



The Neighborhood Business Initiative (NBI) partners with an array of community-based organizations in the Greater Boston area to provide business and legal services to entrepreneurs and small-business owners who are low-income, who are members of underserved communities or whose busi-

nesses positively impact underserved neighborhoods. NBI's outreach consists of workshops, clinics and direct business legal services representation. In 2009, Goodwin Procter attorneys led seven workshops for entrepreneurs on topics including choice of entity, contracts, employment and leases. With its community partners, NBI also sponsored six clinics where individuals met with our attorneys regarding specific legal issues confronting their businesses. Together, over 27 attorneys provided 500 hours of service to over 100 neighborhood small business owners and entrepreneurs. In addition, Goodwin attorneys spent 883 hours last year representing 20 active NBI clients. Matters included the sale of a neighborhood bakery, assistance regarding a shareholder agreement for a coffee shop, and entity formation and start-up assistance for painting and event planning companies. Through NBI, Goodwin has worked with numerous talented individuals like Edward Telleria (pictured above), a Boston-area artist who we helped with contract matters for his business, Design Telleria.

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“ AT THE END OF THE DAY, PRO BONO IS ALL ABOUT PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE. IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT.” - REGINA M. PISA, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING PARTNER

Facts & Figures



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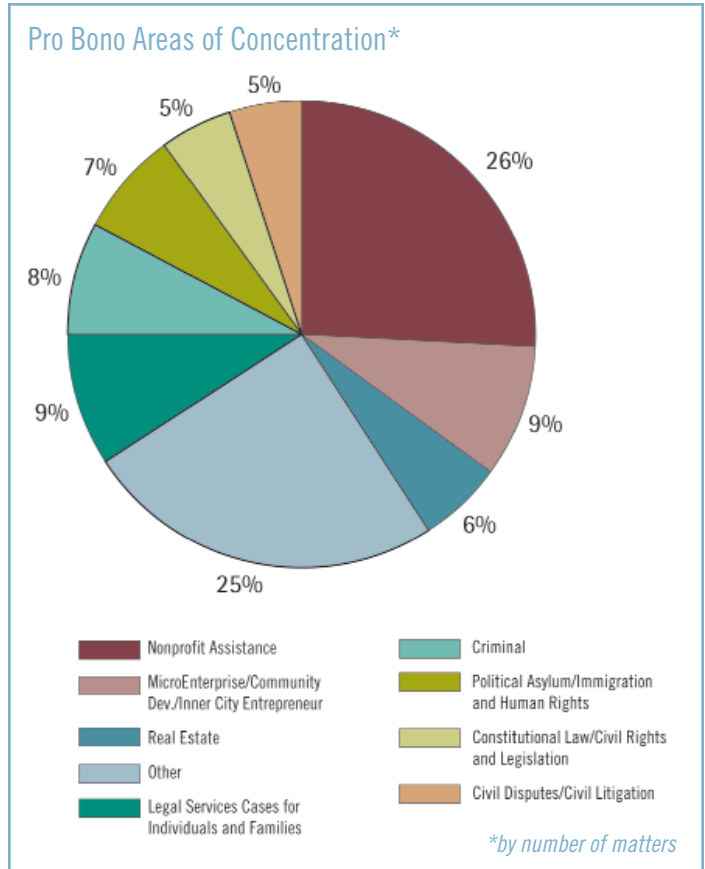
In these challenging economic times, when charities, public service and civil rights organizations, and families of limited means are all being asked to do more with less, the need for top quality pro bono legal services has never

been greater. As you can see in this report, Goodwin Procter lawyers across all our offices stepped up to meet that need in exciting and rewarding ways: from helping entrepreneurs in underserved neighborhoods to get new businesses started, to assisting low-income families facing legal challenges. We proudly devoted more than 5% of our total hours worked last year to pro bono, and as the vignettes on these pages will attest, we learned a lot and had plenty of fun in the process.

PRO BONO 2009 STATISTICS

Pro bono at Goodwin is a voluntary practice, one that is supported and encouraged across the entire firm. Over 84% of our attorneys participated in our Pro Bono Initiative in 2009, and the involvement spanned all practice areas, levels of experience and geographic locations. This past year our attorneys worked on 577 matters, 217 of which were new.

Ken Parsigian is a products liability partner in Goodwin Procter's Boston office. He serves as chair of the firm's Pro Bono Initiative.



Number of...			
Attorneys Participating in Pro Bono	696	Active Cases	577
Paralegals Participating in Pro Bono	79	New Pro Bono Matters Opened	217
Summer Associates Participating in Pro Bono	46	Attorneys Who Billed Greater Than 50 Pro Bono Hours	359
Non-Legal Staff Supporting Pro Bono	37	Informational Sessions and Training Programs (internal and external)	26

Recognition

In 2009, the firm and individual attorneys were proud to receive the following awards and recognition:

MARCH 2009

Partner **Robert Insolia** was a **Special Honoree** at New Destiny Housing Corporation's Annual Benefit event

Associate **Delcy Sweet** was honored with the **Civil Rights Recognition Award** by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Goodwin Procter received **Special Recognition** at the D.C. Judicial Pro Bono Breakfast, hosted by the D.C. Courts

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MAY 2009

Partner **Ken Parsigian** received the **John Minor Wisdom Award** from the American Bar Association Litigation Section

Partner **Anna Dodson** was a **Special Honoree** at the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation's 30th Anniversary Celebration

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JUNE 2009

Partners **Elaine Herrmann Blais**, **Robert Carroll** and **Ken Parsigian** were honored with the **Mentor Award** from the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project

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JULY 2009

Partner **Bill Mayer** and associate **Breck Hancock** received Goodwin Procter's **Robert B. Fraser Pro Bono Award**, named after the firm's former managing partner

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SEPTEMBER 2009

Goodwin Procter was the recipient of the **Exceptional Service Award** from the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Program

Associates **Cassandra Crawford** and **Kristen Kearney** were honored with the **Volunteer Attorney Award** by the Women's Bar Foundation

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OCTOBER 2009

Goodwin Procter received the **Pro Bono Award** from the Volunteers of Legal Service at its 25th anniversary reception

Partners **Thomas Meriam** and **Jeffrey Simes** and associate **Larkin Morton** received the **Pro Bono Publico Award** from the Legal Aid Society in New York

Associate **Jessica Gary** was honored with the **Cornerstone Award** by the Lawyers Alliance for New York

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NOVEMBER 2009

Goodwin Procter was the recipient of the **Law Firm Award** from the Washington Council of Lawyers

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