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Annual Pro Bono Recognition and Awards Reception

On February 20, 2008, Dechert hosted the 2008 Pro Bono Recognition and Awards Reception, the firm's annual event that recognizes the outstanding pro bono work performed during the past year. Close to 600 people attended simultaneous receptions, linked by videoconference across offices.

Dechert Chairman Barton J. Winokur hosted the event, and the Honorable Juanita Bing Newton delivered the keynote speech. Judge Newton has served as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York since 2003 and as the New York State Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives since 1999. Judge Newton spoke about the importance of pro bono work and praised Dechert for its deep commitment to pro bono service.

During the event, seven attorneys and the eight members of the Philadelphia Landlord Tenant Team were presented with the Samuel E. Klein

Pro Bono Award, which is given annually to those at Dechert who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to providing pro bono legal services. Each award recipient was presented with a plaque, and the firm made a charitable contribution of \$500 to a legal services organization of their choice.

Recipients of the Samuel E. Klein Awards included:

- **Kevin K. Babikian** – Kevin, an FSG associate in Newport Beach, has spearheaded the pro bono efforts in the Newport Beach office. He started a pro bono project advising micro-businesses, which has been recognized in Orange County and has been used as a model for other Dechert offices. In 2007, Kevin was recognized by the State Bar of California with its Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services.
- **Bernard J. Bonn III** – Bernie, who is of counsel in the Boston office, was the pro bono partner in Boston for many years. Bernie has worked on and supervised countless pro bono



Bernie Bonn of the Boston office accepts his Samuel E. Klein Pro Bono Award from Tony Bolzan.



Eliot Walker, Gretchen Sween, and Steven Weisburd of the Austin office were in attendance.



Eric Deltour, Laszlo Zlatarov, and Rick Temko of the Brussels office partake of refreshments during the reception.



David Zybala presents Stan Dolgopolov of the Charlotte office with a kaleidoscope.



Kristina Karbach and Berthold Hummel in Munich toast the award winners.



Judge Juanita Bing Newton addresses the reception.

matters, including cases involving the death penalty, immigration, and access to public transportation. As a result of Bernie's efforts, Dechert's Boston office was recently recognized by the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts with the Adams Pro Bono Publico Award.

- **Rebecca P. Dick** – Becky, counsel in the antitrust group in Washington, has had wide-ranging involvement in pro bono matters, including representing detainees in Guantanamo Bay and filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of a group of bioethicists with respect to Oregon's Death with Dignity Act.
- **Robert E. Grady** – Rob is an FRE associate in Hartford who always has a pro bono matter on his docket. His matters have included landlord tenant cases, foreclosure, lease negotiation, and dissolution of a nonprofit entity.
- **Richard O'Brien** – Richard is a corporate associate in London. In addition to staffing the evening advice clinic at the North Kensington Law Centre, Richard has advised to numerous UK-based charities. He was a finalist in the Young Solicitors Group's 2007 Pro Bono Awards.
- **Philadelphia Landlord Tenant Team** – In conjunction with Penn Law students and Community Legal Services, the Philadelphia Landlord Tenant Team has coordinated and implemented a program to assist unrepresented tenants facing eviction.



The Philadelphia office enjoys the reception.



The Philadelphia Landlord Tenant Team celebrates its award.

They are on pace to handle over 100 cases in the second year of the program. The team includes attorneys Ryan P. Chase, Jennifer Kates, Robert A. Limbacher, Steven P. McFate, and Alyson M. Oswald and paralegals Brian C. Kabosius, Christina Singh, and Danielle A. Torrice.

- **Lakshmi Srinivasan** – Lake is a litigation associate in New York. She has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to human rights work and has, in the past two years, handled four asylum cases and assisted on many others.
- **Richard A. Stieglitz, Jr.** – Rich is an associate in the business restructuring and reorganization group in New York. Rich has had a constant docket of pro bono cases and often represents homeless mothers in securing benefits for their families. Most recently, Rich became involved, and inspired other New York attorneys to become involved, in the City Bar Justice Center’s Re-Entry Project. The Project is aimed at providing legal services to people with criminal records who often face collateral consequences because of their record.

Additionally, 386 attorneys and paralegals were recognized for performing more than 50 hours of pro bono work in 2007.



Bill Gibson of the Princeton office enjoys his kaleidoscope gift.

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This Dechert pro bono update is a publication of the firm’s Pro Bono Committee. If you have items you would like included in the next edition, please forward them to Erin Martell at erin.martell@dechert.com.

Pro Bono Honor Roll

Dechert gratefully acknowledges the time, energy, and commitment of all its attorneys and paralegals who participated in the pro bono program and specially recognizes the following people who contributed in excess of 50 hours of time during the past year:

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Pro Bono Section of Dechert's Intranet Site

Remember, the firm's intranet site has a separate section on pro bono including sample forms, a directory of pro bono referral organizations, and a listing of training opportunities.

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Just a reminder, all U.S.-based attorneys, including partners, counsel, associates, and staff attorneys are required to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono work a year. This policy is on an FTE basis, so part-time attorneys are only required to do a proportionate amount. We urge you to think about the type of pro bono work you want to do now and not to wait until the end of the year, so that the Pro Bono Committee can help you find the type of project that best meets your skills and interests. If you have any questions about the policy or getting involved in the pro bono program, please contact Suzie Turner or any other member of the Pro Bono Committee.

Victory for Victim of Human Trafficking

In her introduction to the U.S. government's Trafficking in Persons Report 2007, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice noted, "Trafficking in persons is a modern-day form of slavery, a new type of global slave trade. Perpetrators prey on the most weak among us, primarily women and children, for profit and gain. They lure victims into involuntary servitude and sexual slavery." The U.S. government estimates that over 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year, and millions more are trafficked within their own countries.

Over the years, Dechert attorneys have assisted many victims of human trafficking. Recently, Cyndie Baughman, FSG associate, and Brenden Carroll, FSG law clerk, had a significant victory in a human trafficking case by helping the victim obtain a T-Visa. The T-Visa was created in 2001 by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and allows trafficking victims to remain in the United States for three years with work authorization and access to HHS benefits and services. At the end of three years, T-Visa holders may apply for permanent residence. Part of the T-Visa application process requires victims to cooperate with law enforcement officials to aid them in prosecuting the traffickers.

As is common with victims of human trafficking, this case involved a young woman sent away from her home country by her family, hoping to escape political turmoil and secure a better life. Employed as a domestic worker, she soon learned that the "general housekeeping duties" she was to perform would require her to work very long hours, typically from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, for very little or no pay. She shared a small room with several other workers and was not allowed to leave the premises without supervision. The employer had very particular cleaning requirements for the client. For example, she was instructed many times not to use a vacuum as its noise was too disruptive. Rather, she was required to hand-pick the carpets clean ensuring every last crumb and piece of dirt was removed. Not only did the client have to contend with unreasonable working hours and little or no pay, but she was subjected to verbal, emotional, and physical abuse, including rape, and, at times, was denied needed medical care.

The client was brought into the United States to continue serving her employer while they visited Washington, D.C. As is also common in trafficking cases, the client had no access to her passport and personal documentation, except for the limited purpose of passing through customs while traveling. The mistreatment of the client continued while she was in the United States until one day, while making her employer's bed, she discovered her own passport hidden under the mattress. She took her passport, waited for her employer to become occupied, and ran away with only the clothes on her back.

Thanks to the team of Washington Dechert lawyers who assisted her and the T-Visa program, this client will now be able to stay in the United States. She has the ability to secure employment and in three years time will be able to apply for permanent residency.

If you are interested in working on a T-Visa case, please contact Cyndie Baughman. She will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Pro Bono Highlight Austin: VAWA Petitions

The Austin office adopted as its pro bono project the preparation of VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) petitions for the Political Asylum Project of Austin. VAWA is a federal statute permitting immigrants who are the victims of domestic violence to petition the Department of Homeland Security to receive the benefit of their abusive spouse's immigration status. This enables these immigrants to leave dangerous situations without the risk of deportation. Despite the Act's name, its benefits extend to immigrants of both genders. Since September 2007, attorneys in Austin have represented six individuals in preparing and submitting VAWA petitions. Attorneys working on the VAWA project in Austin include Bryan Atkinson, Steven Daniels, Mason Gross, Michael McDermott, Jeffrey Plies, and Gretchen Sween. Iliana Guerrero, a legal assistant in Austin, has provided translation and clerical assistance, and paralegals Larry Fluker and Tabitha Pitts have assisted with the preparation and filing of petitions.

Pro Bono Highlight Boston/Hartford: The Liberian TRC

Dechert has taken the lead in bringing the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Diaspora Project to the Boston and Providence areas. The project, a partnership of the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and The Advocates for Human Rights, is aimed at ensuring the participation of the Liberian Diaspora community in the TRC's process.

The Liberian TRC was negotiated and agreed upon during the 2003 Accra peace accords and enacted into law with the TRC Act of 2005. The goal of the TRC is to "promote national peace, security, unity and reconciliation" while making it possible to hold perpetrators accountable for gross human rights and humanitarian law violations that occurred in Liberia between 1979 and 2003. During that period, it is estimated that 250,000 of a 3 million person population were killed, and as many as 1.5 million people were displaced. Many fled the country.

Dechert attorneys are collecting statements from Liberian immigrants and their descendants now living in the Providence and Boston areas. The statement-taking process gives people the opportunity to share their personal stories of what happened during that time period. Previous TRC efforts in other countries have focused solely on taking statements from people still living in the country. This is the first time the effort has been made to include those living outside the country. Statement-taking initiatives are also underway in Minnesota, New York, Newark, Chicago, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and London.

Tony Zacharski, a partner in Dechert's Hartford office, participated in a February 7 press conference in Providence to kick off the Boston/Providence initiative. While there is some resistance in the community to revisit this painful time in their history, the press conference was well attended by the Liberian community and the media. One Liberian business owner reported that she had decided not to participate in the project but through the information presented at the press conference realized the importance of telling her story.

Many thanks to Amy McDonald in the Boston office for organizing Dechert's efforts as well as to the following Dechert lawyers who are participating: Scott Altonian, Tim Blank, Lewis Burleigh, Colin Dean, Jessica King, Benjamin Letzler, Andrea Levine, John O'Hanlon, Evan Posner, Jessica Seger, and Tony Zacharski.



Pastor Emmett Goodridge addresses the community at the February 7 press conference.



Ethan Fogel at the awards ceremony with Judge Lisa M. Rau, where he received the Second Annual Pro Bono Publico Award for the Court of Common Pleas Civil Trial Division.

Recent Awards & Recognition

- Thirty-seven Dechert attorneys were named to the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania's **2008 Pro Bono Roll of Honor** in recognition of their exceptional pro bono service. The attorneys named include: Jeffrey Boles, Ronald Boak, Jennifer Bronstein, David Brown, Ryan Chase, Chauncey Colwell, Jeffrey Daman, Lorenza De Ieso, Jeffrey Edwards, James Figorski, Michael Fisher, Ethan Fogel, Matthew Giuliano, Joe Hetrick, Monica Lawrence, David Leone, Molly Light, Michael Macko, Michael Manno, Michael Manuel, Kirsten Miller Mazzeo, Louise Moyer, Andrew Napoli, Alyson Oswald, Molly Peckman, Francis Rizzo, Bryan Roth, Helen Santoro, Stacey Smith, Nils Burton Snell, Jianlin Song, Andrew Thomson, and Brennan Torregrossa.
- Ethan Fogel was named by the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania as a recipient of the **Second Annual Pro Bono Publico Award for the Court of Common Pleas Civil Trial Division**. Ethan was recognized along with fellow members of the Landlord Tenant Liaison Committee for their exceptional pro bono service to the underprivileged of Philadelphia.
- The attorney team of Aly Oswald, Evan Davis, and Steve McConnell received a letter from U.S. Magistrate Judge Timothy Rice thanking them for their "superb legal representation" in a prisoner civil rights case.
- Dechert was recognized by Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program with its highest honor, the **Justice William J. Brennan Award**. The award is presented to firms accepting the greatest number of referrals and providing extraordinary services.
- Dechert was named **February's Outstanding Volunteer** by the City Bar Justice Center for its continuing representation of homeless families in New York. Congratulations to the following attorneys participating in the program: Jose Almonte, James Buino, Valerie Diden-Moore, Erika Gellert, Davin Hall, Ross Hirsch, Thien-Vu Hoang, Alissa Rossman, Seth Schechtman, Scott Smedley, and Richard Stieglitz.

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