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Psychologists tell us that few things bring more joy than the satisfaction of making the world a better place. By helping others, changing others and improving others, we ourselves improve. This firm's service to the underserved legal community is noteworthy and remarkable. And those who have stepped up and represented the babies, the toddlers, the teens, and their parents all tell me the same thing—it brings them happiness. It changes them.

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In the past year, Shook attorneys have, once again, done incredible things for the underserved in our communities. And this newsletter shines a light on those successes. The Tampa office, for instance, has become a leader in Crossroads for Florida Kids, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing the rights of at-risk children, especially those in foster care. Uniquely positioned as Florida's premier independent advocacy organization, its mission is to obtain meaningful and sustainable improvement in Florida's child serving systems. Last April, the Hillsborough Bar Association gathered at the Chester H. Ferguson Law Center to recognize local attorneys and law firms that have demonstrated a commitment to providing pro bono services in our community. The organization recognized one firm with the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award—Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Other positive developments include Lawyers 4 Kids (LFK), which has continued to make scholarships available to worthy boys and girls in the area. This is a charitable fund that SHB established in 2006 with a donated \$100,000 attorney fee award, received in connection with our representation of foster and adopted children in Missouri. LFK provides funds to educate foster parents in addressing the special needs of their adopted children, and for school and educational expenses, music lessons, and sports registrations for kids whose parents could not otherwise afford them.

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For me, the past year has been noteworthy for the privilege of representing a client unlike any before in my 27 years of practice—a 2-month-old baby girl who was born to a mother with many personal challenges. I was appointed to serve as her Guardian ad Litem (GAL), and I will long remember the first time I met Denise (not her real name) on the evening of December 12 when I traveled to Oak Grove to the home of her foster parents. Generally speaking, I don't have a lot of experience walking into the homes of total strangers two weeks before Christmas.

I suppose I've hugged some clients, shaken many hands and slapped a few on the back. But rocking your client to sleep? Good luck finding a billing code for that! The GAL initiative is taking off in the firm, and several of our attorneys have been active as GALs for many years—**John Vaglio**, **Andy Carpenter** and **Dawn Blanche**, to name just a few.

As we move toward the end of another year, I tip my hat to everyone's contribution to the pro bono effort at SHB as we continue to set new milestones for clients served and legal hours contributed. ●

Matt Keenan

Chair | SHB Pro Bono Committee

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ALL STARS 2012

100+ HOURS

Hal Arteaga
Gene Balloun
John Barkett
Jane Bartley
Dawn Blanche
Brittany Boswell
Mischa Buford Epps
Lori Burns-Bucklew
Kevin Corlew

Ashley Cornwall
Zachary Crowell
Ryan Farnsworth
Lindsay Grise
Heather Grossman
Brian Gutshall
Jeanne Janchar
Jolie Justus
Christopher Kaufman

Matt Keenan
Bill Martucci
Kirk Marty
Adam Moore
Terri Parker
Paul Reid
Megan Roth
Russell Shankland
Rachel Smith

Steve Soden
Lea Souza-Rasile
Erin Sparkuhl
Joy Springfield
Dana Strueby

20+ HOURS

Rob Adams
Hunter Ahern
Christopher Aikin
Steve Aliber
Chris Appel
Scott Aripoli
John Azimi
Brian Baggott
Michael Barnett
Chad Beashore
Douglas Beck

Mark Behrens
Jordan Bergsten
Kelly Bieri
Jennifer Blues
Valerie Blevins
Brad Bodamer
Matthew Broaddus
Diane Brown
Ed Bullard
Kelly Burmeister
Andy Carpenter

Mike Carroll
Zach Chaffee-Mclure
Andrew Chang
Ina Chang
Andrew Cooper
Charles Cooper
Aaron Craig
Amy Crouch
Stan Davis
Kelly Dawson
Stacey Deere

Nick Deutsch
James Devaney
Vanessa Dittman
Alicia Donahue
Tristan Duncan
Scott Dupree
Ryan Dykal
Gabe Egli
Megan Ellison
Alison Erickson
Kelly Feimster

Jennifer Ferguson
Jeffrey Fields
Cory Fisher
Megan Flatt
Larry Fraey
Kathleen Frazier
John Golian
Pat Gregory
Tom Grever
Monplaisir Hamilton
Aaron Hankel
Kevin Haroff
Al Harris
Ann Havelka
Adrienne Hernandez
Lynn Herndon
Eric Hobbs
Micah Hobbs
Judy Hollinger
Michael Holt
Jason Howard
Brian Jackson
Chris Johnson
Dale Johnson
Benjamin Johnston
Emily Jung

Scott Kaiser
Cathy Kamm
Iain Kennedy
Aaron Kirkland
Beth Larigan
Kathy Larkins
Laura Lawson
Sean Lee
Tiffany Lim
Tony Luetkemeyer
Pat Lujin
Lucy Mason
Kerry Manning
Jeff McCarther
Chris McDonald
Elena McFarland
John McNally
Angel Mitchell
Tim Moore
Jim Muehlberger
Amir Nassihi
Jeff Nelson
Clint Newton
George Ngengwe
David Niegowski
Clay Norkey

David Northrip
William Northrip
Laurie Novion
Judy O'Grady
Marni Otjen
Jared Palmer
Adriana Paris
Mary Jane Peal
Joseph Pierre
Carol Poindexter
Erica Ramsey
Harley Ratliff
Tiffany Raush
Amanda Robinson
Daniel Rogers
Jonathan Rosen
Devin Ross
Paula Sarti
Colin Schreck
Victor Schwartz
Connor Sears
Andy See
James Shepherd
Cary Silverman
John Simpson
Justin Smith

Mareta Smith
Gabe Spooner
Andrea Steele
Elizabeth Sterling
Scott Strohm
Jon Strongman
Emily Sullivan
Arlen Tanner
Camila Tobon
Jared Tong
John Turner
John Vaglio
Matthew Vanis
Kristopher Verra
Jennifer Voss
Mihai Vrasmasu
Christopher Warren
Marty Warren
Jeremiah Wikler
Paul Williams
Wendy Williams
Jon Wilson
Anthony Wingrove
Katherine Wolf
Marie Woodbury
Greg Wu

William Yoder
Jason Zager
Jonathan Zerger
Jennifer Zimmermann
Talia Zucker



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FOREVER HOME

Every year SHB provides free legal services for families who adopt children from the foster care system or who want to provide permanent legal guardianships for children in crisis. To date, 955 children have found permanent, safe and loving homes thanks in part to the volunteer efforts of SHB lawyers. Both Kansas and Missouri state law provide modest legal subsidies for lawyers who provide free legal services to foster and adoptive families. All fees received by SHB are donated to a scholarship fund established for foster kids in Kansas and Lawyers for Kids, a charitable foundation established in Missouri that provides grants and scholarships to foster and adopted children and their parents. These charitable donations allow some of our most vulnerable children to attend college, summer camp or participate in extracurricular activities. ●

918 children adopted into permanent, loving homes

41 children granted permanent guardianships with friends and relatives

\$540,115

in scholarships by the Kansas Foster Care Scholarship Fund (362 scholarships)

\$409,311

in fees donated to Kansas Foster Care Scholarship Fund

\$161,565

in fees donated to Lawyers 4 Kids

\$100,193

in grants for foster families, supplied by Lawyers 4 Kids (248 grants)



SHB ATTORNEYS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY



National Adoption Day celebration at the Wyandotte County District Court, November 17, 2013.



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While SHB Partner **Gene Balloun** (KC—Business Litigation) has taken an active part in National Adoption Day during the past several years, in 2012, Global Product Liability Staff Attorneys **John Azimi-Tabrizi** and **Joy Springfield** and Of Counsel **Jerami Kennitz** joined him to help eight families finalize adoptions for 14 children in Wyandotte County District Court and Johnson County Court.



National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. This annual event has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by finalizing adoptions and creating and celebrating adoptive families across the country. Hundreds of communities celebrate this special day, typically held on the Saturday before every Thanksgiving. It is estimated that 4,500 children in foster care were adopted during the 2012 event.

Document Clerk Anna Scheve, Paralegal Kathy Hoffman and Legal Administrative Assistant Barbara Nelson provided valuable assistance to the SHB team, and all celebrated with the new adoptive families they helped create during the eastern Kansas event. ●



National Adoption Day celebration at the Wyandotte County District Court, November 17, 2013.

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WHEN FREE LEGAL WORK PAYS

Firms put fees from pro bono cases to work for charity

By Heather Cole



All the Shook, Hardy & Bacon lawyers who help out with the Kansas City firm's pro bono adoption program say it's some of the most rewarding work they can do, said

Jim Muehlberger, a partner.

They're not referring to legal fees, but both Missouri and Kansas award a few hundred dollars for an adoption out of the foster care system. Shook Hardy puts the fees to use, depositing them in two funds the firm and its lawyers formed to help pay for the education of adopted and foster children and to support their parents.

The statutory fee in Missouri is \$250, a lot less than the firm's lawyers charge on an hourly basis, Muehlberger said.

"But it's something a little extra ... we can get back to the community," Muehlberger said.

Pro bono by definition is legal work done at no charge to the client. But some of the work ends up garnering fees, ranging in size from hundreds of dollars in adoption fees to hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees from class action settlements.

Shook Hardy's charitable contribution approach for handling the fees is shared by Bryan Cave and SNR Denton and encouraged by the Pro Bono Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that researches and consults on pro bono efforts.

The institute's "Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge" sets standards and definitions for large law firms' pro bono work.

If a case is taken on without expectations of fees, it can count as pro bono under the Challenge even if fees are awarded, according to the institute's website.

The Challenge, developed by law firm leaders and in-house counsel, encourages seeking the fees as a deterrence for defendants "by making defendants who have acted unlawfully pay the full costs associated with their behavior."

But firms that receive fees "are strongly encouraged to contribute an appropriate portion of those fees" to charitable organizations.

SNR Denton follows the institute's recommendations, traditionally donating fees to the advocacy group it's working for, said Ben Weinberg, the firm's Chicago-based pro bono partner.

Last year, the firm, which has about 90 attorneys in Missouri, gave a nearly \$1 million fee to Equip for Equality, a rights advocacy group for disabled people. The fee was awarded for SNR Denton lawyers' work in an Illinois class action case that ended with a consent decree that allowed thousands of developmentally disabled people living in large facilities to choose to live instead in small, community-based homes. The donation was on top of 9,000 hours of lawyer time dedicated to the case over its six years in litigation.

Shook Hardy established its Lawyers for Kids charitable fund in late 2006 with a \$100,000 attorneys' fee award the firm received for representing Missouri foster and adopted children in a lawsuit over the amount the state paid to foster parents.

"Initially all we wanted to do was win the case," said Muehlberger, a class action defense litigator. "We didn't think about the attorneys' fee award until after we'd won and had the question of what should we do with it."

The adoption fees coupled with firm fundraising allow the principal to be replenished while \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year is given in grants for educating foster parents in addressing the special needs of their adopted children, school and educational expenses, music lessons, and sports registrations for kids whose parents could not otherwise afford to pay for them.



Shook Hardy partner **Gene Balloun**, who has fostered 29 children and adopted two with his wife, Sheila Wombles, set up a similar fund in Kansas 10 years ago

bolstered by the \$500 legal fees that state gives for pro bono adoptions. The firm donates the money to the Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children Scholarship Fund.

As of the end of last year, the scholarship fund had received \$361,000 in adoption fees from 792 adoptions Shook

Hardy worked on, Balloun said. It has given 287 scholarships totaling \$450,000.

A third fund, The First Amendment Foundation, initially was set up with a firm donation and \$175,000 in legal fees from a successful lawsuit against the Olathe School District over the Kansas district's decision to remove a novel about two high school girls' lesbian relationship from library shelves. The fund sponsors activities, such as a banned books essay contest in high schools, that are intended to help high school students get a better understanding of the First Amendment and civil rights, Balloun said.

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation administers the three Shook Hardy funds.

Bryan Cave donates any fee awards to a charitable account after deducting the firm's expenses for handling the case, said a spokeswoman for the St. Louis-based firm.

SNR doesn't always donate fees to charity: The firm sometimes will decline them if its lawyers are representing individual prisoners, Weinberg said. Much less frequently, SNR Denton will use them to aid its pro bono program, as it did for historic preservation battles. The \$55,000 in fees awarded for work saving a historic building at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania are being used for expenses, including for travel to court in Hawaii, connected with litigation to save an ancient village in Guam from becoming part of a shooting range, he said.

Shook Hardy is representing foster parents in a case pending in U.S. District Court in Kansas City seeking to force the state to increase the amount it reimburses foster parents for caring for foster children.

If they win, the judge could allow attorneys' fees, Balloun said, and the firm's lawyers will have to sit down and figure out what to do with the money.

"One thing we won't do with it," Balloun said, "is keep it in the firm." ●

2011 STATS NATIONALLY

A total of 134 large firms reported their pro bono work statistics as part of the Pro Bono Institute's Challenge program

4.5 MILLION

Hours of pro bono work performed by the firms

50,795

Number of attorneys who participated in pro bono

\$28.7 MILLION

Amount donated by the firms to legal services organizations

SOURCE: Pro Bono Institute



John Azimi, staff attorney with Shook, Hardy & Bacon, leaves the Johnson County Courthouse in Kansas earlier this month with clients after an adoption hearing. Shook Hardy donates the fees they receive for representing families in adoptions to funds that aid foster and adopted children and their parents.

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PUBLIC SERVICE SPANS THE CENTURIES



The late John Dods often said that Henry McDougal, one of the firm's founders, was an early pro bono warrior, taking on the unsuccessful 1880s prosecution of Frank James for train robbery without pay. With profits from his just-published book about that trial and the civil suit McDougal brought, at great personal risk, against the James brothers for horse stealing dedicated to Lawyers for Kids, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, SHB Partner **Jim Muehlberger** (KC—Class Actions & Complex Litigation) joins a long line of civic-minded SHB lawyers.

Muehlberger's book, *The Lost Cause: The Trials of Frank and Jesse James*, had its genesis in a find he made after searching dusty courthouse records while on sabbatical, seeking information about a rumored civil case McDougal brought against Frank and Jesse James. The book tells the true but mostly forgotten story of how McDougal sued the James brothers and later prosecuted Frank James and how those trials helped bring the Midwestern outlaws to national prominence.

Available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com, the book garnered critical praise before its publication in late May 2013. *Publishers Weekly* said that *The Lost Cause* recounts a "fascinating story" and that it "works well as both a thrilling Wild West drama and an insightful portrait of a country trying to rebuild under the burden of still-simmering resentments and conflicting loyalties."

According to Muehlberger, "The Lost Cause" refers to both the lost lawsuit and the 'Lost Cause' myth of the Civil War, by which I mean how some Southerners after the Civil War sought to justify their actions with the myth that they went to war over states' rights, not slavery. A Kansas City newspaper editor, who was one of the leading proponents of the Lost Cause myth, decided to use Jesse James as the embodiment of the noble Southern soldier, a noble robber fighting against the tyranny of Northern banks and railroads. This book answers the question of whether Jesse was a noble robber, or merely a robber."

Lawyers for Kids provides funds to foster and adopted children and their parents in Jackson County, Missouri, for special needs, education and recreational activities that the families and kids could not otherwise afford. The firm established the charitable fund in 2006 with a \$100,000 attorney fee award, received in connection with SHB's representation of Missouri foster and adopted children and their parents. ●



SHB Partner Jim Muehlberger at book signing.

SHB ATTORNEYS PARTICIPATE IN 2013 KIND ADVOCACY DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



By **Kelly Feimster** (KC—IP)



IP Associate **Monplaisir (Monty) Hamilton** (DC), Staff Attorney **Kerry Manning** (Houston—Global Product Liability) and I participated in the 3rd Annual Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., on April 3, 2013. The event, which aims to raise awareness about KIND's initiatives on behalf of unaccompanied children caught in the immigration system,



kicked off with speakers on various immigration, policy and advocacy topics, including keynote remarks from Microsoft U.S. Government Affairs Vice President Fred Humphries Jr. and Acting Associate U.S. Attorney General Tony West.

Following advocacy training, attendees formed teams and headed to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress and their staffs in the Senate and House of Representatives. During the meetings, the teams shared stories and advocated for the protection of unaccompanied children in any comprehensive immigration reform bill. Specifically, KIND Advocacy Day participants requested that the legal services program for unaccompanied children be transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Justice (DOJ), based on the belief that the DOJ can ensure that more of these children have access to pro bono legal services.

Participants also encouraged the establishment of pilot projects to facilitate a combination of pro bono and appointed counsel by the DOJ. Overall, the KIND Advocacy teams made important inroads with members of Congress who play key roles in comprehensive immigration reform.



In 2012, I took the lead coordinating our KIND pro bono partnership with Microsoft. With Kerry's help, we launched an innovative and unique pro bono partnership in Houston. Thanks to Kerry, Houston Partner



Hunter Ahern (PMDLD) and Associates **Ben Walther** (PMDLD) and **Emily Jung** (Business Litigation), among others, SHB has already handled five KIND cases helping



11 unaccompanied children in 2013. In addition to coordinating the training and project in Houston, we also worked to connect KIND with SHB's DC office to launch a similar initiative there. Monty organized an informa-

tional luncheon with KIND representatives in September 2012, and eight DC attorneys participated. When their ongoing pro bono caseloads eased, a number of them committed to represent unaccompanied minors.

Keep in mind that even children have no right to appointed counsel in immigration proceedings, 14,000 children faced deportation proceedings in 2012, and 20,000 children are expected to enter the United States alone in 2013. Many of the unaccompanied children have escaped violence in their home countries and do not understand complex immigration procedures. With representation, the children are three times more likely to obtain relief. Your assistance not only provides critical assistance to children, it also helps sustain SHB's pro bono commitment and can strengthen the firm's relationship with Microsoft.

If you are interested in taking a KIND case, please let me know. Assistance is available from KIND and other SHB attorneys who have taken these cases. ●



Kerry Manning (SHB), Megan McKenna (KIND), Lola Ogunfowokan (KIND), Kelly Feimster (SHB), and Monty Hamilton (SHB).



Kerry Manning (SHB), Monty Hamilton (SHB), and Kelly Feimster (SHB).

2012 KCMBA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: PAT MCLARNEY



By **Jolie Justus**

Pat McLarney is the 2012 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding service to improving the development and growth of the law, the administration of justice, and the increased recognition of the contributions of the legal profession to the welfare of society. This award will be presented at the 128th Annual Meeting on Dec. 7, 2012.

After an extraordinary law career of more than 40 years, **Pat McLarney** retired from Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. in 2009. Now that Pat is happily settled into retirement, it would seem the time is right to bestow upon him a Lifetime Achievement Award. After all, such awards are given to people who are winding it down, hanging it up and cashing it in.

According to Wikipedia, a Lifetime Achievement Award is given by an organization “to recognize contributions over the whole of a career ...” If you agree with that statement, you have made two mistakes — you should never trust Wikipedia as a source for anything and, although he is the recipient of the KCMBA Lifetime Achievement Award this year, Pat McLarney’s career is far from over. Do not be surprised if down the road Pat is the first lawyer to qualify for more than one Lifetime Achievement Award. He has certainly packed more than one lifetime of service into the last 40 years. Raised on a farm near Gower, Mo., Pat graduated from St. Benedict’s College in 1964 and earned his J.D. from the University of Missouri in 1968. That same year, he joined the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, as a litigator, where he tried cases and supervised litigation for more than 40 years.

In his early years as a litigator, Pat handled a variety of cases, including personal injury, product liability and agriculture cases. He is perhaps most remembered, however, as lead plaintiff’s counsel in litigation concerning the Hyatt Regency Hotel skywalk collapse in 1981.



Pat McLarney and his wife Marti.

His success in the skywalk litigation would have been an impressive peak for any legal career, but it was really only the beginning of a string of impressive successes Pat accomplished for his firm and his community. In 1985, Pat was chosen as Shook Hardy’s first managing partner, a position he held for 17 years. Under Pat’s leadership, SHB grew from a Kansas City firm with 65 lawyers to a national litigation powerhouse with 11 offices worldwide and more than 500 lawyers.

After nearly two decades of success at the helm of Shook Hardy, Pat stepped into a new role at the firm as Civic Affairs Partner. Starting in 2002, Pat’s passion for pro bono work and civic engagement took center stage. In the last decade, Pat has emerged as a tireless and wildly successful fundraiser, relentless pro bono lobbyist and leading champion for Kansas City’s downtown and urban core.

Under Pat’s supervision, hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised to support a diverse group of causes and organiza-

tions. In his own words, "I spend a lot of time asking for money." For instance, Pat helped kick off a major fundraising effort for Legal Aid of Western Missouri. Under his leadership, fundraising grew from next to nothing to the current level of more than \$600,000 per year, and he also started an endowment for the organization. He has served as the development director for the boards of three colleges, chaired the establishment of an endowed professorship at the University of Missouri School of Law, started a computer resources center and neighborhood justice center in the urban core, raised funds for a breast cancer learning center, established scholarships for minority law students and chaired the fundraising efforts for several municipal and state-wide issue campaigns from light rail to the judiciary. Chances are, if you are reading this article, Pat McLarney has asked you for money.

Not content to simply raise money for the causes he believes in, Pat is perhaps best known for his tireless dedication to a strong and independent judiciary in the state of Missouri. As president of the KC MBA in 2006, he took on the task of raising the pay for Missouri's state judges. At the time, judges in Missouri had not received a pay raise in seven years and they had no existing system to even be considered for pay raises. The Missouri Constitution provided for an appointed Missouri Citizens Commission on Compensation, but the state legislature had rejected the recommendations of this commission for years and Missouri's governors had not even appointed a new member to the commission in more than four years.

As a result of the gridlock, Missouri's state judges were among the lowest paid in the nation. In 2006, the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court made less than a municipal court judge in Kansas City and less than brand new associates in private law firms around the state. Fewer and fewer lawyers were willing to consider switching from the bar to the bench and many of the state's best judges were retiring early to return to private practice. At a time when judicial resources were already stretched beyond capacity, Missouri was facing a crisis as the judicial pool continued to shrink. In response, Pat formed a coalition of state and local bar associations to address the issue through a constitutional amendment.

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The newly formed group went about raising money and lobbying the legislature to place an initiative on the statewide ballot. Pat spent the five-month legislative session personally lobbying in the state capitol. The bill eventually passed the legislature and was submitted to voters statewide. Pat chaired the campaign that successfully passed the constitutional amendment in the fall of 2006. As a result, a new commission was formed, a pay raise was passed and funded by the legislature in May 2007. Since that time, another pay raise was approved and is scheduled to take effect this fiscal year.

After a five-month tour of duty in the Missouri Legislature not many people have the stomach to return to Jefferson City, but Pat spent the next five years as a fixture in the capitol building and he did it all pro bono. Even in his "retirement," Pat doggedly stayed on the legislature, fending off changes to the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan, protecting and encouraging life-saving cancer research, and fighting for increased funding for legal aid organizations, the Missouri Public Defender System and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Pat's good deeds have not gone unnoticed and he has been awarded dozens of prestigious honors over the years, including Citizen of the Year by the mayor of Kansas City, and recognition from the Missouri Bar, KC MBA and the Missouri Judicial Conference for his exemplary service to the legal profession and the administration of justice.

One would think that after such an extraordinary career Pat would be content to settle into a quiet retirement. There is no doubt he enjoys more time with his wife Marti, their three children and six grandchildren, but he has given no indication that he is ready to scale back his commitment to his profession or his community. Pat currently maintains a solo practice, where he handles mediations, arbitrations and pro bono work. He continues to raise millions of dollars for causes he believes in, including assistance for the Missourians for Fair and Impartial Courts Action Fund that was formed to defeat Amendment 3, the latest attack on the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan that is on the ballot this November. If the first 44 years of his legal career are any indication, I suspect we will need to award Pat with a second Lifetime Achievement Award down the road, for all the work he has accomplished in his "retirement." ●

This article originally appeared in the December 2012 issue of the KC Counselor magazine.

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HIGHLIGHTS

HONORS



DC PMDLD Staff Attorney **Ryan Farnsworth** was recognized for dedicating more than 100 hours of pro bono service in 2012 by the chief judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals and D.C. Superior Court who added his name to the second annual "Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll." Farnsworth was also recognized in 2012 by the Empire State Counsel® program, which honors New York State Bar Association members who have performed 50 hours or more of free legal assistance, even if they are employed in another state. Other SHB DC attorneys included on the 2012 "Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll," were Associates **Christopher Appel** (Public Policy), **Monplaisir (Monty) Hamilton** (IP) and **Sean Lee** (PMDLD), and Senior Staff Attorney **Jonathan Wilson** (PMDLD), who each dedicated 50 or more hours of pro bono service.



SHB was recently selected as a recipient of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's 2012 Pro Bono Service Award for outstanding pro bono contributions to the Tampa community. One of only two Tampa firms chosen for the honor, SHB was recognized at the annual Pro Bono Awards ceremony on April 25, 2013. The Pro Bono Service awards are administered by the circuit's Pro Bono Committee, which provides "oversight and direction of pro bono legal services for the indigent in Hillsborough County."



SHB Tampa was also recognized during a June 13, 2013, event hosted by Florida's Children First, a non-profit dedicated to advancing the rights of at-risk children, especially those in the foster care system, for the firm's contributions of time and money in support of child advocacy. Partner **Jennifer Voss** (Global Product Liability) co-chaired the Tampa Child Advocacy Awards and Reception, which also recognized youth advocates, foster and adoptive parents, media advocates, and government representatives who have advocated for children's interests. The reception raised \$50,000 for the cause. Tampa Associate **Cathy Kamm** (Global Product Liability) participated on the host committee, and her husband, Grayson, a morning TV news reporter, served as emcee.



During the October 2012 Heart of America Legal Professionals Association (HALPA) Bosses Appreciation Dinner, SHB Pro Bono Legal Administrative Assistant Charniece Rollie (KC) was recognized as an outstanding HALPA member, and Pro Bono Staff Attorney **Megan Roth** (KC) won recognition for outstanding boss.

2012 WILLIAM G. ZIMMERMAN PRO BONO AWARD WINNERS



SHB Partner **Lea Souza-Rasile** (Miami—Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights) was recently recognized by Catholic Legal Services and the Archdiocese of Miami for her pro bono work in the Miami community. She was lauded for her representation of unaccompanied minors in immigration court proceedings, as well as for her years of providing legal assistance to abused and trafficked women.



Randy McGrorty, executive director of Catholic Legal Services, gives an award to Lea Souza Rasile, representing the firm Shook Hardy & Bacon, which has provided about 30,000 hours of free legal services each of the past few years, including partnering with Catholic Legal Services to represent undocumented minors before immigration judges. Photo by Ana Rodriguez-Soto | FC.



The 2012 SHB William G. Zimmerman Pro Bono Award recipients were Tampa Partner **David Johnson** (Tort) and Kansas City Associate **Kelly Feimster** (IP). Each year this award is given to someone who has contributed extraordinary service on behalf of a pro bono client, or someone who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the delivery of pro bono legal services. The



award honors the late Bill "Z" Zimmerman, former SHB Pro Bono Partner and champion of civil rights and free legal services for the poor.

Johnson was recognized for his active participation on the firm's Pro Bono Committee and long-time support of pro bono legal work. He continually meets the American Bar Association's suggested target of at least 50 hours of pro bono service per year and during the last year played a key role in launching a guardian ad litem training and services program in the Tampa office. Feimster has also made a commitment to pro bono legal service and this year agreed to lead the effort to coordinate the Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) program with SHB client Microsoft. She organized training sessions in the Houston and DC offices and worked with the organization to place cases with SHB lawyers. Through the KIND program, SHB attorneys provide counsel to unaccompanied children who face immigration proceedings in the United States.

PRO BONO EFFORTS



Despite many hours of hard work, outstanding briefing and oral advocacy before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, SHB Attorneys **Gene Balloun** (KC—Business Litigation), **Mike Barnett** (KC—Business Litigation),



Lori Burns-Bucklew (KC—Business Litigation), **Scott DuPree** (KC—Business Litigation), **Lynn Herndon** (KC—IP), and **Dana Strueby** (KC—Global Product Liability),



and Paralegal Kathie Lemon (KC—Business Litigation) were unable to convince all three panel judges that Missouri, by failing to adequately reimburse foster care providers for the costs of caring for a foster child, was not complying with its obligations under the Child Welfare Act.



A dissenting jurist agreed with the foster parents that the federal law does not expressly prohibit Section 1983 enforcement suits and would have reversed the district court's decision to dismiss the suit for failure to state a claim. With Missouri ranked 49th among the 50 states in reimbursements and the economic strains on foster families only increasing, the SHB team made a strategic decision not to seek *certiorari* before the U.S. Supreme Court, but is pursuing administrative options. Balloun is optimistic that the team laid the groundwork to forge a path that will ultimately benefit foster families in the state.



Kansas City IP Partners **Clint Newton** and **Scott Strohm** have agreed to provide pro bono assistance to a British attorney who leads a team of missionaries in Romania. The program, A.N.P. NetWorks, provides teaching, training and mentoring services to the very poor in that country, and Newton and Strohm will address a trademark issue that has arisen under its micro-enterprise



project. Part of that project involves an expanding clothing company that employs disadvantaged women who make products, such as hats, scarves, bags, and clothing, sold in the European Union and United States.

"GENEROUS ASSOCIATES" LEGAL AID FUNDRAISING

SHB participated in a record-breaking 2012 "Generous Associates" campaign that raised more than \$900,000 for Legal Aid to expand the services it provides to the indigent living in the District of Columbia. With a contribution in excess of \$1,500, SHB DC placed fifth among law firms with one to 50 attorneys and 28th out of more than 70 participating firms overall.

PRO BONO VICTORIES



Houston Partner **Manuel López** (Business Litigation) and Associate **Nick Deutsch** (Tort) obtained a victory in the Texas Supreme Court on behalf of a pro bono client whose home had allegedly been wrongfully damaged in 1998 by the City of Houston. With SHB assistance, the client, a World War II veteran, had reached an agree-



ment with the city to pay for an apartment while his home was repaired. The city eventually backed out of the agreement, and the SHB Houston team re-pleaded the case as a breach of contract action. The city filed a plea to the jurisdiction arguing that it was immune from suit for breach of the settlement agreement. The court denied the city's plea, and the city did not appeal. Several years later, the city filed another plea to the jurisdiction.

Anticipating that the city would seek to resurrect interlocutory appellate jurisdiction that it had lost by not timely appealing the prior denial of its plea to the jurisdiction, López and Deutsch then submitted a proposed order construing the city's motion as a motion to reconsider the prior order denying the city's plea to the jurisdiction. The court signed the order, and the city appealed. After SHB secured a partial victory in the court of appeals, the city appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which, in December 2012, adopted SHB's position and held that the court of appeals erred by not dismissing the entire appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The case will return to the trial court for a trial on damages. While SHB's client passed away in December 2007, SHB continues to represent his interests.



Partner **Chris Johnson** (SF—Global Product Liability) and Associate **Ashley Cornwall** (SF—Global Product Liability) recently won a pro bono victory by defeating a motion to dismiss in litigation against California. SHB represents plaintiffs suing the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) and others for violating a state law requiring that convicts who have been flagged as potential sexually violent predators are thoroughly



evaluated by two experienced, licensed mental health professionals. According to the law, if both evaluators agree that an inmate has a mental disorder and there is significant risk that he will offend again, the DMH must send the case to the district attorney for civil commitment proceedings. SHB's clients are the family and estate of a 15-year-old girl who was murdered by an inmate four days after he had been released allegedly without the required evaluation. The state moved to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that (i) all DMH duties are wholly discretionary, and therefore it is immune from suit, and (ii) SHB did not and could not sufficiently plead causation. The judge denied the state's motion and confirmed that the duty to conduct two full evaluations was a mandatory duty, not a discretionary one.



SHB Tampa Global Product Liability Associates **Brian Guthrie** and **Adriana Paris** recently secured a victory in a contested permanent guardianship case involving multiple parties with varied interests. Guthrie and Paris represented two siblings (ages four and five) who had been living with a foster family almost since birth. The children have three older siblings living with an uncle in Tennessee and three younger siblings who have been

in and out of state care; our clients wished to remain with the foster family—the only family they have ever known—and the child psychologist testified that this was the proper placement for them. Before the hearing, the state also indicated that the children should remain with the foster parents. The biological parents and the guardian ad litem wanted the two siblings to be removed from the foster family and placed with the uncle and other siblings in Tennessee. The judge took the matter under advisement, eventually ruling that the two siblings be placed permanently with the foster family. ●



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PRO BONO STILL THRIVING

Even as paid work increases, attorneys keep making time to work for free

By Scott Lauck

They say that if you want something to get done, ask a busy person to do it. Perhaps that explains why, even as the economy improves and paying work starts flowing into law firms once more, lawyers still make time for pro bono service.

Agencies across Missouri that depend on volunteer lawyers say the recovery from the recent recession has not caused the legal community to drop its interest in pro bono work.

“When the economy began to plunge, we were inundated with volunteers because the law firms were trying to keep their attorneys busy,” said Latricia Scott Adams, at Legal Aid of Western Missouri. “But I have to tell you, it’s been a steady climb ever since.”

Adams said her agency is still collecting recent figures for its volunteer efforts, but her sense of a burgeoning pro bono interest appears to be taking place across the state.

Farrah Fite, the spokeswoman for The Missouri Bar, said the number of attorneys who voluntarily reported their pro bono hours increased substantially for 2012. About 600 lawyers reported pro bono hours for the year, she said, while more than 280 lawyers were added to the bar’s Pro Bono Wall of Fame, which honors lawyers who report at least 40 hours of pro bono service. In comparison, 120 lawyers were added to the Wall of Fame in 2011, and 84 were added in 2010.

Sue Greenberg, executive director of St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, said she has had no trouble getting attorneys to sign up. Part of that is because the group partners with local law schools and law firms. Part of it is because the group’s focus on intellectual property law and transactional matters is a better match for some attorneys than, say, landlord-tenant disputes.

“We don’t even recruit anymore,” Greenberg said. “They just find us.”



Gene Balloun

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City

Pro bono: Helps arrange adoptions of foster children



I have a very strong belief that we’re very fortunate to be lawyers. I think we have the obligation to give back to the community and give the public the benefit of our profession. I think almost all lawyers have a deep-seated commitment to trying to help people. I consider ours to be every bit as much of a helping profession as the medical profession.



Vanessa Dittman

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City

Pro bono: Juvenile defense and family law



What I love about the juvenile side is that it’s about the law, but it always ends up being a human story. You can’t help but getting personally interested and devoted to the case. I haven’t met a kiddo yet that hasn’t really needed help and maybe has run into some trouble but just needs someone to be their personal champion.



Jolie Justus, who directs the pro bono program for Shook, Hardy & Bacon, said volunteer efforts, which the international firm specifically encourages, have been between 25,000 and 30,000 hours firmwide for at least eight years.

She said Shook’s attorneys tend to volunteer when they have time on their hands, particularly as young associates. The habit tends to stick.

"The people that we captured their first year or two in and got them into the regular groove of doing it, they never stop doing pro bono," Justus said. "They always make sure they have one thing going, even if it's small, no matter how busy their plate may get. They never seem to stop once they've gotten the bug."

That's been the experience of **Gene Balloun**, a partner at Shook who's been in practice for more than 40 years and has done pro bono work nearly that entire time. He said attorneys who want to volunteer tend to make time for it, whether or not they have a lot of paying clients to handle. After all, not having work is in some ways just as time-consuming as having work.

"If they're not busy with legal work, they're going to be busy cultivating clients," he said.

Of course, the recession isn't necessarily over for all attorneys.

Jim Guest, who directs the volunteer lawyers program at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, said outside attorneys are still volunteering to take cases at about the same rate. But he has seen a drop in the number of "in-house volunteers" — lawyers, often fresh out of law school, who essentially work as unpaid staff attorneys.

"That has definitely seen a decline," Guest said. "I'm hoping, for their sake, it's because more people are finding jobs."

Guest said that at the height of the recession he had 10 such volunteers. Currently he has just two, but he expects that to rise in a few months.

"The fall is when it really peaks, because people get their bar results back," he said.

Lou DeFeo, who coordinates the volunteer lawyer effort for Samaritan Center Legal Care in Jefferson City, said many of his volunteers have been young, jobless lawyers who see pro bono not only as a noble thing to do but also as a way to get experience, fill in gaps in their resumes and meet other lawyers.

"It's a good marketing tool, in my experience, for an attorney looking for a job," DeFeo said.

Danelle Cord, for instance, graduated from law school in Indiana in 2010 but took the bar exam in Missouri after moving to Jefferson City with her husband. She found some contract work, but she volunteered with the Samaritan Center in part because she wanted to meet people in the local legal community and gain courtroom experience.

"It was a good place to get my feet wet," she said.

Cord has since started Musick & Cord, a family and juvenile law practice in Jefferson City, but she still volunteers with the Samaritan Center.

"Having built that connection and relationship with that organization encourages me to continue to be involved," she said.

DeFeo, who also sits on committees of The Missouri Bar and the Missouri Supreme Court that examine pro bono issues, said most lawyers are more than happy to give their time, no matter what's going on in the economy. The tricky part is figuring out how to match willing lawyers to clients whose legal issues the lawyer is competent to handle.

"The problem isn't with attorneys; the problem is systemic," he said. "We don't have in place a system that will make that match."

Several agencies said the bad economy has spurred the need for certain types of representation, such as for problems with credit-card debt or bankruptcies. Legal Services of Southern Missouri, for instance, created a new staff position last year to handle such matters.

But Philip Masaoay, LSSM's pro bono coordinator, said the lion's share of the organization's work remains family law matters, which never seem to be in short supply and will probably continue to give volunteer lawyers plenty to do for years to come.

"It's essentially recession-proof," he said. "People are going to not get along all the time." ●

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Jolie Justus, director of the pro bono program for Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Staff reporter Donna Walter contributed to this report.



PRO BONO CLEs

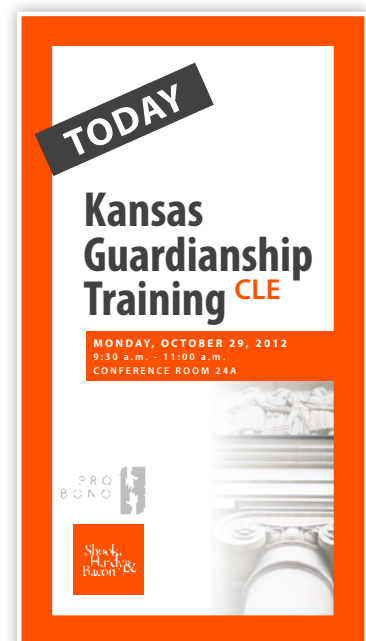
Every year SHB provides continuing legal education opportunities for lawyers interested in pro bono work. This year more than 200 attorneys received high-quality, dynamic training about how to represent some of our most underserved communities.

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND)

Presented in Washington, D.C., on September 27, 2012, this program provided training for SHB attorneys interested in serving as counsel to unaccompanied children who face immigration removal proceedings in the United States. These children, some of them as young as four or five, have fled their countries to avoid abuse, neglect, persecution, and trafficking.

KANSAS GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING

One hour of Kansas CLE credit was provided to 18 participants on October 26, 2012. They learned the basics of serving as a guardian or conservator to represent the interests of those incapable of self care or of acting in their own self interest. Kansas Legal Services, Legal Assistance Office – Kansas City Managing Attorney Leland Cox joined SHB's **Matt Keenan** and **Joy Springfield** as speakers for this event.



JUVENILE DETENTION DOCKET COORDINATOR

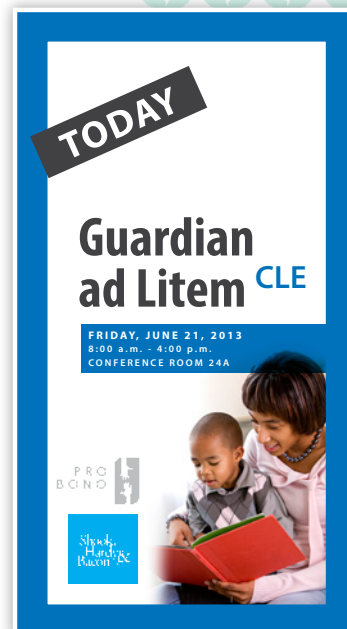
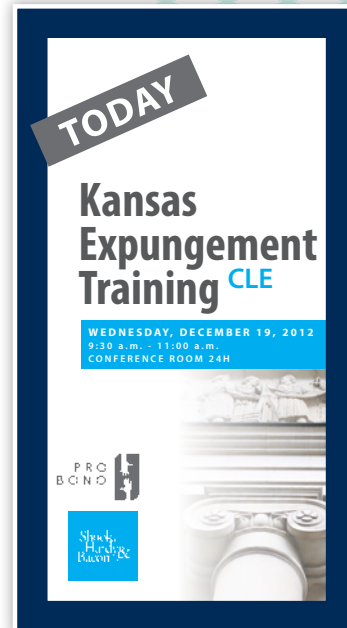
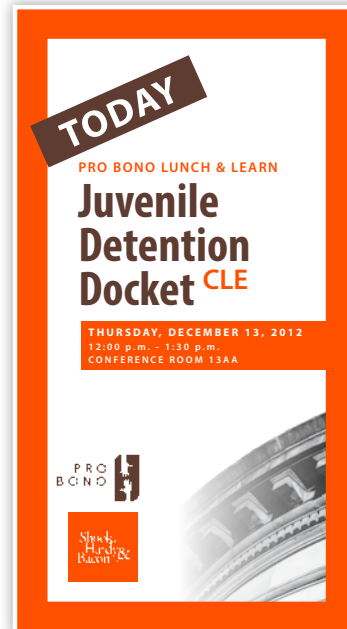
The 20 SHB attorneys who attended this December 13, 2012, luncheon learned the nuts and bolts of covering a juvenile detention docket in Jackson County Family Court as another pro bono option and opportunity to give back to their community. SHB Staff Attorney **Megan Roth** was the featured speaker for this program.

KANSAS EXPUNGEMENT TRAINING

Participants in this December 19, 2012, program learned how to navigate the Kansas expungement process to help those with criminal records that prevent them from living and working productively in the state. Kansas law provides a way to seal or destroy the criminal records of qualified individuals and gives them a second chance. Kansas Legal Services, Legal Assistance Office – Kansas City Managing Attorney Leland Cox returned to present during this event.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Open to Kansas City-area attorneys outside the firm, this court-approved training program, held on June 21, 2013, provided nearly 50 participants with the instruction needed for certification or recertification as a guardian ad litem for abused or neglected children in Jackson County's Juvenile Division. Among those presenting were SHB's **Dawn Blanche, Lori Burns-Bucklew, Matt Keenan, Megan Roth,** and **John Vaglio.**



SHB ATTORNEYS SCORE KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND) SUCCESSES IN TEXAS



As part of a national pro bono movement founded by Angelina Jolie and the Microsoft Corp., the Houston Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) team has assisted seven unaccompanied minors in 2013. What follows are the stories of just a few of them.



Houston Partner **Hunter Ahern** (PMDLD) and Associate **Emily Jung** (Business Litigation) successfully obtained a predicate order in family court, a necessary and challenging step in obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), for two Guatemalan children who had suffered years of severe abuse and neglect while in their father's custody. Ahern and Jung helped their mother secure sole managing conservatorship with special findings of abuse and neglect and a determination that the children's best interest is served by allowing them to stay in the United States. These findings supported the SIJS application. The children have since received visas and will become permanent legal U.S. citizens. Also assisting the Houston KIND team were Legal Administrative Assistant Patty Prescott and Houston Office Services Clerk Anabel Gerardo.



Houston PMDLD Associates **Ben Walther** and **Scott James**, with assistance from Staff Attorney **Kerry Manning** (Global Product Liability) and Ahern, also recently secured a victory for another KIND client, successfully obtaining a predicate order in a family law court and clearing the way for their client to become a U.S. citizen. The child fled the gang threats and family abuse he had experienced in Honduras, and without this order, he would have been returned to that country. He plans to enroll in the Navy ROTC program at his high school and may one day serve in the U.S. military. Walther, James and Ahern drafted a brief that explained the interplay between federal immigration laws and the Texas Family Code for a judge who, alone among Harris County family law judges, had never granted an SIJS case. The Houston KIND team plans to use the brief in its remaining cases, and two local charities that also work on SIJS matters have expressed an interest in filing a version of the brief in their cases as well.

The winning team has secured another order on behalf of an 8-year-old girl whose father, reputed to be a high-ranking member of a transnational criminal gang, known as MS-13, has been imprisoned in El Salvador for 30 years. The gang is apparently notorious for its use of violence and a moral code that consists for the most part of revenge and retribution. Our client was delighted that she does not have to leave the United States and can stay with her mother. Intern Mary Ellison, the daughter of a client's in-house counsel, attended the hearing and was impressed with the team's preparation for it.

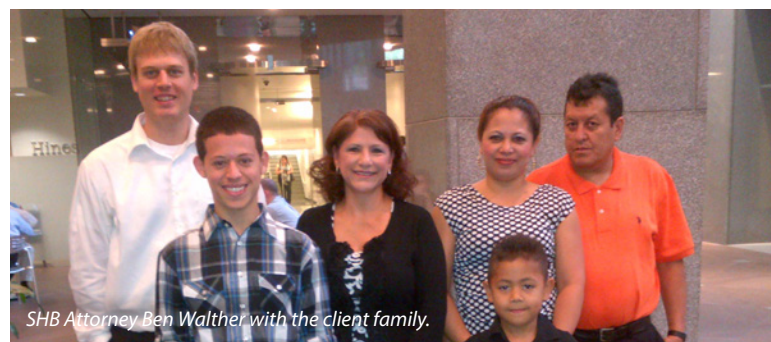
D.C. Associate **Monty Hamilton** (IP) and Of Counsel **Cary Silverman** are currently handling a KIND case. ●



SHB Attorneys Hunter Ahern, Emily Jung, Kerry Manning with the client family.



SHB Attorney Kerry Manning with the client family.



SHB Attorney Ben Walther with the client family.

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HOUSTON

KIND: Kids in Need of Defense
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ORANGE COUNTY

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TAMPA

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Bay Area Legal Services
Foster/Adoption Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
Children's Law Center
Legal Aid Society for the District of Columbia

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BY THE NUMBERS

71

PERCENTAGE OF FIRM LAWYERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PRO BONO IN 2012

40

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRO BONO HOURS PER LAWYER IN 2012

24,300

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRO BONO HOURS CONTRIBUTED BY SHB IN 2012

202

NUMBER OF SHB LAWYERS WITH 20 OR MORE HOURS OF PRO BONO IN 2012

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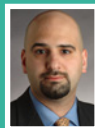
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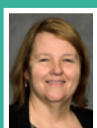
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Once a year I sit down with a group of SHB lawyers to record a video about their pro bono practices.

The diversity of the lawyers and their pro bono work never cease to amaze me. My favorite question every year is why did you take your first pro bono case? I have never heard the same answer twice

Some lawyers have a personal story that motivated them to get involved. Some want to improve trial skills or have their first courtroom experience. Others talk about getting involved for business development purposes or for consideration during yearly evaluations. Most lawyers express an obligation to give back to their communities and assist some of our most vulnerable populations.

There is no wrong answer to the question. It really does not matter why you do pro bono—just that you do it. I know that once you take the plunge, you will exceed all your personal and professional expectations. You will not win every case, but you will walk away with a sense of satisfaction that is unbeatable.

Last year 71 percent of SHB lawyers took the plunge. I am confident that we can do even better next year. So take a moment, and ask yourself how pro bono can help you. Then give me a call, and I will find a way for you to help pro bono. You will be glad you did. ●

Jolie Justus

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