

PRO BONO ANNUAL REPORT



HUNTON
ANDREWS KURTH

2018
THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

FIRM NUMBERS

100%

Participation for 10 consecutive years

43,779

Total pro bono hours

27,780

to Individuals

15,999

to Non-Profits

3.19%

of billable hours, meeting the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge since its inception in 1993 for the 25th consecutive year

1,197

Total matters

106

Lawyers and staff dedicated 100 or more hours to pro bono service

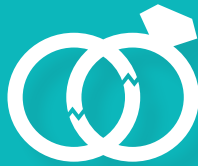
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Legal service referring organizations

FAMILY LAW AND CHILDREN

TOTAL HOURS: 6,100

84



Divorces

844 HOURS

37



Custody Cases

917 HOURS

5



Adoptions

100 HOURS

61



Guardianships

1,285 HOURS

84



Protective Orders

2,274 HOURS

HOUSING

TOTAL HOURS: 4,009

102



Evictions, Unlawful Detainers and Tenant Assertions

Chip Nunley led an effort to stop evictions and address substandard conditions at a large low-income Richmond apartment complex owned by multiple out-of-state LLCs. A team of Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers conducted an intake clinic for tenants, gathering case information and advising tenants of their rights under Virginia landlord-tenant law. Subsequently, over 100 cases were litigated in General District Court challenging unlawful evictions, addressing the unfit and non-habitable conditions and seeking damages for injuries suffered due to the landlord's reprehensible behavior. The Hunton Andrews Kurth team won over \$150,000 in tenant judgments, succeeded in having the Court impose contempt fines exceeding \$25,000, and recovered attorney's fees in excess of \$35,000.

AWARDS

- Hunton Andrews Kurth was named **Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year** by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program for the 4,000 hours firm lawyers dedicated to low-income residents and non-profits in the Dallas area.
- **Caitlin Sawyer**, Austin associate, received the High Impact Collaborative Pro Bono Award from Lone Star Legal Aid for the partnership she established for Hunton Andrews Kurth and ExxonMobil lawyers to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey with FEMA appeals.
- **Chip Nunley**, Richmond partner, received the George Hettrick Leadership Award from the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation for the 5,000 pro bono hours he has dedicated to the Richmond community in the past decade.
- **Louis Stahl**, Dallas associate, was named Outstanding Clinic Attorney Volunteer for his leadership and service for the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's Veterans Clinic.
- **Geri Greenspan**, Charlottesville pro bono associate, was given the Sexual Assault Resource Agency's Annette DeGregoria Grimm Award for her outstanding representation of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors across Central Virginia.
- **Fawaz Bham**, Dallas associate, was recognized as one of the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's "Finest" for his tremendous efforts with DVAP's Small Business Clinic.
- **Chris Peña**, Washington, DC associate, was recognized as a "Rising Star" by the Housing Right to Counsel Project, a consortium of Washington, DC's largest legal service providers, for his leadership and efforts with housing cases in the Landlord and Tenant Branch of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

CARING FOR THE ILL, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

TOTAL HOURS: **4,202**

64



Wills

for the elderly or patients through a medical/legal partnership

7



Guardianships

for families through the firm's partnership with The Faison Center for Autism in Richmond

17



Matters

handled through Legal Counsel for the Elderly in Washington, DC

VETERANS/US COAST GUARD SERVICE MEMBERS

TOTAL HOURS: **2,585**

66

Matters for Veterans

12

Military Sexual Trauma Matters



An 18-year-old woman enlisted in the United States Army excited to serve her country and dreaming of a long career as a military police officer. Less than one year later, however, she was sexually assaulted by two fellow soldiers in three separate incidents. One of these soldiers, a sergeant in her direct chain of command, raped her the second time to retaliate against her for reporting the first assault. The incidents of military sexual trauma (MST) had a profound impact on her mental health and continue to limit her ability to function effectively in her day-to-day life. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides that veterans with disabilities resulting from MST may receive compensation if the relevant disability can be shown to be connected to the veteran's military service. In 2013, the woman first filed a claim with the VA for compensation for her service-related PTSD. The VA denied her claim.

Through the National Veterans Legal Services Program, Hunton Andrews Kurth got involved in an appeal. Over nearly two years and 2,400 pages of Army documents later, a team led by New York lawyers **Maeve Olney** and **Jenna Rode** located supporting evidence and filed a brief with the VA. In May 2018, the Board of Veterans Appeals reversed the claim denial and granted service connection for PTSD resulting from MST. In January of 2019, the firm's client was awarded approximately \$88,000 in back pay, representing compensation wrongly withheld as a result of the earlier claim denial. She will also receive approximately \$1,400 per month going forward as disability compensation. The veteran client is grateful, not only with the award but because the VA has finally acknowledged her trauma.

CIVIL LIBERTIES/VOTING RIGHTS

TOTAL HOURS: 382

dedicated to civil liberties organizations, including the ACLU and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law



A team of Hunton Andrews Kurth Washington, DC lawyers with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law issued a demand for compliance to the Mississippi Secretary of State that led to bringing the state into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The change lifts unnecessary barriers to voters across the state of Mississippi.

IMMIGRATION

TOTAL HOURS: 4,413

135

Immigration Matters

32

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Matters

28

Asylum Matters

7

Family Separation Matters

32

U-Visa or VAWA Matters

15

Naturalization Matters

Hunton Andrews Kurth New York Pro Bono Fellow **Pradine Saint-Fort**, in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society of New York and Centro Legal de la Raza, reunited three children with their mother after they were separated at the US-Mexico border near San Diego and placed in foster care in New York for two months. The family was fleeing Honduras after domestic abuse.



PRISONERS/JUSTICE REFORM

TOTAL HOURS: 3,080

11

Court Appointed Matters

3

Prisoners Represented in Clemency Petitions

1,030

Hours dedicated to Innocence Projects in TX, VA and MD

Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers, in conjunction with the Southern Center for Human Rights, have obtained nine settlements for prisoners or their families for serious injuries to, or deaths of, Georgia prisoners. In FY19, a cross-office team led by **Larry Bracken** and **Dan Millman** in Atlanta obtained a \$250,000 settlement on behalf of an inmate who died after being denied basic life-saving medical attention for an infection. The matter established a valuable precedent for future prisoner rights cases.

NON-PROFITS

TOTAL CLIENTS: 302

47

Health Organizations

36

School/Educational Organizations

30

Organizations Addressing Poverty

23

Arts/Museums/Historical Organizations

23

Community/Economic Development

23

Religious Organizations

21

Community Service Organizations

17

Children's Organizations

14

Environmental/Sustainability Organizations

14

Homelessness/Housing Organizations

14

Organizations Addressing Hate Crimes/Discrimination

11

Organizations Assisting People with Disabilities

7

Animal Rights Organizations

6

LGBTQ Organizations

6

Prisoner/Justice Reform Organizations

6

Veterans Organizations

4

Human Trafficking and Immigration Organizations

SMALL BUSINESS/MICROENTERPRISE

TOTAL CLIENTS: 37



FELLOWSHIPS AND PRO BONO ASSOCIATE

- **Richmond Pro Bono Fellow Morgan Brown** receives matters from Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and the Legal Aid Justice Center and takes cases through the firm's neighborhood Church Hill pro bono office.
- **New York Pro Bono Fellow Pradine Saint-Fort** partners with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and the Legal Aid Society of New York on immigration cases.
- **Charlottesville Pro Bono Associate Geri Greenspan** receives cases from domestic violence shelters, the Legal Aid Justice Center, the International Refugee Assistance Program and Central Virginia Legal Aid.



Other matters include referrals through medical/legal partnerships in Richmond and Charlottesville, a clemency petition for an Innocence Project referral and a wage theft clinic through the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The firm's Houston office also supports an external fellowship at KIND with the Association of Women Attorneys Foundation.

DISCRIMINATION

TOTAL HOURS: 1,497

Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers and paralegals dedicated more than 1,300 hours to researching state statutes on discrimination based on race and poverty for the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL). The effort was led by Atlanta paralegals **Stephanie Mercier** and **Lindsay Stinchcomb**.



PUBLIC BENEFITS

TOTAL HOURS: 437

Hunton Andrews Kurth lawyers in New York volunteer regularly with the City Bar Justice Center's Legal Clinic for the Homeless providing advice and/or representation to residents of homeless shelters on a variety of matters related to public benefits. Charlotte lawyers partner with clients to assist Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy clients with their social security and Medicaid benefits and appeals.



Public Benefits Matters

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3,775

TOTAL HOURS

Church Hill

1,894

TOTAL HOURS

Charlottesville

57 Divorces

36 Guardianships

31 Housing Matters

24 Protective Orders

171 Consults

58 Protective Orders

16 Custody Cases

22 Immigration Matters

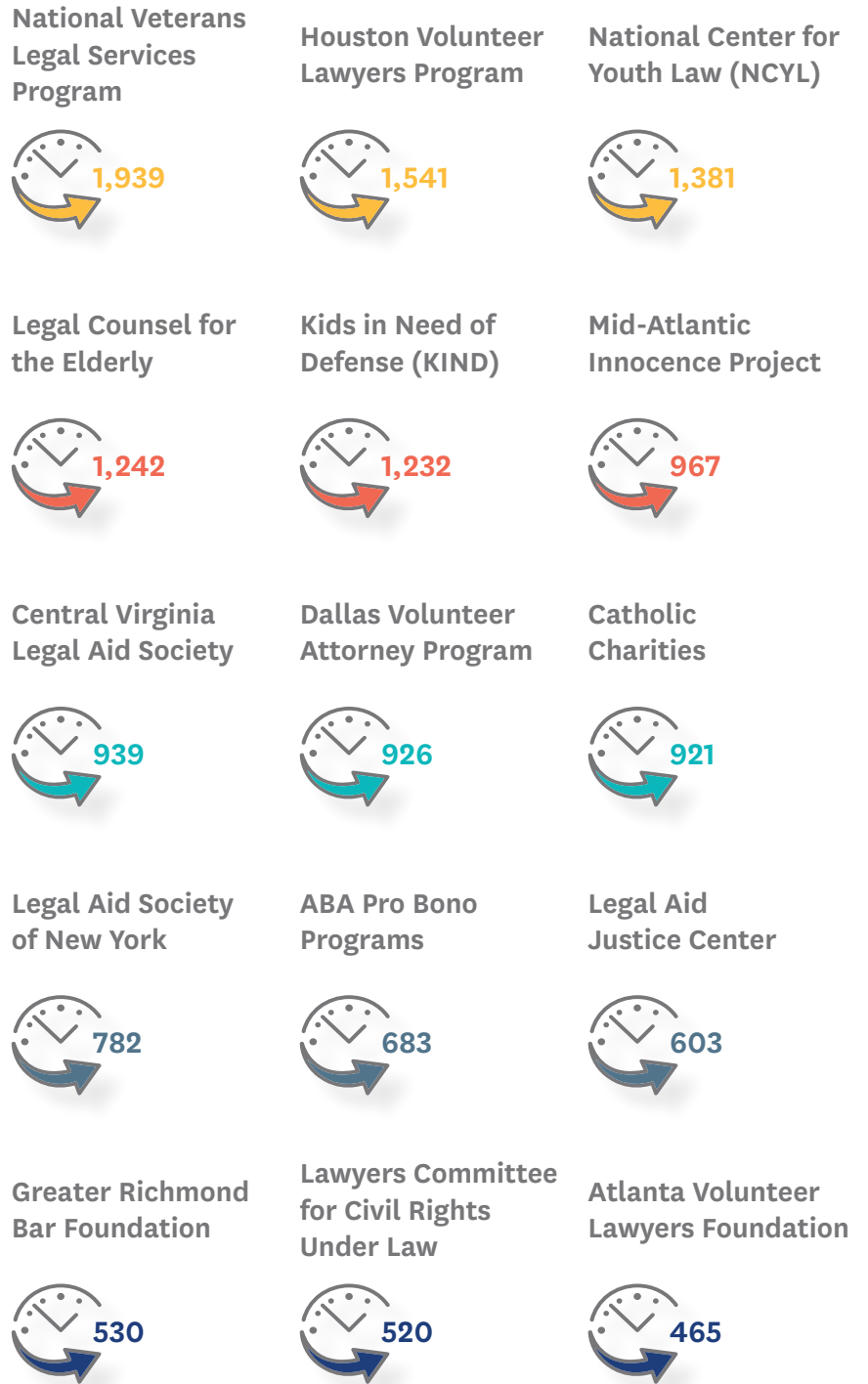
12 Divorces

30 Consults

TOP 15 LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS BY REFERRALS IN FY19



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