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#1	P. Kevin Brobson
	<p>Kevin is the founder of the new Dauphin County Bar Association Nonprofit Initiative which provides free legal assistance to eligible nonprofit and community-based organizations by matching them with pro bono counsel. On December 15, 2005, Kevin contacted the Dauphin County Bar Association Public Services Coordinator to discuss an idea he had. They arranged to meet in mid-January 2006. Nine months later, at the September 21, 2006 meeting, the Dauphin County Bar Association Board of Directors approved Kevin's pilot pro bono project. Kevin's initial memo explains the genesis of his idea: The Dauphin County Bar Association provides pro bono legal services in conjunction with Mid Penn Legal Services. The Association's bylaws include a commitment "to encourage the fulfillment of the obligations of the profession among its members to the courts and to society, [and] to promote programs to provide effective, affordable legal services to all segments of society . . ." A great deal of pro bono services, however, are provided to individuals in the context of domestic disputes, such as divorce or custody matters, or perhaps even landlord tenant disputes, workers' and unemployment compensation. But there are a great many lawyers and law firms in the Capital Area that simply do not practice in these special areas of the law. This has prompted the Association to setup clinics to train lawyers in these areas so the lawyers may participate in the pro bono program. As a result of my involvement on two nonprofit boards in the Capital Area, I am of the thought that rather than train business-type lawyers to offer pro bono services in an area of law in which the lawyers do not practice, our community might be better served by taking advantage of their existing skills. The two organizations that I sit on have limited (or nonexistent) budgets for legal services. I have no doubt, however, that they could be even more successful in their respective missions if they had unlimited access to the legal services of one of the Capital Area's leading commercial law firms. After discussing his idea with the Public Services Coordinator, Kevin presented the concept to the Public Services Committee at their January 17, 2006 meeting. With the Committee's blessing, Kevin recruited a Steering Committee of other business attorneys to flesh out the details and draft a proposal to submit to the Board of Directors. Kevin and his Steering Committee drafted eligibility criteria and an application process. Committee members researched other successful programs around the country to avoid re-inventing the wheel. The Steering Committee also screen applications, and continues to review the success of the project on an ongoing basis. The Nonprofit Initiative provides free legal assistance to eligible nonprofit and community-based organizations by matching them with pro bono counsel. Organizations that serve low-income communities, are involved in community economic development, or serve low-income, indigent, or disadvantaged persons will receive priority.</p> <p>The Nonprofit Initiative is designed to provide assistance to Dauphin County nonprofit organizations that: Have a charitable or community purpose, Have</p>

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a three-year track record of operations, Can demonstrate ongoing viability, and . Need free legal assistance to avoid impairing their programs and/or help further their mission and programming. Organizations that serve low-income communities, are involved in community economic development, or serve low-income, indigent, or disadvantaged persons will receive priority. Requests for help regarding a specific legal problem and requests for more general or ongoing assistance will both be considered. The Nonprofit Initiative will assist community-based organizations with the full range of commercial legal needs, including: employment law, taxation, real estate, leases, business contracts, financial law, reorganization, insurance law, zoning, etc. The formation of long-term partnerships between community-based organizations and attorneys will be encouraged.

Through these partnerships, the attorneys and their firms can bring all their resources and expertise to assist their client organizations. This allows law firms, in particular, to participate in the larger community.

It provides a unique opportunity for transactional attorneys to assist in community development, to develop relationships with organizations that help our community, and to gain valuable transactional experience. The Nonprofit Initiative Steering Committee screens potential client organizations in order to find organizations that have commercial legal needs, that will be reliable partners in such client/attorney relationships, and that are providing needed services to the community.

If a long-term partnership is appropriate, the parties will define the terms and length of their relationship. Thereafter, the Steering Committee will evaluate how the relationship develops on a regular basis and will be available to facilitate communication and an effective relationship between the organization and their counsel. Thanks to Kevin's ability to put his ideas into action, the Nonprofit Initiative provides a unique opportunity for transactional attorneys to assist in community development, to develop relationships with organizations that help our community, and to gain valuable transactional experience.

Without Kevin's creativity and leadership the Nonprofit Initiative would not exist.

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#2	Kristin Barrett
	<p>Of a firm consisting of more than 3,500 attorneys in two dozen cities, Kristin is considered one of the, if not the most committed attorney to pro bono causes. Every year she consistently does 200+ hours of pro bono work and her work is never easy, common pro bono work. She will gladly take on the most challenging asylum case and then help out a domestic violence victim needing emergency representation.</p> <p>She does this year in and year out. She is a perennial national pro bono award winner at DLA Piper, something done by just a handful of attorneys in the firm's history. A go to person like this is what makes running a pro bono program worthwhile and her commitment to pro bono has been the impetus behind the success of pro bono in our Philadelphia office. I'm convinced the reason that EVERY attorney in the Philadelphia office of DLA Piper did at least 20 hours of pro bono last year was because of Kristin's vocal leadership she brings when it comes to pro bono and the needs of the indigent. What makes her so special is not only her willingness to do any type of pro bono work but that she also reaches her billable hour requirements every year. Her dedication to her clients, both pro bono and billable is unsurpassed. I nominate her with great confidence and I know of no attorney more worthy.</p>

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#3	Nathaniel C. Nichols, Esq
	<p>Mr. Nichols is very knowledgeable in his practice of law. His career reflects his dedication to the need of indigent Delaware County residents.</p> <p>In one case a senior, after selling her home, was informed that her husband, prior to his death, had taking out a loan against their property without her knowledge. The title company refused to release the funds because of the unpaid loan. Mr. Nichols and his students were successful in having the title company release the funds.</p> <p>Mr. Nichols volunteered an enormous amount of time to the Pro Bono Project – Delaware County Division by representing indigent persons individually, and through his excellent supervision of law students at the Widener University School of Law. Mr. Nichols provided assistance in Chapter 7 Bankruptcies, unfair debt collection practices and predatory lending matters.</p> <p>As a Co-sponsor with the County Office of Services for the Aging, The Elder Law Committee of the Delaware County Bar Association, LASP and Senior Community Services, Mr. Nichols participated on a panel to conduct outreach to senior citizens in a effort to educate them through several workshops entitled “Protect Your Income and Assets”. These workshops were held at four senior centers with attendance totaling approximately 155 seniors. Mr. Nichols also represented/supervised the representation of six additional individuals with Chapter 7 Bankruptcy/debt collection matter.</p> <p>As a result of these workshops, many seniors signed up for individual assistance. Mr. Nichols returned to the senior centers to provide assistance. Law students also participated in and did an excellent job under the supervision of Mr. Nichols.</p> <p>Mr. Nichols is very knowledgeable in his practice of law. He is an excellent role model for students. Clients are most grateful for the services they received. LASP is very fortunately to have Mr. Nichols as a pr bono attorney.</p>

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#4	Donald J. Weiss, Esq
	<p>Mr. Weiss' expertise in real estate law has helped our clients tremendously.</p> <p>Mr. Weiss assisted a senior in a very complicated probate matter. He certainly went beyond and above as well as other necessary requirements that the senior was unable to afford.</p> <p>Mr. Weiss has been a great asset to the Pro Bono Project in that he is a valuable resource for staff, as well as clients.</p> <p>Mr. Weiss has always made himself available to answer general questions on real estate matters, and has utilized his expertise in this area by assisting clients in probating estates, advising clients on real estate matters and preparing new deeds on their behalf.</p> <p>Mr. Weiss is a very caring, compassionate advocate and champion for the indigent. He is sympathetic to the needs of indigent persons, and is relentless in his zealous representation of their cases.</p> <p>Clients have expressed their gratitude and appreciation for his excellent services, and the fact that they were treated with the same professionalism given to paying clients. In one case, a senior cried tears of joy as she expressed thanks because Mr. Weiss was so kind and caring in the handling of her particular matter.</p>

#5	Stephen Baer, Esq
	<p>Stephen Baer was one of the first attorneys in Chester County to volunteer his time for Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, back in 2001. Mr. Baer is always willing to take cases in an emergency, and at inconvenient times, such as during the holidays. Each year, Mr. Baer is always one of the top three attorneys in number of pro bono cases handled.</p>

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#6	Tracy M. Sheffer
	<p>Tracy has been a gracious attorney who has taken pro bono cases for us in the last year. That has been a great help.</p> <p>Tracy has maintained a solo practice in Gettysburg for several years. Prior to opening her solo practice, Ms. Sheffer was a partner in a two attorney practice in Fairfield PA.</p> <p>Mid Penn Legal Services does not represent clients in contested divorces in Adams County. Tracy has consistently provided pro bono assistance to indigent clients in contested divorce actions. This service has been a great help to MidPenn Legal Services and our clients in Adams County.</p>

#7	Terence O'Halloran
	<p>Terry is deserving of this award because of his continued dedication since the conception of the program in 1991. Terry won this award last year and is most deserving of it this year as he continues to demonstrate his commitment to volunteer legal services to the poor and disadvantaged.</p> <p>On one particular day Terry met with seven clients who were almost penniless, some with minimum wage jobs and others receiving only SSD or SSI. You can almost feel the tension when they arrive; all the clients were too far behind to have a chance at catching up. One particular, client Janice whose name had been on the waiting list, was one of the ones seen that day. Janice had been calling concerned that she would go to jail. She arrived with her caseworker. Janice was unable to complete the intake forms without her caseworker's assistance. She had several credit cards that she was behind on. She had been trying to make the payments; her gross monthly income was \$337.00 from SSD. She had made a \$420.00 payment on one card; the monthly finance charge was \$280.00. Terry met with her and patiently explained the bankruptcy laws in a way she was able to comprehend. Janice left smiling and said as she left; "Now I don't have to worry about going to jail." Like Janice the six other clients met with Terry, his easy-going manner sets them at ease and laughter is often heard coming from the office. All left with a deep gratitude fro the help they were given. They all thanked Terry more than once and they left knowing what the consequences were and what their rights as debtors were. Bankruptcy is a terrifying situation for most people; the harassment, threats and constant phone calls from creditors can become a nightmare. After meeting with Terry I think they all finally got a good night's sleep.</p> <p>On the negative side, filing for bankruptcy is a labor-intensive, time-</p>

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	<p>consuming job. Considering the number of clients Terry has represented this year we think he's been under reporting his hours. From his closing forms his hours spent with the clients totaled one hundred. Or maybe he's just that good!</p>
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#8	Cori S. Dunn
	<p>Attorney Dunn deserves this nomination because she supports Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA) in their endeavor to represent low-income individuals in certain areas of civil law and Attorney Dunn accepts referrals from NLSA from all of our family law programs.</p> <p>Attorney Dunn participates and accepts referrals from our Pro Bono Protection from Abuse Referral Program and she participates and accepts referrals from our Reduced-Fee divorce, custody and support referral programs.</p> <p>Attorney Dunn has taken 59 referrals from our program in the year of 2007 which is approximately 21 per cent of our total referrals. In 2006, Attorney Dunn took 50 referrals. Since Attorney Dunn began accepting referrals from our program, she has demonstrated excellent representation skills as indicated by our referral program follow-up system. In addition, Attorney Dunn has been most accommodating in regard to meeting referral clients in a mutually acceptable meeting place, if the referral client has a problem with transportation. Attorney Dunn has followed the requirements of our program referrals and is an asset to our referral program and a great advocate for our client referrals and their problems.</p>

#9	M. Jannifer Weiss, Esq
	<p>Attorney Weiss handles PFA court when the MidPenn staff attorney is on vacation. She is always ready and willing to fill in at last minute's notice. Due to the unpredictability of PFA Court, Attorney Weiss never knows if she'll have one client or eight clients in any given week. It matters not to her; she is always reliable and professional to every individual.</p> <p>Participation in our Local Pro Bono Family Law - PFA Defendants</p>

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#10	Hon. Todd A. Hoover
	<p>Judge Hoover deserves this award for his single-handed leadership in developing and managing a new pro bono project. In October 2006, Judge Todd A. Hoover contacted the Dauphin County Bar Association regarding an idea he had for a potential pro bono project based on a model program that had been in effect for many years in Chester County. However, the Chester County program uses lay volunteers – Judge Hoover wanted to use pro bono attorneys. Judge Hoover originally brought up his idea at Dauphin County Bar Association Estate Planning & Probate Section meeting about a year prior. Judge Hoover and Barbara Lundgren Deputy Court Administrator Orphans' Court met with Dauphin County Bar Association Public Services Coordinator Sandy Ballard on November 1, 2006. Sandy agreed to present the idea to the Dauphin County Bar Association Public Service Committee and then the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The Public Service Committee helped add specifics to the proposal and the Board approved the pilot pro bono Guardian Monitors Project at their November 16, 2006 meeting. Background Dauphin County currently has 283 guardianship cases. Pennsylvania law requires a guardian to file with the court a report within 90 days of appointment and yearly thereafter. 20 Pa. C.S.A. § 5521(c) The Guardian of the Estate Report sets forth the assets of the incapacitated person and the guardian’s management of those assets. The Guardian of the Person Report indicates the health and welfare of the incapacitated person and the care provided. These reports are monitored and reviewed by the Deputy Court Administrator, Orphans’ Court. Any irregularities or abuse concerns are brought to the attention of Judge Hoover. Pro-bono Guardian Monitors would become the “eyes and ears” for the court to assure that these incapacitated persons are not being neglected or become victims of elder abuse, both personal and financial. To enable the pro-bono Guardian Monitors to fulfill this task, the Program would offer: • A training session (with free CLE credit), • A handbook, • A video tape of training for future reference, • Interview checklists and step-by-step instructions, • All the necessary forms, • Dauphin County Bar Association Pro Bono “credit”, and • Ongoing support and appreciation. Organization This pro-bono program is managed by the Deputy Court Administrator, Orphans’ Court and all assignments will originate from there. Attorneys are given approximately 2-3 cases a year for management. Participating attorneys would continue to monitor those cases until otherwise notified, perhaps for years. The attorney would receive Dauphin County Bar Association pro bono “credit” for each year of monitoring. However, a case could be reassigned if a conflict arose.</p> <p>The monitoring would involve 1. Visiting the incapacitated person and guardian, 2. Reviewing the guardian’s required annual reports and 3. Submitting a report to the court on forms provided. The goal was to recruit and train approximately 30 to 40 attorneys to participate in the six-month</p>

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pilot project and make adjustments as needed based on the feedback we receive. Additional attorneys to be trained as needed. Since this is not a MidPenn Legal Services program, Monitors are not covered by MidPenn's malpractice insurance. Initial Training On April 4, 2007, Judge Todd Hoover led a three-hour CLE for a roomful of attorneys interested in the new Pro Bono Guardian Monitors Project. After learning about guardianship law and interacting with incapacitated people and/or the elderly, thirty attorneys confirmed their willingness to serve. These Pro Bono Monitors will become the court's "eyes and ears" to assure that incapacitated persons with a court-appointed guardian are not being personally or financially mistreated. Barbara Lundgren, the Deputy Court Administrator for Orphans Court, manages the program and provides the Monitors with interview checklists and step-by-step instructions.

In May and June, the thirty attorneys were assigned to monitor 31 cases. Once a year, the assigned Monitor will visit the incapacitated person and guardian, review records, and submit a report to the court on the forms provided. Additional Training Session On August 8, Judge Hoover hosted a luncheon to thank the attorneys and discuss feedback on the pilot project. In September 2007, Judge Hoover assigned their second guardianship to each of the original 30 Guardian Monitors (each attorney agrees to take two). The training session was repeated on October 31, 2007 and video-taped for future use. This winter, the second group of 15 pro bono Guardian Monitors was assigned their first guardianship.

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#11	Barbara N. Lyons
	<p>Barbara Lyons has been an advocate for the indigent of Bucks County for over 15 years. She provides pro bono representation in Protection From Abuse Plaintiff matters. Her representation often has continued after the PFA Hearing date, in other areas of family representation. Barbara has also worked tirelessly for many years behind the scenes in the Bucks County Bar Association on committees and subcommittees lending her voice and changing attitudes toward providing pro bono representation to the indigent in Bucks County. Through her efforts, and those of others like her, voicing the need for pro bono representation to victims of domestic violence and the indigent, the pro bono program grew tremendously in this County.</p> <p>Barbara has also been the Volunteer Coordinator with the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas and has been instrumental in setting up a civil mediation program. She volunteers her time through a local program to meet with individuals and evaluate if mediation would be beneficial to them with their problem and provides referrals.</p> <p>Ms. Lyons is founder of the Bucks County Mediation and Arbitration Center. This program offers an alternative to litigation in civil matters, and in limited other areas of law at the present time.</p>

#12	Lisa J. Cappolella, Esq
	<p>Ms. Cappolella has done at least 5 pro bono civil legal cases each and every year on behalf of Legal Aid of SE Pa. (LASP) clients. These cases include divorce and other family law cases and are often difficult and time demanding.</p>

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#13	Mary Lou Matas
	<p>Mary Lou Matas has demonstrated both leadership and commitment to the representation of low – income clients.</p> <p>Ms. Matas chairs the CCBA’s efforts to establish a modest means program in Cumberland County and has served many clients through its pro bono program.</p> <p>Mary Lou is a family law attorney who is concerned about the people just above poverty level not being represented because they have very little to live on much less pay almost \$200 per hour in attorney fees.</p> <p>Mary Lou is the current CCBA YLD Chair and she sits on the CCBA Board of Directors. When the PBA Modest Means Program sample was discussed at the board meeting, Mary Lou immediately volunteered to be on the committee.</p>

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#14	Craig S. Sharnetzka
	<p>Attorney Sharnetzka accepted 8 new pro bono cases in 2007. Between 2005 and 2007 he logged in 90 hours of pro bono service and closed 13 pro bono cases. He presently has 11 ongoing pro bono cases. Attorney Sharnetzka is always willing to take yet another case when we need to make a referral and no other pro bono attorney is available. He is active on the pro bono committee, and serves as stand-in chair person when his colleague and mentor Larry Young is not available to chair a pro bono meeting.</p> <p>Bio:</p> <p>Craig Sharnetzka joined the firm in 1999 and began practicing in the area of bankruptcy shortly thereafter. He chose to practice in this particular area of law because he enjoys being able to counsel his clients through tough situations and help them achieve peace of mind. He emphasizes a practical approach to solving problems. Bankruptcy and insolvency are emotionally charged and taxing situations. He is able to keep a cool and level head to help his clients navigate this difficult circumstance.</p> <p>Craig’s bankruptcy practice serves the needs of both consumer and corporate clients. For consumers and individuals facing financial hardship, he has experience in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy filings; negotiating with creditors; reinstating or preventing foreclosures and repossessions; resolving credit, credit report and debt collection disputes and drafting and reviewing credit documents. He focuses his efforts on helping consumer bankruptcy clients gain control of their financial situation and assisting them to plan on rebuilding their financial credibility.</p> <p>Corporate clients call upon Craig for complex financial workouts and reorganizations. He counsels companies that are facing financial distress on the entire range of options open to them in the event of a default, helping them to remain operational, while pursuing the most prudent strategy for reorganization or disposition of assets. If seeking relief through means of the bankruptcy code is the best avenue to pursue, he has experience in Chapter 7 and 11 filings, securing temporary bridge loans and renegotiating vendor and customer agreements.</p> <p>He also represents the interests of creditors’ in bankruptcy proceedings. He is experienced in debt collection techniques and has enjoyed tremendous success in collecting both secured and unsecured debts through use of legal means, including liens, structured repayments and litigation, when necessary.</p> <p>Additionally, Craig is able to draw upon the experience of other attorneys in CGA Law Firm, weaving together integrated client service teams that can bring business, commercial, tax, real estate, employment and litigation experience to bear for his clients.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted small family business in negotiating reorganization and workout while continuing operations and preserving 30 jobs. • Helped numerous Chapter 13 clients to reorganize their finances in order to save homes from foreclosure, cars from repossession and to resolve tax obligations.

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#15	Keith Whitson
	<p>Keith is a passionate advocate for pro bono, both within the firm as a member of the firm's pro bono committee as well as in the Pittsburgh legal community. A substantial amount of his pro bono work is representing clients in asylum and removal proceedings, and he is always ready to take on another case as soon as the last one is completed. However, Keith's pro bono work is not limited to immigration matters, and he is happy to volunteer wherever this is a need. For example, he has volunteered with the Child Custody Conciliation Project, helping to resolve custody disputes. He successfully represented a veterans group in their appeal from a denial of a FOIA request regarding the closing of a veterans' hospital. He is working on a malicious prosecution case alleging that authorities ignored real evidence that our client was not guilty. Moreover, in addition to his own matters, he actively supervises associates on their pro bono cases. By leading by example, and through his continual outreach to the public interest community and his advocacy within the office, he has helped the Pittsburgh office enjoy a broader and deeper range of pro bono opportunities, which of course translates into more pro bono clients whose legal needs are being met.</p>

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#16	Carl Solano
	<p>Carl has demonstrated his dedication to pro bono service for over twenty years. As a lawyer who specializes in appellate practice and First Amendment law, Carl has put his substantial expertise to good use. He has represented numerous pro bono clients in the Third Circuit, generally in the areas of prisoner civil rights and immigration. One particularly notable example is Carl's representation in the Third Circuit of an inmate whose motion to appoint counsel in his medical neglect case was denied by the district court. With Carl as counsel on the appeal, the Third Circuit handed down the landmark decision setting forth the standards for appointment of counsel (<i>Tabron v. Grace</i>). Still committed to the cause, years later Carl built on his victory with a follow up decision that further defined the appointment of counsel standards. As the need for lawyers to take on immigration matters increased, Carl is helping to meet this need by repeatedly taking on the very complex and time-consuming process of representing in the appellate court asylum seekers who had been denied asylum by the immigration courts. In the First Amendment arena, Carl represented a group of amici before the District court, the Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court in <i>Reno v. ACLU</i>. As part of his argument that the federal statute in question unconstitutionally restricted free speech on the Internet, Carl submitted the first electronic brief ever accepted for submission to the United States Supreme Court. These are just some of the more prominent examples of Carl's excellent pro bono work; over the years he has worked tirelessly to help further the pro bono cause.</p>

#17	Fredrick Farber
	<p>Fred has been a part of Legal Services for over 34 years. He was the 1st Executive Director of a former MidPenn Legal Services program. He later served on the Board of Directors for that organization. His dedication to the provision of legal services to the poor has never wavered. His legal advice clinics reach many low-income clients who would not have otherwise received legal help.</p>

#18	Katherine A. Rightmyer –O'Brien
	<p>Outstanding pro-bono service in 2007: representation in a complicated federally-subsidized housing eviction case, resulting in reinstatement of public housing tenancy to an indigent family rendered homeless by prior termination.</p>

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#19	Jennings Durand
	<p>Jennings Durand is a litigation associate at Dechert LLP, having joined the firm in the Fall of 2005, after his graduation from UNC School of Law. From day one, he has been actively involved in pro bono matters and, in the past two years, has spent over 1,100 hours representing pro bono clients. (In 2006, he billed 870 pro bono hours and, in 2007, he billed 295.) Jennings' commitment has involved a wide variety of matters including prisoner civil rights, veterans' affairs and DNA testing. Jennings always approaches his cases with incredible zeal and dedication. This has not gone unnoticed by the judges he has appeared before or his clients. In answer to question 8 (below) is the full text of a letter written by one of Jennings' client's in a prisoner civil rights case detailing Jennings' approach and dedication. The letter concludes by saying: "Not only have you both proven to be exemplary lawyers, but more importantly you also have proven to be even better people. That in itself is no small feat. For that I am forever in your debt, as I needed to see that to rein still [sic] my faith in what is good in this world. Win or lose this case, I still walk away from this with a different view of things as they are. I, for lack of a better term, have already won. I have no need for a judge to tell me different in that respect. When you both look at me, I feel you don't see a lowly inmate. I haven't felt that way in what would seem a lifetime. Thank you both for what you have done." Most of us do not get that kind of letter from a client at any time in our career. Jennings received this in the second year of his practice. He has made an enormous contribution to both Dechert's pro bono practice and to his clients. He truly exemplifies the difference a young attorney can make. Below is a summary of some of Jennings' pro bono matters: Prisoner Civil Rights Case Jennings' most substantial pro bono work has been the ongoing representation of an inmate serving a life sentence at the Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution at Graterford. Like many others, the client participated in Graterford's decades-old recreational band program that allowed them to form bands with other inmates, practice on a regular basis and perform several shows a year for other inmates. Prison officers agreed that the program had a significant rehabilitative effect on the inmates who participated. Dark Mischief, the client's band, was heavily featured in a 2002 VH-1 documentary, Music Behind Bars, which showcased music activities programs at prisons across the country. In the fall of 2002, promotions for the upcoming documentary made the general public aware that Graterford prisoners were allowed to practice and perform in recreational bands. A storm of public and political criticism ensued. Although the Department of Corrections originally promoted the band program and the decision to allow the documentary, the public pressure forced a response from Pennsylvania politicians. The night before the documentary was to air, then-Governor Mark Schweiker appeared on The O'Reilly Factor to announce that he was "making sure that in all of our prisons no more music programs or opportunities of this kind again will be afforded to murderers" and that he had spoken to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections</p>

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Secretary Jeffrey Beard to express his displeasure. The next day, Secretary Beard ordered the complete suspension of the program, and eventually instituted a new prison music program policy that permanently eliminated recreational bands. Neither the client's band nor any other secular band from the Graterford music program has practiced or performed since. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, our client, acting pro se, filed a complaint against Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary Jeffrey Beard, Graterford Superintendent David DiGuglielmo and various other defendants alleging an array of retaliatory measures taken against him for his participation in the band program. After the defendants' motion to dismiss was granted in part and denied in part, Dechert was appointed as counsel in January 2006. Jennings and another Dechert associate handled every aspect of the case from that point forward, including taking the depositions of former Governor Schweiker, the Superintendent of Prisons, the Warden of Graterford Prison and numerous other correctional officers. Jennings has argued their actions infringe upon the client's First Amendment right to freedom of expression as well as violating the Establishment and Equal Protection Clauses by eliminating the prison band program for secular bands but retaining a vibrant band program for prisoners who perform in religious services. Jennings will argue the case in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in May 2008. Veterans' Affairs Jennings advised a U.S. Army Officer with respect to her legal rights after she received a notice that she was being recalled from inactive status in the "individual ready reserve" and being sent to Iraq. The client had been "inactive" for some time and believed her Army commitment was fully satisfied. Jennings learned that less than a week before the client received the notice, the Army had passed a still-unpublished directive allowing officers to resign their commission and avoid having to go to war. The client followed the procedures Jennings identified, the Army accepted her resignation and she did not have to return to active duty. False Arrest Jennings interviewed a client and learned that she had been detained for questioning for several hours after a squad of law enforcement officials, including Philadelphia police and FBI counter-terrorist agents, arrived at her home, forced their way through the half-open door and searched her residence. The police released her upon realizing that she was not the person whom they originally believed she was. Jennings prepared a FOIA submission to acquire information from the FBI about how and why they targeted the client, analyzed the FBI's response and advised the client as to whether and how to proceed further. Name Change of Daughter Jennings assisted a client who was attempting to navigate a mind-bogglingly complex set of bureaucratic hurdles to officially change his daughter's name. She had lived almost her entire life with her father after the death of her mother when she was just a toddler. Both father and daughter wanted her to take his last name as her own. Jennings was able to walk them through the process of dealing with government agencies in Pennsylvania where they reside and in New Jersey where they had to obtain the release of her mother's death certificate. Hurricane Katrina Clinic When Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans

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	<p>and thousands re-located to the Philadelphia region, the Homeless Advocacy Project opened a temporary clinic to help these displaced residents with their legal needs relating to the hurricane. Jennings staffed the clinic for a day and provided follow-up representation to help a client obtain vacation pay that was being withheld, due only to administrative chaos, by her employer. Motion for Post-Conviction DNA Testing Working under a Dechert partner, Jennings helped prepare a motion for post-conviction DNA testing for a client who had been convicted of rape. The client disclaimed any involvement in an attack by several rapists against the victim. Dechert sought DNA testing to confirm that he had no biological connection to the crime and, assuming that there was no match, to catalyze the reversal of his conviction. The client passed away in prison before a court decision.</p>
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#20	Robert H Lugg
	<p>Mr. Lugg has been accepting pro bono client referrals from Legal Services since he started in practice. While his practice is mainly real estate and estate planning, he has been working to keep abreast of family law and takes referrals in that area as well. In the 14 years that the Williamsport Office has been servicing Clinton County, Mr. Lugg has never refused a referral of a pro bono case. When he was President of the Bar, he encouraged pro bono participation among its members. Mr. Lugg is active in the community and assists in pro bono activities through civic and church groups.</p>

#21	Joseph L Rider
	<p>Our nominee specializes in an area of law that may seem remote to a legal service client, Estate law and real estate law. But without having to learn a new area, he has been able to fulfill his pro bono commitment for each of the last 20 years within his own field. His most recent referral called to play all his expertise (well his legal expertise that is) when he undertook to represent a young disabled man whose mother died leaving him and his brother alone in the family home completely unable to deal with any aspect of daily living. They were discovered by a local codes officer who took them under his wing as well as did a local service group. Many, many hours were spent under very difficult circumstances to help the man be able to remain in his home, settle his mother's affairs, and deal with the numerous tax and other issues that had been ignored since her death. It was a community project! Over the last 20 years our nominee has helped many clients, mainly disabled individuals who have had tax and estate matters that required attention - no money to be inherited but matters that needed to be resolved so they could continue to receive their disability benefits. He has also helped Legal Services staff with issues that were outside our expertise - always willing to be called on to mentor and share his knowledge of the particular law in question. In addition to helping clients directly and mentoring staff he has lent his services voluntarily over the last 30 years to help our organization when we have had issues ourselves which fall within his purview. He has taken a leadership role in fund-raising efforts to benefit Legal Services.</p>

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#22	Phillip S Consentino
	<p>Phil's efforts to support the provision of legal services to low-income individuals have been extraordinary. First, when the provision of legal services to low-income people was in a state of transition due to mergers of programs across the state, Phil supported the creation of Franklin County Legal Services in Franklin County to ensure that low-income residents of Franklin County continued to have access to legal representation and to allow for representation in cases that legal services programs can not serve due to restrictions from Legal Services Corporation. Phil serves as the Board for the organization. In addition, Phil spearheaded the adoption of a coordinated pro bono system in Franklin County. Phil suggested that rather than focus on a one-time fundraising effort to fund Franklin County Legal Services that a better approach would be to secure a long-term commitment of Franklin County Bar members to either contribute \$250 per year to Franklin County Legal Services or agree to handle two (2) pro bono cases per year for any one of the three legal services providers in Franklin County. Phil lobbied for adoption of the system and it was adopted this past December at the annual Bar Meeting. As a result of this effort, 57 attorneys, out of a total bar membership of about 150 members, have agreed to handle a range of cases for low-income individuals and victims of abuse, including Protection from Abuse cases, divorces, child custody, child support, landlord/tenant, wills, powers of attorney, living wills and consumer. In addition to his other efforts, Phil and one of his partners provide a building for Franklin County Legal Services and the Law Offices of WIN at a below market rate. Despite the fact that it is an older building without adequate insulation, payment for utilities is not expected. Phil not only provides the building, he also made a contribution for decorating and provides for lawn maintenance free of charge. The building is a home which has been converted into offices. It is conveniently located a block from the Courthouse. The availability of joint office space for Franklin County Legal Services and the Law Offices of WIN allows for close coordination between the two legal services providers and allows many clients to have their legal needs met in one location. Further, Phil allows his staff to assist MidPenn Legal Services with notarization of legal documents. The members of his staff who are notaries have accompanied MidPenn attorneys to nursing homes to meet with clients who could not travel to the office. They also come directly to the office thus preventing the need for clients and attorneys to travel to Phil's office just to finalize a document. Finally, through Phil's efforts the Franklin County Bar Association has separate space in a historic building across the street from the Courthouse. Trainings for pro bono attorneys are held in the Cosentino Conference Room adjacent to the Law Library.</p>

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#23	James C O'Connor
	<p>Jim has earned a place on the Cozen O'Connor Pro Bono Honor Roll and the First Judicial District Pro Bono Honor Roll for his selfless work on behalf of the underprivileged and disadvantaged in Philadelphia. Over the past three years, Jim has accepted fourteen cases for the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and one matter for the Senior Law Center. He has become a "go to" volunteer for VIP in negligence/tort cases, trying arbitration to verdict in favor of his VIP client and resolving the remaining cases on a favorable basis for his clients. Jim seeks no recognition for his work, but deserves it nonetheless, and I am proud to recommend Jim for this award.</p> <p>P.R., a Philadelphia VIP referral, was the owner of property in Philadelphia. An individual alleged that she tripped on the sidewalk on P.R.'s property. Suit was filed against P.R. and the City of Philadelphia. Jim filed his entry of appearance "in forma pauperis" for our client and responded to the Complaint, successfully dealing with an attempt to enter a default against her. Jim filed a pre-arbitration package and met with P.R. to prepare for an arbitration hearing. The arbitration was held on June 8, 2007 and as a result of Jim's preparation and skills, the arbitrators found in our client's favor. An appeal was taken by the plaintiff who ultimately settled the claim against the City and but agreed to dismiss the claim against our client with no money paid. Needless to say, P.R. was extremely happy with the result and Jim's dedication on her behalf.</p>

#24	Benjamin E Orsatti, Esq
	<p>Benjamin Orsatti has volunteered on multiple occasions for the Uptown Legal Clinic, a pro bono legal clinic operated on the second Wednesday of each month at Bethlehem Haven, a shelter for homeless women. His commitment to the mission of the clinic and to the pro bono community in general is incredible and unselfish, making him a most deserving recipient of this award.</p>

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#25	Joshua F Hall
	<p>Joshua Hall served as the Duquesne University School of Law's Student Pro Bono Coordinator. In that capacity, he worked to place law students interested in volunteering with organizations that needed such volunteers, including NLSA and various community clinics. Mr. Hall also was instrumental in coordinating and planning the annual Silent Auction for Duquesne Law's Public Interest Law Association which raises money for Duquesne law students to work at non-profit law firms that provide free legal services to the poor. His endless energy and determination to increase law student involvement with pro bono activities is commended</p>

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#26	Ethan Fogel
	<p>Ethan Fogel is a partner in the corporate recovery and insolvency and mergers and acquisitions groups in the Philadelphia office of Dechert, LLP. His primary areas of concentration are business insolvency and reorganization law and natural resources law. Since 2003, Ethan has spearheaded the pro bono efforts in Dechert's Philadelphia office. In addition to guiding the pro bono practice for this large office, Ethan maintains a substantial pro bono case load of his own. Ethan consistently spends a large portion of his time on pro bono cases that include a mixture of representing tenants in landlord tenant cases, assisting debtors in bankruptcy proceedings and providing general corporate advice to nonprofit organizations. In 2005, he billed 415 hours; in 2006, he billed 501 hours; and, in 2007, he billed 684 hours to pro bono work. With respect to leading the firm's Philadelphia efforts, Ethan has overseen an enormous growth in Dechert's pro bono program. In 2006, the Philadelphia office provided over 17,000 hours of pro bono service and, in 2007, the office provided approximately 24,670 hours. His most notable initiatives have included: -- Overseeing the development of 12 pro bono practice groups in Philadelphia including: asylum, child advocacy/family law, civil rights, landlord-tenant, prisoners rights, public benefits, small business/nonprofits, special education, tax and veterans; -- Developing a partnership with United Way ensuring that their grantees who otherwise could not afford legal services, and whose missions are to serve the poor or disadvantaged, have adequate access to attorneys for general corporate advice; and -- Creating a project to address the issue of unrepresented tenants in Philadelphia's landlord tenant court. The Municipal Court system in Philadelphia currently handles over 20,000 landlord tenant matters each year. Many low-income tenants remain unrepresented despite potentially dire consequences, including evictions and large money judgments. Unlike other large cities, Philadelphia does not yet have a comprehensive program that provides legal assistance to all tenant-defendants. Thus, the vast majority of these unrepresented tenant-defendants face long odds against repeat-player landlords and their counsel who are well versed in the system. In response to these adverse conditions, Dechert, with Ethan as the driving force, along with Penn Law and Community Legal Services (CLS) formed the Philadelphia Landlord Tenant Team to assist unrepresented tenants facing eviction. The team coordinated and implemented an innovative legal assistance program that handled 50 cases in its first year and is on pace to handle over 100 in its second. The team developed and implemented an on-call system allowing Dechert attorneys to take cases in a two-week rotation system. Each lawyer is paired with a Penn Law student and, together with CLS; they form a virtual law firm responsible for representing each tenant-defendant. In addition to direct representation, Ethan and his team are working to effectuate systemic change. The team is working with the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to make the system more accessible to pro se litigants, bring about procedural rule changes and</p>

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	<p>address procedural and substantive due process concerns. Future plans for this project include the establishment of a mandatory Mediation Program for landlord tenant appeals and an in-courthouse presence to aid pro se litigants. As a result of the team's work with the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Ethan was named by the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania as a recipient of the Second Annual Pro Bono Public Award for the Court of Common Pleas Civil Trial Division. Ethan was recognized along with fellow members of the Court's Landlord Tenant Liaison Committee for their exceptional pro bono service. Ethan also serves as president of the board of directors for The Homeless Advocacy Project, a nonprofit organization providing free civil legal services to the homeless in Philadelphia.</p>
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#27	Eileen Yacknin, Esq
	<p>We nominate Eileen Yacknin to receive this award because of her exceptional commitment to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged. Ms. Yacknin is the epitome of a public interest attorney, obtaining not only individual benefits for her clients but also working to ensure long term changes which will benefit all low income families. In her entire 30-year legal career, Ms. Yacknin has been devoted to serving the legal needs of low income and disadvantaged families and individuals.</p>

#28	Donald C Ligorla
	<p>Don's commitment to pro bono service was demonstrated in his most recent pro bono case in which he represented a woman who was being sued for nursing home expenses. He devoted numerous hours to discovery, negotiation, trial preparation, and an administrative appeal in a related Medicare issue, before the case settled just before it was scheduled to go to trial.</p>

#29	William F Dunstone
	<p>Over the years, Bill has handled a substantial number of cases for Lackawanna Pro Bono. All of those cases have been family law matters, including custody cases, PFAs, support matters, and divorces. Lackawanna Pro Bono has been able to count on him to cheerfully and enthusiastically accept pro bono referrals whenever possible. Because custody cases can be the most difficult pro bono matters to refer, his ready willingness to represent pro bono clients in custody cases deserves special recognition.</p>

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#30	Efrem M Grail
	<p>As the Pro Bono Coordinator of the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith, Mr. Grail has been instrumental in revitalizing the firm's involvement in pro bono activity. Through his efforts Reed Smith has taken on three major Signature Projects as members of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. They contributed two attorneys to NLSA for a year, providing us with an additional staff attorney at no cost to us. Reed Smith has also partnered with GlaxoSmithKline and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources to provide elderly low income residents of Allegheny County with essential personal documents (Powers of Attorney, Advanced Health Directives, and Wills). And Mr. Grail has worked with the family division of Allegheny Common Pleas Court to develop a Guardian Ad Litem Project in which Reed Smith attorneys have agreed to take on this responsibility in court appointed complex custody cases. Mr. Grail has also assisted Neighborhood Legal Services by agreeing to be a member of our Board and chairing the Lawyer Support Committee. He also is usually the first Pro Bono Coordinator to respond to our requests for pro bono assistance in civil litigation matters; assigning cases to young associates who will not only assist NLSA clients but will also obtain significant trial and negotiation experience. Personally, in the past year Mr. Grail took on the responsibility for research and briefing on behalf of defendant Joseph Nara, who is facing death penalty/capital murder charges in Fayette County. Mr. Nara's case has been remanded to Common Pleas Court for a new trial and Mr. Grail and his assistants are backing up all written work for local counsel. Mr. Grail also personally worked with Attorney Laura Maines on a case involving a foreign juvenile who needed legal status and funding to remain in Pittsburgh for his medical care.</p>

#31	George E Mehalchick
	<p>George's outstanding commitment to pro bono work is demonstrated by the fact that, in addition to regularly accepting pro bono referrals from Lackawanna Pro Bono, primarily unemployment compensation and social security/SSI terminations and overpayments, he has been appearing in dependency court on an almost weekly basis to represent children on a pro bono basis in mediation.</p> <p>The nominee provides free legal services through Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc. and also through the Lackawanna County family court, through which he provides pro bono representation to children in mediations conducted in dependency court.</p>

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#32	Jason Leckerman
	<p>Jason is a long term and dedicated pro bono and legal services advocate. He freely volunteers for pro bono matters ranging from a heartbreaking and difficult asylum claim, to homeless shelter clinics, to a Supreme Court amicus brief for a juvenile charged as an adult with murder, to a civil forfeiture case. He is also an active member of the board of directors for federally funded Philadelphia Legal Assistance.</p> <p>The client from Guinea who Jason represented in her asylum petition is a resident of Reading, and he has worked with Berks County Deaf Services to obtain communication training for her. So Jason's pro bono work in Pennsylvania has not been limited to Philadelphia. He also worked with the Juvenile Law Center last fall on a cert petition for a Supreme Court matter involving a Georgia juvenile's trial and conviction for murder as an adult. And, as he has done for several election cycles, Jason is participating in Pa. election protection activities for the primary and general elections. This young attorney, who also excels at his full time paid legal practice, has truly incorporated pro bono work into his career.</p>

#33	Jennifer B Hirneisen
	<p>Of all the attorneys in our program, she had the most volunteer hours last year: 110.</p>

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#34	Erica Cline Blackledge
	<p>BIO:</p> <p>Ms. Blackledge earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University in 2005. While attending law school, she was a comments editor for the Penn State Law Review and, among other trial competitions, competed in the Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. During her third year of law school, the American College of Bankruptcy named Ms. Blackledge the 2005 Distinguished Law Student from the Third Circuit. Ms. Blackledge was a member of both the Woolsack Honor Society and the Order of Barristers. Ms. Blackledge is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.</p> <p>(Blackledge, Calvet and Gill documentation placed together below)</p>

#35	Maria Gonzalez Calvet
	<p>BIO:</p> <p>Prior to joining Morgan Lewis in October 2004, Ms. Gonzalez Calvet served as a law clerk for Judge Legrome D. Davis of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Gonzalez Calvet received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2003, where she served as a legal writing instructor, earned Best Team recognition in the Edwin R. Keedy Cup Moot Court Competition, and served as president of the Latin American Law Students' Association. After obtaining her M.A. in English from the Pennsylvania State University in 1999, Ms. Gonzalez Calvet served as director of a literacy and after-school program for homeless children at Homes for the Homeless, a non-profit agency in New York City. Ms. Gonzalez Calvet earned her B.A. in English in 1997 from the University of Pennsylvania, where she received an undergraduate Mellon Fellowship, the James Brister Society Student Achievement Award for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership and the Alice B. Paul Award for Service to Women. Ms. Gonzalez Calvet is an active participant and board member of several organizations, including the Hispanic Bar Association and the Education Law Center. Ms. Gonzalez Calvet is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>(Blackledge, Calvet and Gill documentation placed together below)</p>

#36	Erin Patterson Gill
	<p>BIO:</p> <p>Ms. Gill earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Villanova University School of Law in 2006, where she was named to the Order of the Coif, served as associate editor of outside articles for the Villanova Journal of Environmental Law, and received the Brenda Joan Ruggiero Memorial Award for academic excellence. Prior to law school, Ms. Gill worked for a small private equity fund and a large insurance brokerage firm. She earned her B.A. from Gettysburg College in 1999, where she was a member of the Order of Omega and Alpha Kappa Delta honor societies. Ms. Gill is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.</p> <p>(Blackledge, Calvet and Gill documentation placed together below)</p>

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#34	Erica	#35	Maria	#36	Erin
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<p>Morgan Lewis has an extraordinarily diverse and innovative pro bono practice and devotes substantial resources to other community service and charitable activities. The matter described above was referred to Morgan Lewis by the Education Law Center. In 2007, Morgan Lewis lawyers contributed more than 92,000 hours to pro bono representations, at a value to our pro bono clients of tens of millions of dollars and equaling an average of over 68 hours per lawyer. We are proud of the fact that these representations span all practice groups and all Morgan Lewis offices; in 2007, more than 75% of the firm’s attorneys billed 20 or more hours to a pro bono matter.</p> <p>Morgan Lewis is a signatory of the Pro Bono Institute’s Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, and in 2008 we have again pledged to spend at least 3% of our billable hours each year on pro bono matters. We encourage our lawyers to become involved in public service at the earliest stages of their careers by treating pro bono hours as billable hours and by recognizing and rewarding associates who have achieved success in pro bono representations. We also encourage and expect all of our partners—including those in leadership positions throughout the Firm—to actively participate in pro bono representations. We recognize that our Pro Bono Practice strengthens our bonds to the communities in which we practice and makes a profound difference in the lives of our clients.</p> <p>The three nominees worked tirelessly to secure educational rights for a young man enrolled in local schools. After nearly two years of contentious litigation, a team of litigators from the Philadelphia Office of Morgan Lewis secured a significant educational rights victory on behalf of a 17-year-old limited English proficient young man from the Dominican Republic who suffers from severe seizures and mental retardation. The team included the three nominees and Francis M. Milone, Chair of the Firm, who provided advice and supervision as the partner overseeing the team. Throughout our client’s enrollment, the Marple Newtown School District (the “District”) did not provide English as a Second Language (“ESL”) instruction and did not address our client’s significant learning and medical disabilities leaving him in an educational setting in which it was essentially impossible to learn. For example, the District did not conduct the mandated educational evaluations in our client’s native language (making an accurate assessment impossible) and then compounded this problem by failing to communicate the results of the assessments to our client’s father in his native language (in violation of federal law). This situation persisted for over five years.</p> <p>After a four-day administrative due process hearing conducted by Ms. Gonzalez Calvet and Ms. Blackledge, the Hearing Officer ruled in favor of the District. On appeal, however, the Appeals Panel reversed the Hearing Officer’s decision, holding that the District had denied our client an appropriate education in violation of federal and state education laws. The Panel specifically ordered the District to develop a new education plan (including the provision of necessary Spanish language aids), to render numerous additional services, and to properly evaluate our client. The Panel further awarded</p>					

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relief in the form of compensatory education for a period of three years. This was a significant award of benefits, particularly in light of the fact that the Appeals Panel took the unusual steps of making a multi-year award and of continuing benefits beyond our client's 21st birthday.

The District subsequently appealed the Panel's decision to state court and the Morgan Lewis team removed the matter to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. After securing a Preliminary Injunction to ensure our client received the services awarded by the Panel during the litigation, the Morgan Lewis team answered the District's Petition for Review and filed counterclaims pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IV of the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Education Opportunity Act, and Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act. After oral argument on the Petition for Review, the federal court found in favor of our client. The parties subsequently settled the case and a trust was established in our client's name to help provide for his future educational needs.

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Janet Stotland, Co-Director of the Education Law Center of Pennsylvania, commented on the result. "This decision is a terrific victory for a very vulnerable kid, who without an extraordinary effort from Fran and the Morgan Lewis team, would have had little chance at a decent education. In addition, appeals panel decisions have precedential value in the special education world, so this decision will also benefit other students in the years to come."

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#37	Andrew P Gates
	<p>Andrew P. Gates has participated in the MidPenn Pro Bono Program since its inception in 1996. He never refuses to take a case, and is willing to accept divorce cases that require more than the usual commitment. He is conscientious of clients' lack of resources for repeated travel to his offices and has the legal documents prepared for the client at the initial interview.</p>

#38	Karl Kreiser
	<p>Attorney Kreiser, a small-town generalist, has been a consistently active participant in the Lancaster Bar Association's Volunteer Attorney Program since 1989. He has handled over 70 cases since that time, most of these including custody and other family law matters.</p> <p>His contribution has been mainly in the area of family law, particularly custody cases. He has also assisted clients with support, landlord/tenant disputes and defense of civil suits.</p> <p>An extremely humble man, Karl Kreiser is the epitome of a Good Samaritan, not only as an attorney, but also as a citizen of a small community. He is beloved by his staff and by all who know him.</p>