

THE **POWER** OF PARTNERSHIP



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CHANGE OUT FOR RESULTS

Those most in need of effective legal counsel are often the very people who can least afford it. That is why offering pro bono services has always been an integral part of the work we do at Fenwick & West. But one firm can only do so much. The real power of pro bono is found when many firms, companies and non-profits team up. This is why we proactively seek to connect with likeminded organizations that share our commitment to give back to the community. By working together, we not only reach more people, we exponentially increase the potential for positive results. That is the power of partnership.

—GORDY DAVIDSON, *Firm Chair*

PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS

When we use our collective skills to bring legal services to groups and individuals who would otherwise be shut out of the system, it is incredibly rewarding. But when what we do inspires other companies to create pro bono programs of their own, it is doubly gratifying because we are not just touching a few lives—we are potentially touching a few hundred, even a few thousand. In effect, we are opening the door to an untold number of new pro bono opportunities.

MAXIMIZING OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Partnership is the operative word when it comes to our relationship with the Corporate Pro Bono Organization (CPBO) and the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC-SFBA). Since 2009, Fenwick & West has been closely allied with both organizations in hosting several CPBO Clinics in a BoxSM. In these one-day, fully supported clinics, attorneys from Fenwick provide an overview of corporate, tax, intellectual property and employment law to in-house counsel, who then directly assist executive directors of non-profit organizations. Fenwick attorneys remain on hand to answer questions and provide guidance. Building on our highly successful 2009 clinic—the best attended in CPBO history—we held three more clinics in 2010 and plan to host one per quarter in the coming year.

OPPORTUNITIES

Google

Last year, in-house counsel from Google attended Fenwick's Celebrate Pro Bono Week event. Inspired by our efforts, Google established its own pro bono program. Fenwick and Senior Adults Legal Assistance invited Google's in-house counsel to join in our efforts to offer a one-day fully supported clinic to help seniors at the Mountain View Senior Center with advance healthcare directives. This was the first of many proposed joint pro bono projects.

Cisco

Sharing our passion for empowerment through education, Cisco invited Fenwick attorneys to teach a 10-week course on the art of negotiation to a class of low-income middle school students in Campbell. The course was offered in cooperation with Citizen Schools, an organization dedicated to bringing more relevant learning experiences to middle school students in low-income neighborhoods. It culminated in a final presentation where students showcased their negotiation skills.



INSPIRING ONGOING EFFORTS

Facebook

This year we introduced—and are planning to continue—a new program that brought together the skills of attorneys from Facebook and Fenwick. Working in conjunction with Legal Services for Children, attorneys from both companies are partnering to provide representation to San Francisco students in school expulsion hearings.

Hewlett-Packard

Hewlett-Packard has made the Clinics in a BoxSM a cornerstone of its own pro bono work. From this initial connection, HP and Fenwick have forged an ongoing relationship to explore new pro bono opportunities together, increasing each organization's ability to reach more people. For instance, next spring HP will use Fenwick's negotiation curriculum to also teach a 10-week afterschool course to low-income students through Citizen Schools.

PRO BONO CLIENT SERVICES TEAM AWARD

This team is being recognized for their outstanding client services to Cisco through the Citizens Schools Apprenticeship Program.



(pictured left to right)

Katherine Duncan

Cynthia Hsieh

Darren Hutchins

Evan Johnson

Marshall Mort

Ana Razmazma

Betsy White

Jie Zhou

Minal Hasan *(not pictured)*

The sheer number of those in need of legal services can be overwhelming for any one organization. But when we work side-by-side with other established legal aid organizations, our combined expertise broadens and deepens the services we are able to offer. By teaming up, we can all better fulfill our promise.

TEAMWORK EXTENDS



PRO BONO PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Lisa Kenkel

IP Partner Lisa Kenkel has consistently demonstrated strong commitment to and leadership in encouraging and training associates to participate in the Legal Aid of San Mateo Health Care clinics. She also volunteers at the clinics frequently.

OUR REACH

LEADING THE WAY IN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

In a one-of-a kind new program, Fenwick & West attorneys have joined forces with the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County to help low-income seniors and the disabled obtain access to health care. Through Cost of Sharing Health Care Clinics, we work directly with these individuals to help them qualify for Medicare and take full advantage of their benefits. Our attorneys have been fully staffing the clinics on a monthly basis since October 2010. This groundbreaking program is one of the latest expansions of our pro bono efforts.

PARTNERING FOR PROTECTION OF THE ELDERLY

Working in tandem with Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA), Fenwick is taking on referrals in elder abuse cases. SALA helps the client prepare Elder Abuse Temporary Restraining Order forms and represents the client at the hearing. After a final order has been issued, we monitor compliance and maintain contact with SALA to help ensure the client has appropriate representation should there be further need.

TRAINING ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT VETERANS

Supporting the efforts of the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, Fenwick & West hosted a one-day training for attorneys willing to represent veterans in pro se appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Not only did many Fenwick attorneys participate, but law firms throughout the Bay Area also joined us in this worthy pursuit.

Collaboration and teamwork are equally important within our own firm when it comes to getting results for our pro bono clients. Working together, our litigation teams strive to obtain the very best outcomes. And we are happy to report that they continually meet with measurable success.

COLLABORATION



PRO BONO ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

Betsy White

Betsy consistently demonstrates strong commitment to undertaking and championing pro bono work at the firm and is being recognized specifically for her work with the Domestic Violence Limited Scope Representation Project through Pro Bono Project of Silicon Valley and her contributions to *County of Santa Clara v. California Commission on State Mandates* impact litigation.

FIGHTING TO REINSTATE FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

County of Santa Clara v. California Commission on State Mandates

Fenwick & West, along with the Office of the County Counsel, is representing the County of Santa Clara on a pro bono basis in a petition challenging the State Controller's denial of approximately \$8.6 million in reimbursements to the County for state-mandated mental health rehabilitation services provided from 2004 to 2006. These funds support services for school-aged children with disabilities, many of whom rely on rehabilitative counseling to avoid placement in more traumatic and costly institutions or group homes. Following Fenwick's oral argument, the Commission on State Mandates reversed the Controller's decision in part, ruling that outpatient rehabilitation services are reimbursable while social skills training interventions are not. The Commission has remanded the case to the Controller to determine what portion of the \$8.6 million was for social skills training.

INCREASES RESULTS

WINNING PRO SE APPEALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Ninth Circuit Pro Bono Program

After winning an initial appeal for a client who had filed a pro se lawsuit alleging that his constitutional rights were being violated because he was imprisoned with inadequate mental health care, Fenwick & West was again appointed to represent the same client who this time had been denied appointed counsel. The Fenwick team took a rambling and often incoherent pro se complaint and demonstrated that it contained the essential elements of legitimate and serious constitutional violations. The Ninth Circuit again reversed and strongly recommended that the district court appoint counsel for the client. The case will now proceed to discovery.

SCORING A CRUCIAL VICTORY FOR A 7-YEAR-OLD PLAINTIFF

Goodwin v. California Department of Corrections

In a pro bono case pending in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, one of our litigation teams successfully represented a 7-year-old boy in a wrongful death suit against two doctors. The boy alleged his father died while in state prison because of the doctors' neglect. The defendants moved for summary judgment, arguing that our client did not have standing and the doctors were not liable. The district court issued an opinion denying the doctors' motion—paving the way for the opportunity to obtain redress.

Teaming up with Equal Justice Works

Fenwick & West co-sponsors an Equal Justice Works (formerly NAPIL) fellow to work for two years in California on social issues such as homelessness, access to healthcare, consumer rights, domestic violence, community development, civil rights, discrimination in housing and employment, worker's rights or children's health and welfare issues. The fellowship program represents the largest postgraduate legal fellowship program in the country. The firm's participation in the program is critical to our mission to provide legal services to underrepresented people and communities.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOW 2009-2011



Nina Farnia

Nina was awarded Fenwick's Equal Justice Works fellowship in 2009 and has been focusing on the intersections of racial, religious and national origin profiling, in addition to supporting The Impact Fund's general litigation and *amicus* program.

Working with a variety of local and national organizations, Fenwick & West's pro bono efforts include Fellowships, Child Advocacy, Civil Rights, Impact Litigation, Appellate Project, Street Law, AIDS Project, Death Penalty, Corporate, Intellectual Property, Tax and Political Asylum/Immigration.

In the last four years alone, Fenwick & West, under the guidance of Patrick Premo, Chair of the Pro Bono program, has worked to leverage the firm's resources and close partnerships with non-profit legal services agencies to co-sponsor over 20 training projects, attended by approximately 430 non-Fenwick attorneys, including many attorneys from in-house legal departments.

BUILDING ON A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

SCCBA PRO BONO SERVICES AWARD

Patrick Premo

Patrick received the prestigious Santa Clara County Bar Association Pro Bono Services Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community and his continued dedication and leadership in advancing pro bono work.



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