

Pro Bono Achievements, 2002-2005

Recognition Awards:

Orange County Office Honored by Child Abuse Prevention Center

At the annual Child Abuse Prevention Center dinner on May 17, the Orange County office was chosen as Business Organization of the Year 2004. The Orange County office has been involved with the Center since 2000 when an OC attorney joined its Board of Directors. The office has adopted families in the Adopt-A-Family program since 2002 and adopted Mary Kay Garcia, the Center's MDCT Nurse, to support the following year, providing diapers, educational toys and books, baby clothes and thermometers. Since then, the office has participated in virtually every event and enthusiastically supported the Center's programs. For three years, the Orange County office hosted a Teen Mom Mentor Day at the Firm and contributed backpack supplies for their Back to School picnic last August. More recently, the office put together 50 Easter baskets for the Center's caseload kids.

Colorado Trout Unlimited's Trout Conservation Award: presented to Gibson Dunn on April 16, recognizing their decade-long effort to protect streamflows on National Forests. For more than a decade, Gibson Dunn has represented CTU and Trout Unlimited in litigation on the issue of "bypass flows" – minimum stream flow requirements below dams and diversions on National Forests. In 2004, the firm's long-standing work paid off when a federal district court agreed that the Forest Service has both authority and responsibility to minimize harm to National Forest streams when issuing permits for water projects, something they had not done in issuing an easement for Long Draw with no bypass flow requirements.

2005 Law Firm of the Year by the Orange County Public Law Center: Gibson Dunn's Orange County office is the recipient of this award for pro bono service.

2005 Guardian of Justice Award: Gibson Dunn's Palo Alto office is the recipient of this award for pro bono service from the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County.

D.C. Bar Association Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year 2004: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover was one of two recipients of this award for his outstanding pro bono contributions to the Greater Washington area.

Rose L. Schiff Commitment to Justice Award: Awarded by Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

2003 Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year: Awarded by Public Counsel.

2002 Volunteer Law Firm of the Year: Awarded by Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

National Public Service Excellence Award: Gibson Dunn spearheaded the Adoption Saturday Program, which became a nationwide movement involving law firms throughout the country and for which we received the National Public Service Excellence Award.

Dallas County Commissioners Court: Irwin Sentilles and the Dallas Office received a Resolution adopted by the Dallas County Commissioners Court commending Irwin for his personal leadership and Gibson Dunn for its work in the adoption program.

Denver Bar Foundation: In 2003, Denver attorneys Steve McKenna and Amanda Tessar were recognized for their pro bono work as top honorees at the 15th Annual Denver Bar Foundation Barristers Benefit Ball.

Foundation Fighting Blindness: In 2004, Washington D.C. partner Terence Ross received the "For the Love of Sight Award" in recognition of providing 20 years of pro bono legal service to the Foundation totaling over \$1.5 million in free legal work. Mr. Ross served as the Foundation's General Counsel handling a wide range of legal issues with the assistance of many partners and associates in the Washington, D.C. office.

Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County Pro Bono Honoree: The Palo Alto office received the pro bono honoree award for March/April 2004 for its strong commitment to low income residents of San Mateo County.

Legal Outreach Excellence Award: New York associate Kevin Tagami received this honor at the Legal Outreach 20th Anniversary Gala for his length of service and commitment to the organization.

Alliance of Resident Theatres (A.R.T.)/New York: This service organization for New York City's not-for-profit performing arts organizations honored New York partner Andrew Lance at their Swinging with the Stars Gala in 2003 and with their Local Hero Award in 2002 for his many hours of pro bono legal service structuring the public funding, lease and construction of office and rehearsal spaces for numerous member organizations. Mr. Lance was asked to join A.R.T./New York's board in 2004.

Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services: New York Associate Olga Fuentes received the first Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy from this renowned organization, and was asked to join the Junior Advisory Board.

Thurgood Marshall Justice Award: New York Partner Mitch Karlan is the recipient of this year's award presented by the NAACP Albany Branch at its Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. Mr. Karlan is being honored and recognized for his pro bono legal work on behalf of the Albany Branch of the NAACP and the Arbor Hill Concerned Citizen's Neighborhood Association for his work on the Albany County redistricting case.

Arts:

East African "Sundance" Film Festival: New York attorneys Rashida La Lande and Mike St. Peter are doing corporate work for an organization, run by Mira Nair (director of Monsoon Wedding, Vanity Fair and Mississippi Masala) in Kampala Uganda, which is endeavoring to bring directing and screenwriting skills to the East African film community.

GroundLinks, Inc.: New York associate Linda Yi assists in the incorporation of this not-for-profit, which hopes to begin production of Shakespearean and other plays within the year.

Kirk Douglas Theatre/Center Theatre Group: Los Angeles partner Amy Forbes and associate Marie Lewis negotiated the construction contracts, architect's agreement, and the documentation between the Center Theatre Group (CTG), the Douglas Foundation and the city of Culver City regarding the terms of a \$2.5 million gift to renovate and rename the historic Culver Theatre to the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

Museum of Sound Recording: New York partner Andy Lance has provided counsel to the museum which archives, and educates about, the history of sound recording, in their search for a new home.

Public Art Fund, Inc.: New York associate Joshua Cender serves as general counsel to the Fund, which organizes temporary public art exhibitions throughout NYC. Gibson Dunn lawyers have also provided tax counsel over the years to help PAF maintain their tax-exempt status.

Roundabout Theatre: New York Partner Andy Lance has contributed many hours of pro bono legal service to Roundabout, the largest not-for-profit theater company in the country including providing counsel for the acquisition, public grant and bond financing of the former Studio 54 as a legitimate theater.

Southwest Museum/Autry Museum: Gibson Dunn partners Shari Leinwand and Greg Surman represented the Southwest Museum in its merger in May 2003 with the Autry Museum. The merger of these two non-profit entities created a new institution, the Autry National Center of the American West, which will serve as the umbrella organization for the Southwest Museum, the Autry Museum, and a new Institute for the Study of the American West.

Themantics Group: New York partner Andy Lance and Gibson Dunn associates provided counsel to this New York based experimental theater group, including counsel regarding their formation.

Business and Economic Development Organizations:

City First Bank /CF Banc Holdings Inc: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover and associates Anne Lee and Alisa Babitz provided corporate and securities advice in a \$6 million offering by CF Banc Holdings Inc. CF Bank Holdings Inc. then made contributions to City First Bank, the region's first and only community development bank. Washington D.C. partner Chris Bellini provided regulatory advice. In addition, Washington, D.C. partner Chuck Muckenfuss serves as a director of City First Bank.

CF Banc Holdings: Washington, D.C. partners Chuck Muckenfuss and Peter Baumbusch and associate Evan Wamsley provide advice to this non-profit organization whose mission is to provide access to banking services to the less affluent areas of Washington, D.C.

Co-op America: New York associates Farrah Pepper and Alison Gooding provide a variety of legal services to this corporate watchdog group.

CTEK Venture Centers: Denver of counsel Greg Whitehair represents this community-based business incubator in a dispute with a client that balked at paying for business-critical financing advice. Denver associate Kendall Thiessen actively participates as a business advisor to CTEK.

Info Link Orange County: Los Angeles partner Bob Metzger and Orange County associate Oliver Wright were retained to represent Info Link in their contract negotiations with Verizon Communications relating to Verizon's provision of telecommunications services for Info Link's "211" calling system. "211" is to social services what 911 is to emergency services—a free phone number that directly connects a caller to a local information and referral specialist. Since that initial representation, Mr. Wright has assisted Info Link with certain intellectual property matters (e.g., drafting a licensing agreement for their proprietary information database), and now serves as their general pro bono legal counsel.

Mission Hiring Hall: San Francisco associate Ethan Dettmer assists in contract disputes for this local, non-profit, job training and placement agency.

Non-Profit Roundtable: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover serves as counsel to the Roundtable, which provides services to non-profits similar to those that the Business Roundtable provides to for profit companies.

Civil Rights Organizations:

ACLU Civil Rights Case for Unis Family: Denver attorneys Monica Loseman, Jon Warner, and Greg Whitehair, as Cooperating Attorneys for the ACLU, are pressing civil rights claims in federal court against nearly a dozen local, state and federal officers who stormed the Unis family home in 2000 without a warrant, arresting their two teenage sons and holding them for several days without charges. This past spring, the family was awarded a very favorable ruling on cross-summary judgment motions. Senior District Judge Richard P. Matsch, of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, found that the officers' entry into the home and the detention of the Unis brothers violated the family's Fourth Amendment rights, and that the officers were not immune from suit, given that a competent officer would have known he or she was acting in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The judge's ruling clears the way for the family's claims to go to trial and establishes important precedent regarding the limited scope of law enforcement actions that may be taken without an arrest warrant.

All of the officers who were denied immunity have asked the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the trial court, and Gibson Dunn will represent the family in response to the various appeals.

In addition, a claim was filed against the United States on behalf of the Unis family under the Federal Tort Claims Act for the tortious conduct of its Southern Colorado Drug Task Force. The government recently filed a motion for summary judgment, and we responded. It is anticipated that the court will set oral argument on the motion in the fall, with a probable trial date in late 2005.

Arbor Hill Concerned Citizens and Albany NAACP: New York partner Mitch Karlan and associates Mark Bini, Ayn Ducao, and Alison Gooding successfully represented a group of minority plaintiffs in the Albany area who claimed Albany's most recent voter re-districting plan illegally diluted the voting power of minority voters, in contravention of federal law and the United States Constitution.

Racist Float case: New York attorneys Mitch Karlan, David Kerstein, Farrah Pepper and Matthew Kahn filed an Amicus Brief on behalf of The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the National Black Police Association, the NAACP, the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers, the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, the National Asian-Pacific American Legal Consortium, and the the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, in support of New York City in its case against a policeman and two firefighters who were fired for participation in a racist parade float, and who later sued the City for improper termination.

Renter's Rights: Through Bet Tzedek Legal Services, the Los Angeles office of Gibson Dunn represented a married couple in an unlawful detainer action in Los Angeles Superior Court. The building owner sought to evict the couple, Mr. De Leon and Mrs. Morales on the grounds that Mr. De Leon was not on the original lease signed in 1997. Mr. De Leon had lawfully moved into the unit when he married Mrs. Morales. The building owner harassed Mr. De Leon and Mrs. Morales on numerous occasions in an attempt to have them voluntarily leave the unit, and had indicated that they could stay in the unit if they agreed to pay fifty-percent more in rent. At trial, the judge found in favor of Mr. De Leon and Mrs. Morales and chastised the building owner for his attempt to subvert the rent control laws. As a result, our clients have been able to remain in their unit. The attorneys' fees award of eleven-thousand dollars is currently on appeal. Gibson Dunn partner Chris Dusseault and associate Michael Jay handled the matter.

Victory in Voter's Rights Case: A team of Gibson Dunn attorneys led by Mitch Karlan and Anthony Mahajan, working with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, have litigated a Section 2 Voting Rights Act case to the eve of trial and settlement on terms highly favorable to the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs in the case, entitled NAACP et al. v. St. Landry Parish Council et al., pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, alleged essentially that, during the 2000 redistricting, the black population was sufficiently numerous to require that five of thirteen districts be effective majority-minority districts, but that black voters had been "packed" into merely three majority-minority districts. The settlement requires the creation of two additional majority-minority districts, and increases substantially the black voting age population in a sixth district.

Community Centers & Organizations:

Daniel Pearl Foundation: Century City partner Shari Leinwand established the foundation on behalf of the Pearl Family and Century City partner Larry Ulman and associate Ellen Shallman represent the Foundation on media related matters.

Laura's House: Orange County associate Stacy Marsh with assistance from others in the Orange County office will provide ongoing legal counsel to this south Orange County-based domestic violence shelter.

LA Gay and Lesbian Center: Los Angeles partner Jeff Webb counsels the Center on labor and employment issues.

Los Angeles Conservancy: Los Angeles partner Jeffrey Dintzer and Los Angeles associates Marnie Lassen, Daniella Padula, and Jeff Carlin represent the Conservancy in its attempt to have the historic Ambassador Hotel (site of former Academy Awards ceremonies and the RFK assassination) preserved and converted into a school.

Nexus Recovery Center: Dallas attorneys Karl Nelson and Chuck Schwartz serve as outside general counsel for this substance abuse treatment center. Nexus provides services to adult women, women with accompanying children, pregnant women or women with infants.

Yale Law School/Mayor of New Haven, CT: Washington, D.C. partners Chuck Muckenfuss and Bob Eager worked with the Clinical Program of the Yale Law School in representing the Mayor in opposing the conversion of the New Haven Savings Bank from mutual to stock form. This opposition resulted in a settlement which led to New Haven Savings Bank's commitment to provide \$25 million in funding to an independent foundation to create a community development bank and otherwise serve as a catalyst for community development in New Haven, Connecticut. Chuck will continue to work with the Clinic on the evolution of the new foundation.

United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP): Orange County partner Jeff Reeves is a member of the board and Orange County associate John Troutman assisted the organization with several real estate matters. During the course of our representation of UCP, we have provided advice and guidance with respect to lease agreements, purchase agreements, financing documents and other real estate-related contracts.

Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernadino Counties: Orange County partner William Claster and associates Jean Billyou, Michele Maryott, Rebecca Alves and Erin Heller have counseled the organization on a number of matters, including contract negotiation, corporate governance, privacy law issues, employment matters, and a variety of real estate matters, including the acquisition and construction of its corporate headquarters.

Project Renewal: New York lawyers Glenn Schoenfeld, Troy Clough, Ashley Gregory, David Kerstein, Andrew Lance, Jack Merimee, Markus Nauheim, David Siegel, and Ariane Sims are assisting Project Renewal, an organization that provides services for homeless New Yorkers suffering from mental illness and/or addiction to drugs or alcohol, to create a new for-profit entity that will raise money to both fund itself and provide support for Project Renewal.

Rocky Mountain Survivors Center: Denver of counsel Ashlie Beringer works with this organization, which serves the legal, social service, and mental health needs of torture survivors in Colorado.

United Way: Denver partner Jessica Lee and associate Josh Jessen are revising the Denver Chapter's employment manual.

Wellness Community: Los Angeles partner Deborah Clarke provides ongoing counseling and employment advice for this community-based organization.

Widows of 9/11 Firefighters: New York partner Andy Lance serves as counsel for this group of women who lost their hero-husbands on 9-11.

Widows Hoping to Overcome Loss Everyday (WHOLE): Under the auspices of WHOLE, New York partner Randy Mastro represented more than 20 percent of the families of fallen-hero firefighters whose lives were lost as a result of the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Supporting Rights of the Disabled:

Guardianship Saturday: The New York office, in coordination with the Association for the Help of Retarded Children (AHRC), facilitated legal guardianships for 25 people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. This is the first step in a revolutionary new volunteer program that puts private lawyers and legal staff to work in partnership to prepare and present legal petitions necessary for guardianship.

Educational Institutions:

California Science Center: Los Angeles associate Elizabeth Watson and others in the Labor & Employment group provide legal advice to the California Science Center on an array of labor and employment issues including revising the organization's employee handbook.

Excellence Academies: New York partner Andy Lance represents this organization in creating new charter schools in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of New York City and Newark, New Jersey.

Grace Church: New York partner Andy Lance provides counsel regarding the relationship between this historic New York based church and its highly regarded affiliated school.

The Tech: New York staff attorney Robert Malchman serves as outside counsel to The Tech, an unincorporated association of individuals who are students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and publish the oldest and largest campus newspaper.

Environmental Nonprofit Organizations:

Trout Unlimited: In a matter spanning 10 years of Gibson Dunn involvement, a team of lawyers won a major federal court pro bono victory to restore proper stream maintenance in a northern Colorado stream. Team included Denver of counsel Greg Whitehair, D.C. partner Chris Buckley and D.C. associate Michael Murphy.

Marin Conservation Corps: San Francisco partner Kate Sears provides employment advice and counseling to this community service organization, which works to develop youth and conserve natural resources for a strong, sustainable community.

Healthcare Organizations:

Autism Treatment Center, Inc: Dallas partner Jon Shepherd provides pro bono counsel to this organization which assists individuals with autism and related disorders.

CityBridge Foundation: Washington, D.C. partner Peter Baumbusch and associates Benjamin Rippeon and Evan Wamsley counsel this large private foundation, which provides grants to support volunteer efforts and healthcare-related missions.

Drive Around the World: New York associate Michael Levy negotiated partnership contracts with Land Rover to provide Drive Around the World with the vehicles for their mission, which is to conduct, video and webcast around the globe driving expeditions and raise money for disease research in the process.

Medicinema: London partner Nicholas Aleksander acts as general counsel for this organization which installs and operates cinemas in public hospitals for the benefit of long-term patients and their families.

International:

Camfed USA Foundation: Washington, D.C. partner Peter Baumbusch and associate Benjamin Rippeon serve as chief U.S. counsel to the foundation, which provides support for children from severely deprived areas in developing countries.

Fund for Peace: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover serves as counsel to this organization whose mission is to prevent war and alleviate the conditions that can cause war. The Fund promotes education and research and is a consistent advocate of promoting social justice and respect for the principles of constitutional democracy.

National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade (NLCIFT): New York partner Bruce Bolander and associate Juan Manuel Trujillo drafted model law and principles to be used with secured transactions, a kind of “best practices guide”, done by businesses operating under the guidance of the NLCIFT. The Center is dedicated to the developing the legal infrastructure to build trade capacity and promote economic development in the Americas.

Political Asylum: In its third straight victory in as many years, Gibson Dunn successfully obtained political asylum for a 26-year-old Sudanese woman who had been in deportation proceedings.

Asylum for Congolese Tutsi: Los Angeles associates Shelby Granowitz and Tamara Zavaliyenko represented a 26 year-old Congolese Tutsi who had been arrested, jailed and tortured at the hands of the Congolese government in 1998. She remained in hiding for 3 years after that. She came to the U.S. in 2002 seeking asylum. Her case was in front of Judge Isabel Bronzina in the Los Angeles Immigration Court. Judge Bronzina only grants 1.4% of her asylum cases.

GD&C Attorneys Obtain Asylum for Colombian Family in Pro Bono Case: On February 23, 2005, Judge David C. Anderson in the Los Angeles Immigration Court granted asylum to a Colombian family that had been persecuted by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The family came to the United States in 2002 seeking asylum after FARC repeatedly threatened them with physical harm and death because of their political and religious beliefs. The family was represented by GD&C partner Steve Sletten and associate attorneys Matt Hoffman and Sally Baghdasarian, with Sandy Villareal and Martha Larraondo Hale providing assistance as interpreters.

Gibson Dunn Wins Relief for Pakistani Asylum Seekers: After seven years, four appeals, and numerous hearings, on March 17, 2005 Washington, D.C. associates Drew Tulumello, Kristina Marlow, and Scott Pippin persuaded Judge Wayne Iskra of the Arlington, Virginia Immigration Court to terminate deportation proceedings against a Pakistani family seeking asylum in the United States. The ruling allows the family to live and work in the United States indefinitely. Kristina and Scott began working on the case as summer associates. Former associate Jason Anthony and former summer associate Jennifer Schulp also contributed.

Legal Aid Organizations:

Denver Metro Volunteer Lawyers: Working in the Family Law Program, Denver partner Jessica Lee counsels lower-income individuals on obtaining divorces and/or child custody rights.

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: San Francisco partner Scott Fink supervises a twice annual staffing by junior associates in our office for the Committee’s legal services clinic.

Legal Aid Society of New York: New York associates participate in pro bono legal assignments originating from the Legal Aid Society. In addition, New York partner Randy Mastro serves on the board. New York associates raised much needed funds for the Society which were then matched by a personal contribution by New York partner Dennis Friedman.

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem: New York partner Andy Lance is assisting this unique non-profit law firm meet its need for more space to serve indigent Upper Manhattan residents with criminal, civil and administrative matters.

Public Law Center: Orange County associate James Knight teamed with the Public Law Center to assist persons with diverse legal concerns, including immigration issues and custodian and guardianship concerns.

Stanford Community Law Clinic/San Mateo Legal Aid Society Guardianship Clinic: The Bay Area offices regularly staff this clinic in East Palo Alto. Associates have taken on a number of contested and uncontested guardianship cases, helping to secure suitable living arrangements for at-risk, abandoned and abused children. Often these cases arise out of situations in which the parents' substance abuse problems have led to child endangerment, abuse, homelessness, and police involvement. Associates have also worked with the courts and local law enforcement to return an abducted child to his legal guardian.

Trial Attorney Partnership (TAP): Partnership program with the Orange County District Attorney's office whereby Gibson Dunn's Orange County office loans out associates to work in the D.A.'s office for 2 months. Participants perform all the responsibilities of a District Attorney, including misdemeanor trials, felony preliminary hearings, filing cases, pre-trial conferences and suppression motions.

Prisoners' Rights:

"Super Max" Prisoner Case: Denver associate Marisa Hudson-Arney and of counsel Greg Whitehair work with a federal "Super Max" prisoner on a personal injury claim against two guards, and on matters relating to his personal security.

Northern District of California Prisoners' Civil Rights Case Program: San Francisco partner Scott Fink supervises the firm's participation in this program. In the court-assigned cases, Gibson Dunn attorneys represent prisoners who have filed civil rights cases pro se.

Pelican Bay Prisoner: San Francisco associate Daniel Muino counseled a Pelican Bay prisoner, who through alleged negligence on the part of prison guards was exposed to attack by another prisoner. The case settled on terms favorable to our client.

Darlie Lynn Routier/American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation: A team of attorneys from Gibson Dunn's Washington, D.C. office is representing Darlie Lynn Routier in the state and federal post conviction stages of her trial for the 1996 murders of her sons. Ms. Routier is seeking to vacate her death penalty conviction and sentence on the grounds that she is innocent and that her conviction and sentence were obtained in violation of the federal and Texas constitution. Attorneys representing Ms. Routier include D.C. partner Michael Flanagan and associates Lauren Schmidt, Daniel Cantu, Cory Skolnick and Erica Paulson.

Thomas Hagen: Los Angeles associates Joel Athey and Chris Chorba, supervised by litigation partner Dan Floyd, represented Thomas Hagen, a prisoner in federal custody. Mr. Hagen, an African-American Jew, alleged he was denied the right to practice his religion, and denied access to the kosher food program, while in California state custody. As a result, he lost more than 30 pounds. Mr. Hagen, acting pro se, filed a claim, along with a request for preliminary injunction. Following the District Court's denial of the state's motion for summary judgment, the state filed an interlocutory appeal to the Ninth Circuit. Gibson Dunn associates argued the matter in the Ninth Circuit. In January 2003, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the trial judge's denial of summary judgment. After the case returned to the District Court, the Gibson Dunn team won the right to conduct discovery, and ultimately settled the case favorably for Mr. Hagen.

Young v. Goord: New York lawyers Mitch Karlan, Farrah Pepper, Ayn Ducao and Robert Bell are currently representing a Rastafarian prison inmate in appeal against the Department of Correctional Services for violating his rights of religious freedom when disciplining him for refusing to trim his beard to conform with the mandated limit. Trimming his beard would violate the parameters of Mr. Young's faith.

Public Policy/Politics:

Anti-Defamation League (ADL): New York lawyers Mitchell Karlan, Aric Wu, Farrah Pepper and Ayn Ducao have filed four amicus briefs on behalf of a coalition of organizations in a number of circuits around the nation arguing in favor of upholding the constitutionality of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). In the Los Angeles office, summer associates, supervised by associate attorneys, participate in a program whereby one or more summer associates addresses a cutting-edge legal topic for matters in which the ADL is either currently assisting a litigation or where the ADL believes litigation may arise.

Co-op America: New York lawyers Farrah Pepper and Alison Gooding represent Co-op America, a not-for-profit organization that advocates for social justice and corporate responsibility from businesses, investors and consumers. Lawyers are reviewing various web-site publications and newsletters for possible defamation issues.

Institute for Justice: San Francisco associate Daniel Muino wrote an amicus brief to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in an eminent domain condemnation case on behalf of the Institute for Justice, a D.C. libertarian public-interest firm.

John Langan/Civil Union Rights: New York partner Randy Mastro and associates Jennifer Reardon, Farrah Pepper, Ayn Ducao and James Dillon are representing Mr. Langan, the surviving spouse of a couple joined in a Vermont civil union, before the Workers' Compensation Board in New York, and asserting that, as a surviving spouse, Mr. Langan is entitled to workers' compensation benefits.

The Network: Los Angeles associate Joshua Stokes help establish the LA chapter of this network of young professionals in LA interested in becoming more involved in Democratic politics.

West Contra Costa Unified School District: The Palo Alto office is representing a group of students and parents in an action against the West Contra Costa Unified School District (centered in Richmond, CA) for systematically failing to provide due process to students in its administrative disciplinary proceedings. The District has been "disciplining" students by transferring from school to school and keeping them out of school for inordinate periods of time without providing adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard, in violation of the California Education Code. A team of four associates Alexa Green, Christine Chobot, Sally Berens, Fred Chung and partner Tim Roake are currently working on the case. We are co-counsel with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area and Legal Services for Children. We have filed a petition for writ of mandate and are currently in discovery.

U.S. Supreme Court Pro Bono Cases: Washington, D.C. partner Mark Perry has asserted the express protection of the Bill of Rights against oppressive actions by the federal government that daily interfere with private citizen's liberty.

Sports and Sports-Related Organizations

International Star Class: San Francisco partner Doug Smith serves as treasurer and a member of the Class Management Committee of this organizations which administers one of the 11 Olympic sailing classes. The Star Class dates back to 1991 and has been one of the Olympic sailing events since 1932. Doug Smith and Washington, D.C. partner Mark Perry and San Francisco associate Kyle Graham assisted the class in a multiple jurisdiction challenge to the class' weight limit which was pursued through United States Federal Court, the International Sailing Federation and the International Court of Arbitration for Sports.

AmericaOne Foundation: San Francisco partner Doug Smith is a director and Chief Financial Officer of this organization which competed for the 2000 America's Cup in New Zealand. Doug Smith, San Francisco partner Lisa Fontenot and associate Michael Reed represented the team in a number of sponsorship and supplier agreements. Further, after the 2000 event, Gibson Dunn represented the team in the sale of its assets to Larry Ellison. This transaction was unique because it required defending the transactions from a hostile bid by Craig McCaw. The income from the proceeds of the sale have been used by the Foundation to fund grants in support of the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team and a community sailing center in San Francisco.

Youth & Family:

ACLU/Alva v. Norris: In 2004, Gibson Dunn attorneys and the ACLU of Southern California, successfully negotiated a settlement in the case of Alva v. Norris, the appeal of which the ACLU and Los Angeles partner Ted Boutrous and associate Julian Poon briefed to the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. In Alva v. Norris, the foster mother of a special-education student had been sued for defamation by her foster son's teacher for allegedly informing others about the alleged mistreatment of her foster son at school. The foster mother's former attorney's had filed an anti-SLAPP motion on her behalf—a special procedural device that allows for the early dismissal, with an award of attorney's fees, of lawsuits that chill the exercise of free speech of free petitioning rights. Gibson Dunn and the ACLU were retained to appeal of the trial court's denial of the motion. The settlement negotiated by Gibson Dunn and the ACLU resulted in a complete dismissal with prejudice of all claims against the foster mother and the payment of all of her outstanding legal fees.

Adoption Saturday: Working together with the Alliance for Children's Rights and Public Counsel, Gibson Dunn has been a leader in Adoption Saturday since its inception. The project, led by Los Angeles partner Mark Pecheck, has facilitated the adoption of hundreds of children each year by bringing together judges, government employees, public interest law firms and volunteer attorneys in a unique partnership. The systems and methodologies created for this program by Gibson Dunn have been shared with firms nationwide, as the program has grown and flourished across the country.

Dallas Adoption Program: The Dallas office provides pro bono counsel for families in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area adopting children under the care of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. This annual event culminated in Adoption Saturday last November in which the Dallas County family court judges and a team of volunteers opened up the courthouse on a Saturday morning to finalize the adoptions of 37 children for 27 families. Irwin Sentilles is the attorney in charge; Rich Lyon and Roger Bivans are the co-coordinators.

Advocates for Youth: Los Angeles partner Jeff Webb provides counsel on labor and employment matters for this organization which is dedicated to creating programs and advocating policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. In 2003, the organization worked with the entertainment industry to include accurate sexual health content and relevant story lines into more than 40 episodes of various popular television shows.

America's Promise: New York associate Glenn Schoenfeld and other Gibson Dunn lawyers have been working with America's Promise since Colin Powell founded the organization in 1997, providing many different aspects of pro bono legal services and counsel for the organization.

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO): Los Angeles partner Fred Gregory provides counsel to AYSO which conducts programs throughout the United States for approximately 650,000 players from age 4-18. Legal work includes arranging soccer field use permits, negotiating contracts, leading the organization's risk management effort to protect players from undue risk and to insure potential liabilities, supervising contract negotiation and formation for sponsorships, facilities and technical infrastructure.

Boys and Girls Club of Denver: Denver associate Lucy Schlauch assisted this organization in setting up an endowed college scholarship providing financial assistance for select Denver-area high school students.

Calvary Bilingual Multicultural Institute: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover serves as counsel to this prominent local organization that provides child care and educational services to DC's Hispanic community.

Do Something: New York partner Steven Buffone serves as counsel to this organization, whose focus is encouraging teenagers to "Do Something" with their education and plan ahead for careers.

'Do the Write Thing' Challenge Program: The Denver office sponsors the Colorado initiative of this nation-wide writing program sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence. The program targets middle school students by challenging them to creatively write about the issue of youth violence, the way it impacts our community, and how our youth can help to curb the growing problem. One boy and one girl will be selected to represent Colorado at the national recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. Nearly 75% of the Denver office of Gibson Dunn will assist with the judging phase of the challenge, which will conclude with a recognition dinner for the challenge semi-finalists in May.

Lawyers for Children America: Washington, D.C. associates Lauren Schmidt, Ashley Wright, Jill Henderson, Melanie Katsur, Erica Paulson and Sarah Kelly serve as a guardian ad litem for children in DC's child abuse and neglect system.

Constitutional Rights Foundation: Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher has many attorneys involved with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF). Our Orange County office has over a dozen attorneys supporting CRF as high school coaches and peer court participants. Orange County partner Jeff Reeves served as past president and has passed down his board membership to associate Mike Williams.

Equine for Kids: Los Angeles partner Greg Surman and associate Noot Stapleton are representing this non-profit in connection with its formation and application for tax-exempt status. Equine for Kids will provide a horse camp for underprivileged children.

Girls Incorporated of the Washington D.C. Area: Girls Inc. is a national youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold. DC partner, Stephanie Tsacoumis, a member of the steering committee and helped establish a local Girls Inc. organization and site in the D.C. area. Stephanie Tsacoumis and DC associates Benjamin Rippeon and Greg Seward also serve as legal counsel.

Junior League of Los Angeles: Los Angeles partner Deborah Clarke provides employment advice and counseling to this service.

Kid Power: Washington, D.C. partner Steve Glover counsels this after school program for D.C. kids.

Legal Outreach: New York associate Farrah Pepper established a week-long internship program at Gibson Dunn for four minority high school students. The students participate in a variety of legal training workshops and have the opportunity to interact with numerous attorneys and summer associates. Ms. Pepper and fellow New York associates Kevin Tagami and Ariane Sims serve as Legal Outreach mentors to a high school student.

Love Clinic: Munich partner Jeffrey Trinklein, with assistance from Dallas-based associates Larry Bullington and Misty Burns, assisted the Love Clinic in obtaining its tax exempt status. This Clinic is affiliated with the St. Paul United Methodist Church and provides educational programs to young teens about relationships and marriage.

Make-A-Wish Foundation: New York lawyers are actively involved with the Junior Advisory Board of Make-A-Wish. To date, Gibson Dunn has enabled many children's wishes to come true, thanks to fund raising efforts and organizational participation on the Board. Jack Merimee in the New York office has recently been invited to join the Junior Advisory Board.

National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise: Washington, D.C. lawyers and staff play a leading role in the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (NCNE) Youth Development Program by hosting in its office, twice a month, an average of 18 students from the city's poorest neighborhoods for tutoring, activities and snacks. Gibson Dunn also is a critical partner in NCNE's Violence Free Zone initiative.

Rachael's Women's Center: For more than 20 years the Washington, DC office has strongly supported and actively participates with Rachael's Women's Center to provide critical assistance to women in need. DC partner Michael Flanagan serves on the board of this non profit organization and his ardent support of Rachel's efforts inspires his co-workers to action. The DC office proudly supports the programs of the Center, which include breakfast and lunch programs, support and educational groups, and individually-tailored case management services to women living on the streets and in shelters. Rachael's provides a stable, nurturing environment in which women can develop the self-confidence and skills to live independently. Our attorneys provide both transactional and litigation pro bono services to Rachael's employees and it's clients. Beth Ising recently helped the organization meet a HUD grant requirement by drafting a code of conduct for adoption and Ben Rippeon helped Rachael's obtain property tax exemptions from the District of Columbia insuring the sustainability of their women's residences. Pro bono work for Rachael's Women's Center is also provided by Jeremy Bell and Geoffrey Sigler.

Verbum Dei High School Work Study, Inc.: Los Angeles associate Bill Robers negotiates and drafts contract for area businesses who participate in this Compton Catholic high school's work study program.

VisionQuest: Los Angeles associate Elizabeth Watson provides legal advice to VisionQuest, an organization that provides early intervention programs to keep youngsters out of the criminal justice system.

West Los Angeles Jeopardy Program: West LA Jeopardy is a non-profit organization that, in partnership with the LAPD, provides gang and drug diversion activities to at-risk youth. Los Angeles partner Peter Ziegler and associate David Egdal assist this non-profit.

Youth INC: As a member of its advisory board, New York partner Andy Lance provides counsel to this non-profit which serves as a national umbrella for youth services organizations.