

Pro Bono News

SPRING 2019

Congratulations and Welcome to the New Pro Bono Committee Members!



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Litigation



Emilie Oberlis
Associate
Corporate



Steven Sparling
Partner
Litigation



Daniel Stewart
Associate
Real Estate

Pro Bono Program Spotlight

PS 188 Legal Clinic

Since 2015, Kramer Levin has run a free monthly legal clinic for the families of PS 188, “the Island School,” on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Once a month on a Friday morning, we offer advice and assistance to parents on issues relating to housing, benefits, immigration and domestic matters. **Our next clinic date is Friday, May 24.** Please contact **Rita Celebrezze D’Souza** if you are interested in volunteering.



Astrid Ackerman and former associate Alejandro Ortega at the PS 188 Legal Clinic.

New Pro Bono Initiatives

Kramer Levin/Deloitte VA Benefits Screening Clinic

On April 23, more than 40 Kramer Levin and Deloitte attorneys and staff worked together to assist low-income veterans who became disabled by injuries sustained while serving in our armed forces.

Working with the New York Legal Assistance Group, we set up an on-site, limited-scope pro bono clinic where volunteers helped veterans prepare applications for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The clinic began with breakfast and a brief training, and participants earned CLE credits for the training and pro bono work. The day culminated with a lunch and gift bags for all of the participants.

Our clinic was a great opportunity to work with our friends at Deloitte, to help veterans navigate the challenging VA benefits system and to earn CLE credits.



NYLAG's Ryan Foley provides training to Kramer Levin and Deloitte attorneys and staff prior to the start of the clinic.

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Laura Milano

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Laurence Pettit

Andrew Pollack

Jacqueline Ryu

Robert Schmidt

Norman Simon

Steven Sparling

Daniel Stewart

Gary Tarnoff

Jeffrey Taub

Jeff Trachtman

Reyhan Watson

New Pro Bono Initiatives (cont.)

TrustLaw Clinic

In honor of International Women's Day in March, our Women's Initiatives and Pro Bono Committees co-sponsored a Pro Bono Café.

We partnered with TrustLaw, the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono legal program, and invited several women's and girls' empowerment organizations to visit our office.

Members from various departments at Kramer Levin met with the organizations to discuss different areas of law, including tax, IP, corporate and more to learn about the social issues that the organizations are working on and about how pro bono assistance can help them achieve their social mission and advance women's initiatives.

Thank you to all the organizations that attended! AlphaMundi, Women's Refugee Commission, VoteRunLead, Women's Prison Association, and Huariou Commission.



Jeff Tsai and Shannon Hedvat gave advice on data privacy and protection.



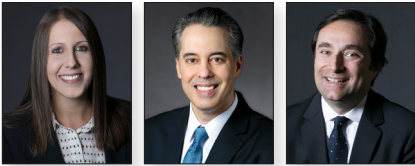
Emily Wajert and Sarah Hanson gave employment advice.



Clinic participants from Kramer Levin, TrustLaw and members of the NGOs.

Pro Bono Highlights

KL Secures Parole for Domestic Violence Victim Facing Potential Life Imprisonment



Litigation associate **Elise Funke** served as co-counsel in achieving a significant victory representing the victim of horrific domestic

violence in securing her parole after 23 years of imprisonment. In 1995, our client shot and killed her live-in boyfriend of 13 years while suffering from the effects of complex PTSD caused by her long history of severe domestic abuse. She was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. More than three years ago, Elise began working on this pro bono case through Columbia Law School's legal clinic, and she brought the case to Kramer Levin 17 months ago. The team pursued an Article 78 parole appeal on behalf of our client in the New York County Supreme Court and Appellate Division, and they prepared the client for her subsequent parole interview, enlisting the assistance of a clinical psychologist to evaluate the client and help her better understand and explain her crime. Before our client's interview, the team presented an extensive submission to the Parole Board advocating her release. On April 5, 2019, the Parole Board finally granted her parole. At age 69, our client is now free to spend her remaining years with her four children and eight grandchildren.

In addition to Elise, the team included supervising Litigation partners **Michael Martinez** and **Darren LaVerne**, and paralegals **Santo Cipolla** and **Cedric Comeau**.

KL Assists in Victory for Sandy Hook Victims' Families



The Connecticut Supreme Court reversed the dismissal of the claims of the Sandy Hook victims' families against the manufacturers, distributors and sellers of the AR-15 military assault rifle that was used to kill their family members. Litigation partner **Michael Dell** and his daughter, Rebecca Dell, an associate at Paul Weiss, filed an amicus brief on behalf of 10 emergency room physicians and trauma surgeons from around the country in support of the appeal. The physician amici have treated patients shot or affected by the AR-15 or similar military assault weapons, including in the mass shootings in Aurora, Columbine, Newtown and San Bernardino. The physicians provided detailed, firsthand accounts of the impact on the body of a bullet shot from an AR-15 or similar military assault weapon. The Connecticut Supreme Court picked up on those descriptions in its opinion, explaining that these weapons can cause "maximum carnage with extreme efficiency." The Connecticut Supreme Court also cited the physicians' explanation in our brief that assault weapons advertisements can activate people who are predisposed to violence. *The New York Times* mentioned our brief in its article concerning the Court's decision.

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

KL Associate Sarah Heim Obtains Victory on Behalf of Tenants



Litigation associate **Sarah Heim**, working with Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS), represented five tenants in a rent-stabilized building in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood in Brooklyn. All tenants had been residing in the building for at least a decade and were subjected to harassment by the landlord, who illegally changed locks to the apartments, filed frivolous eviction proceedings against the tenants, and unlawfully entered the tenants' apartments and removed belongings and money. Kramer Levin and BLS filed a harassment petition and obtained an injunction. After a multiday inquest, the court found that the landlord's actions were "morally reprehensive and could have only been driven by evil motives" and held that they constituted harassment under the New York City Housing Maintenance Code. The court awarded compensatory damages totaling more than \$62,000, civil penalties of \$30,000 and punitive damages of \$25,000.

KL Obtains Name Change for Transgender Client



In February 2019, Litigation associates **Jennifer Klein** and **Allison Parr** successfully obtained a name change for a transgender client, T.N. T.N. was assigned female at birth but long identified as male. T.N. worked closely

with his Kramer Levin team to facilitate his name change and attended court in late January to receive his name change order. T.N. is happy to now be recognized by his preferred name.

KL Obtains Settlement for Her Justice Client



Litigation associate **Reyhan Watson** and Litigation special counsel **Samantha Ettari**, after a three-day trial, secured a settlement for the firm's client in a litigated divorce in Brooklyn Supreme Court. The client, referred to the firm through a partnership with Her Justice, is the nonmoneyed spouse and is legally disabled due to multiple organ transplants and removal of her right eye resulting primarily from Type I, high-risk diabetes. Rey and Sam filed a petition for divorce on behalf of the client in March 2017 after the husband dissipated a substantial marital asset at a third of the market value without our client's knowledge or consent. Prior to trial, Rey and Sam filed and argued a motion by order to show cause to preclude the husband from calling his party-appointed expert at trial and from cross-examining the court-appointed appraisals, which were both granted by the judge. After a three-day trial, the case settled with the primary terms of the settlement conveying title to the marital residence, valued at \$1.35 million, to our client.

The trial team included Litigation associates **Alison Parr** and **Michael Chu**, and paralegal **Cedric Comeau**. Litigation associates **Shah Raafi**, **Elise Funke** and **Irene Weintraub**, and Land Use counsel **Jeffrey Braun** also assisted in the matter.

KL Obtains Vacatur for Human Trafficking Survivor's Criminal Conviction



Kramer Levin successfully moved for vacatur under New York Criminal Procedure Law § 440.10, which allows victims of human trafficking to seek post-conviction relief for offenses committed while trafficked. The trafficking survivor, S.S., was wrongly convicted of a felony under the coercion of her trafficker. S.S.'s conviction was an obstacle to securing housing and even prevented her from chaperoning her children's field trips. With the help of Legal Aid attorney Leigh Latimer, Litigation associates **Jennifer Klein** and **Michelle Ben-David** prepared the vacatur motion, which was granted by Judge Steven Barrett of Bronx County Criminal Court this past January. S.S. is excited and relieved to have a traumatic chapter of her life behind her. Employment associate **Sarah Hanson** also advised on the matter.

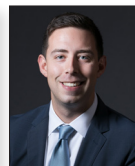
KL Wins Bail Applications on Behalf of Clients



PJ Campbell represented a 38-year-old man charged with second-degree arson who had no criminal history with bail initially set at \$75K bond/\$25K cash. After a series of adjournments, PJ argued that the man should be released on his own recognizance because of his lack of criminal history and his substantial family support (present at each appearance). That application was granted.

Elise Funke successfully argued a bail modification case in Kings County Supreme Court through Kramer Levin's Bail Reform Project, supervised by Litigation partner **Darren LaVerne**. The client, who had been unlawfully searched and charged with firearm possession for a gun registered in another state, was immediately released from Rikers so that he could fight against the injustices of his case outside the confines of a jail cell.

KL Files Amicus Brief on Behalf of PEN America in Sixth Circuit



On Nov. 26, 2018, Kramer Levin filed an amicus curiae brief in the Sixth Circuit on behalf of our client PEN America in a case addressing whether there is a constitutional right of access to literacy. PEN America is a nonprofit association of approximately 7,000 writers. Its many prominent current and former members include Jennifer Egan, Robert Caro, James Baldwin, Arthur Miller, Toni Morrison and John Steinbeck.

Plaintiffs in the case are children attending Detroit schools where the proficiency rates are near zero in most subjects. Many

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

students in those schools cannot read, write or comprehend at anything close to their grade level. Their schools lack appropriate textbooks, instructional materials and classroom resources. They suffer from overcrowding. They have unsanitary and dangerous conditions, including extreme temperatures and vermin. Our brief argues that plaintiffs present a particularly compelling and heartbreaking claim for the right to literacy that should not be necessary in our affluent society.

The Kramer Levin team included Litigation partner **Michael Dell**, Litigation associates **PJ Campbell**, **Max Goldman**, **Daniel Ketani**, **Erin Klewin**, **Ross Peyser**, **Shaked Sivan**, former associate **Alejandro G. Ortega** and paralegal **Denise Reid**.

KL Files Amicus Brief for Everytown for Gun Safety in the Wisconsin Supreme Court



On Jan. 15, 2019, Kramer Levin filed an amicus brief in the Wisconsin Supreme Court on behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, with supporters in all 50 states fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and help save lives.

On Oct. 18, 2012, Zina Haughton (Zina) obtained a restraining order against her husband, Radcliffe (Haughton) that prohibited him from approaching her or possessing a firearm for four years. Two days later, Haughton accessed Armslist LLC's online marketplace, which connects gun sellers and purchasers. Haughton arranged on Armslist to buy a handgun and three high-capacity magazines from a stranger. The next day, Haughton walked into the spa where Zina worked. He used the handgun to murder her and two co-workers and injure four others before killing himself.

Zina's daughter sued Armslist and several others, asserting claims for negligence, negligence per se, public nuisance and wrongful death, but the lower court dismissed the claims as barred by the Communications Decency Act (CDA). Zina's daughter argues on her appeal that the CDA is inapplicable because she is suing Armslist for its own negligent and intentional actions and content — namely, designing its website to facilitate private, anonymous illegal gun purchases — and not for publishing the gun seller's information.

The Circuit Court of Milwaukee County dismissed Ms. Daniel's claims against Armslist, but the Wisconsin Court of Appeals reinstated them in April 2018. Kramer Levin also filed an amicus brief on behalf of Everytown in support of that victory.

The Kramer Levin team included Litigation partner **Michael J. Dell** and Litigation special counsel **Karen Steinberg Kennedy**.

KL Successfully Overturns Immigration Judge Decision Denying Asylum to a Pro Bono Client



Kramer Levin successfully overturned an immigration judge's decision denying asylum to a pro bono client. The case was particularly challenging because our client, a gay man from Colombia, applied for

asylum approximately four and a half years after arriving in the United States, which is well beyond the one-year deadline to file for asylum. Before Kramer Levin's involvement in the case, the immigration judge denied our client's claim, finding that he did not meet any of the exceptions to the one-year filing deadline. The Kramer Levin team appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals, arguing that among other things, our client was unable to meet the filing deadline because of the lasting effects of persecution he experienced in Colombia and that the client, therefore, had established the "extraordinary circumstances" exception. The BIA found that our client had established extraordinary circumstances on this basis and sustained the appeal, a very rare result.

The Kramer Levin team included Bankruptcy and Restructuring associates **Kelly Porcelli** and **Alexandra Troiano**. Land Use counsel **Jeffrey Braun** supervised the case.

KL Obtains Asylum for West African Victim of Domestic Violence



Kramer Levin obtained asylum for our client, Ms. B, referred to us by Neighbor's Link. Ms. B is from West Africa, was subjected to female

genital mutilation twice against her will and was forced into an unwanted marriage, during which she endured physical and mental abuse by her husband and other family members. Ms. B fled her native country and sought asylum in the U.S. We filed her application for asylum in October 2018. The petition was heard quickly, and Ms. B obtained a favorable decision on Dec. 18, 2018. Ms. B is excited about her new life in the U.S. and plans to start a business. We are now working to bring her children to the U.S. The team included Litigation associates **Dayna Chikamoto** and **PJ Campbell** and Intellectual Property special counsel **Christine Willgoos**. Assistance was also provided by Intellectual Property associate **John Dillon**, paralegals **Santo Cipolla** and **Laurie Baldinger**.

The Legal Aid Society and Kramer Levin Announce Approval of Settlement in *Smith v. Berlin*



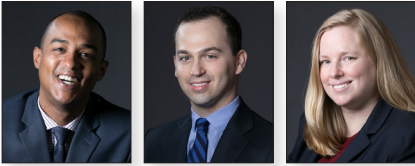
On March 26, 2019, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County (Hon. Lucy Billings) approved a settlement in *Smith v. Berlin*, a class action lawsuit brought by The Legal Aid Society and Kramer Levin to challenge the legality of employment sanctions imposed on

public assistance recipients who were alleged to have violated welfare work rules. Under the terms of the settlement, which became effective on May 6, 2019, more than 250,000 "workfare" sanctions that were imposed on public assistance recipients in New York City between 2007 and 2015 will be removed from the recipients' sanction histories, and class members who are current public assistance recipients, or who become public assistance recipients again over the next two years, will receive retroactive payments to compensate them for benefits lost due to the unlawful sanctions. Litigation special counsel **Susan Jacquemot**

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

acted as co-counsel to Legal Aid in this matter, together with former associates Kurt Denk and Matthew Moses, and aided by paralegals Denise Reid and Zachary Levine.

KL Obtained Asylum for Victim of Violence From Jamaica



Kramer Levin recently obtained a grant of asylum for MJ — a client from Jamaica — who, before fleeing to the U.S., was persecuted

and severely abused by his family, community and the police because he is gay and HIV-positive. The Kramer Levin team also successfully made an application to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an expedited interview on the basis that the USCIS' new scheduling bulletin — which prioritizes scheduling interviews for its most recent asylum applicants rather than those who, like MJ, had been waiting the longest — adversely impacted its client. Kramer Levin worked with MJ to prepare and present to the USCIS a thorough record of the violence he faced in Jamaica on account of his sexual orientation, which ultimately persuaded an asylum officer that he be allowed to remain in the U.S. as an asylee.

The Kramer Levin team included Litigation associates **Harold Robinson** and **Nathan Schwartzberg**. Assistant Managing Attorney **Samantha Ford** supervised the matter.

KL Amicus Brief Helps Secure Third Circuit Victory Rejecting Religious Exemption From LGBT Equality in Foster Care Placements



On April 23, 2019, the Third Circuit ruled in *Fulton v. City*

of Philadelphia that a foster care agency that refuses to certify otherwise qualified same-sex couples as foster parents is not entitled to a preliminary injunction on First Amendment grounds that would require the City of Philadelphia to resume their contractual relationship. Kramer Levin previously filed an amicus brief on behalf of major religious organizations and individual faith leaders urging the court to rule as it did, against the foster care agency.

The Kramer Levin brief documented the growing support among mainstream U.S. religions for fair and equal treatment under the law for LGBT individuals and their families. The brief opposed arguments by the foster care agency that enforcing the antidiscrimination obligations to which it agreed impinged upon its religious liberty. The Third Circuit found the agency's free exercise arguments unpersuasive and stated in its opinion: "If all comment on religiously motivated conduct by those enforcing neutral, generally applicable laws against discrimination is construed as ill will against the religious belief itself, then Smith

is a dead letter, and the nation's civil rights laws might as well be dead."

The Kramer Levin team that drafted the brief includes Litigation partners **Jeffrey Trachtman** and **Norman C. Simon** and Litigation special counsel **Tobias Jacoby** and **Jason Moff**, with assistance from Litigation associate **Elise Funke** and paralegal **Cedric Comeau**.

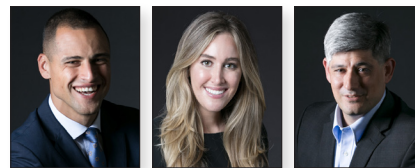
KL Obtains Vacatur for Client's Criminal Conviction



Kramer Levin successfully moved for vacatur under New York Criminal Procedure Law § 440.10, which allows victims of human trafficking to seek post-conviction relief for offenses committed while trafficked.

The trafficking survivor, S.D., was wrongly convicted of a felony under the coercion of her trafficker. While S.D. made multiple efforts to move on from this chapter of her life, her conviction was an obstacle to securing gainful employment. With the help of Brooklyn Law School Professor Kate Mogulescu, Employment associate **Sarah Hanson** and Litigation associate **Jonaki Singh** prepared the vacatur motion, which was granted by Judge Matthew J. D'Emic of Kings County Criminal Court this past February. S.D. is thrilled to put her past behind her and move forward with her life.

KL Successfully Represents Jimmy "The Coffee Guy" Against False Personal Injury Claim

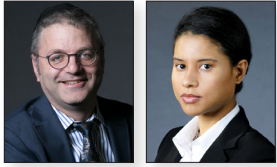


Litigation associates **Michael Calb** and **Leah Friedman** had the privilege of helping Kramer Levin's beloved coffee cart operator

outside the firm's office building in responding to a frivolous claim against him and his wife by an overzealous personal injury lawyer. Plaintiff's lawyer alleged that Jimmy had tortiously, maliciously and negligently run down his client with his coffee cart, leaving her hospitalized and with major medical expenses. On the date of the alleged incident, however, Jimmy and his family were vacationing in Florida, with E-ZPass and hotel receipts to prove it. Michael and Leah responded with a letter to the plaintiff's attorney reiterating that Jimmy had no involvement in the alleged accident. Minutes after receiving the letter, plaintiff's attorney called Michael, yelling at him that Michael's "fancy Kramer Levin firm" would not intimidate him and that he would pursue legal action — that is, unless Michael helped him find the true perpetrator of the tort. Michael told the attorney that this was not his job, but that, in return for a promise not to proceed, he would look up the coffee cart decal number in the police report to determine the owner (something he could have done himself). Plaintiff's attorney agreed. Michael provided the attorney with public records containing the owner's identity, and he conceded in writing that our client was not involved. Intellectual Property partner **Aaron Frankel** supervised this matter.

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

KL Assists Client With Divorce



In February, Corporate associates **Jeffrey Taub** and **Alexis Wanzenberg** successfully obtained an uncontested divorce for the firm's client in New York Supreme Court. The client was referred to the firm through a partnership with Her Justice.

KL Obtains the Pretrial Release of Defendant on an Unsecured Bond



Kramer Levin obtained the pretrial release of an indigent defendant on an unsecured bond in Kings County Supreme Court as part of the firm's ongoing efforts in the Bail Reform Project in partnership with Brooklyn Defender Services. The defendant had previously been detained, as he was unable to post a \$20,000 insurance company bail bond or the cash amount set by the court. Kramer Levin successfully argued that the defendant's familial and community ties, history of military

service and work with the Brooklyn VA hospital, and mental health treatment should favor his release pending trial on an unsecured bond, which did not require the defendant or his family to pay any money to the court upfront. Unsecured bonds are regularly used to obtain pretrial release in federal court but very rarely used in New York state courts, notwithstanding that New York's bail statute authorizes their use. In granting release, the presiding judge noted that it was the first unsecured bond he had authorized. Litigation associate **Eric Rosoff** represented the defendant. Litigation partner **Darren LaVerne** oversees the Bail Reform Project.

KL Obtains Name Change for Transgender Client



In November 2018, Litigation associates **Samantha Alman** and **Reyhan Watson** successfully obtained a name change for a transgender client, J.N. J.N. was assigned male at birth but identified as female early in her life. J.N. worked closely with her Kramer Levin team to obtain her name change order. J.N. is happy to now be recognized by her preferred name.

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars!

6/3/19	Name Change Project Training by Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund
6/6/19	Representing Children in Immigration Cases Training by The Door
6/10/19	Asylum Training by the City Bar Justice Center
6/11/19	Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Legal Screening Clinic With SiriusXM Radio
6/12/19	Her Justice "Divorcing With Consumer Debt" Training
6/17/19	Mentor/Mentee Pro Bono Lunch
6/18/19	Her Justice "Divorcing With Consumer Debt" Clinic
7/18/19	City Bar Justice Center Consumer Bankruptcy Project Training
7/23/19	City Bar Justice Center Consumer Bankruptcy Project Legal Clinic

Gone But Not Forgotten

If you missed any of the CLE pro bono programs/trainings below, they are recorded and posted on our learning portal, Kramer Levin University, under Kramer Levin Courses/Pro Bono. Please contact Tatiana Cios if you need assistance viewing them and obtaining CLE credit.

- Bail Reform Project Training (*Ashika Verriest, Brooklyn Defender Services*)
- Updates in the Law on Representing Children in Immigration Proceedings (*Kaavya Viswanathan, The Door*)
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias: Practice Pointers for Pro Bono Advocacy (*Kurt Denk and Ramona Morel, City Bar Justice Center*)
- Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program Training with Morgan Stanley (*Angela Britton and Cheryl Montgomery, NYC Family Court*)

Kramer Levin Congratulates the 5th Annual Marvin Frankel Pro Bono Award Winners and Thanks Pro Bono Challenge Participants

Kramer Levin congratulates the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (UHAB) team for its work representing UHAB and its affiliate HomeOwnership Lending LLC in connection with an innovative \$3,740,000 revolving credit facility from National Cooperative Bank. The credit facility will significantly increase HomeOwnership Lending’s capacity, enabling many more low-income individuals to become homeowners. The team consisted of **Chris Auguste**, **Sara Hung**, **Mariya Khavatskaya**, **Laurence Pettit**, **Dominador Almeda**, and former associate Randall Allen.

“I am grateful that the work done by both the Kramer Levin team and our client UHAB was recognized by the Pro Bono Committee. By assisting UHAB in obtaining significant new financing, we were able to help their mission to assist deserving New Yorkers become the owners of their own high-quality affordable apartments.”

— Laurence Pettit



Christopher Auguste presented UHAB representatives Andrew Reicher and Anya Irons with their donation.

Rita Celebrezze D’Souza for her overall commitment to pro bono, including overseeing the firm’s nonprofit formation work, supervising asylum and family law cases, and running the PS 188 legal clinic.

Reyhan Watson for his dedication to pro bono, including a zealous representation of a disabled client in a litigated divorce.

The firm donated \$5,000 on behalf of the UHAB team to the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board; \$5,000 on behalf of Rita Celebrezze D’Souza to Her Justice; and \$5,000 on behalf of Reyhan Watson to the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES).



Rita Celebrezze D’Souza accepts her Marvin Frankel award from Barry Herzog.



Reyhan Watson and Samantha Ettari present CASES representatives Dawn McClary and Adrienne Scott with their donation check.



Marvin Frankel award winners pose with representatives of pro bono organizations they chose to support.

Honors and Awards

Jeff Trachtman was named as an honoree at the 2019 Gay City News Impact Awards for his pro bono legal work on behalf of New York’s LGBTQ community.



Pro Bono Challenge

The firm encourages every attorney to achieve the aspiration set forth in New York Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1 of providing **at least 50 hours per year** of pro bono legal services to poor persons. The Pro Bono Challenge will reward lawyers and qualifying staff who meet thresholds of hours of pro bono legal services in a given calendar year with Kramer Levin-branded prizes at each level, to be awarded at the annual Marvin Frankel Pro Bono Awards Ceremony in April. The 2019 levels include:

20 hours: Pro Bono Counsel **50 hours:** Pro Bono Advocate **100 hours:** Pro Bono Champion

Pro Bono Challenge Winners

100+ Hours - Pro Bono Champion

Astrid Ackerman
Randall Allen
Samantha Alman
Christopher Augustine
Pamela Badolato
Andrew Baum
Michelle Ben-David
Barry Berke
Jeffrey Braun
PJ Campbell
Dayna Chikamoto
Michael Chu
Santo Cipolla
Boaz Cohen
Michael Cohen
Cedric Comeau
Eric Daniel
Jeffrey Davis
Michael Dell
Lydia Deutsch
Rita Celebrezze
D'Souza

Samantha Ettari
Aaron Frankel
David Frankel
Elise Funke
Avigail Goldglanc
Max Goldman
Sarah Hanson
Sarah Heim
Inge Hindriks
Catherine Hoge
Sara Hung
Tobias Jacoby
Arielle Warshall Katz
Karen Kennedy
Daniel Ketani
Mariya Khvatskaya
Jennifer Klein
Erin Klewin
Sam Koch
Darren LaVerne
Daniel Lennard
John McNulty

Jason Moff
Harry Morgenthau
Gary Naftalis
Zachary Naidich
Benjamin Neuhaus
Max Nowak
Emilie Oberlis
Alejandro Ortega
Allison Parr
Ross Peyser
Kelly Porcelli
Jamie Porco
Nolan Robinson
Eric Rosoff
Jacqueline Ryu
Seth Schinfeld
Anna Schoenfelder
Daniel Schumeister

Nathan Schwartzberg
Hanna Seifert
Marjorie Sheldon
Samuel Shepson
Hannah Shlaferman
Michael Sillerman
Jonaki Singh
Shaked Sivan
Daniel Stewart
Patrick Sullivan
Jeffrey Trachtman
Alexandra Troiano
Timur Tusray
Jonathan Wagner
Alexis Wanzenberg
Reyhan Watson
Aaron Webman
Jessica Weigel
Irene Weintraub
Christine Willgoos



Left to right: Aaron Frankel, Daniel Lennard, Christopher Auguste and Max Goldman wearing their 100+ hours Pro Bono Challenge swag.

50+ Hours - Pro Bono Advocate

Peter Abruzzese
Elisabeth Avallone
Laurie Baldinger
Andrew Charles
Anya Cwiecek
Melissa Drennan
Terron East
Matthew Farrell
Samantha Ford

Alan Friedman
Leah Friedman
Natan Hamerman
Susan Jacquemot
Dani James
William Johnson
Elena Keil
Daniel King
Michael Paul Korotkin

Zachary Levine
Izabel McDonald
Jeffrey Mulligan
Seth Niedermayer
Michael Oberman
Andrew Pollack
Sheila Pozon
Daniel Rabinowitz
Howard Rothman

Theodore Ruthizer
Elliot Smith
Steven Sparling
Deborah Taeid
M. Mendel Trapedo
Eugene Travers
Jeff Tsai
Emily Wajert
Andrew Yong



Left to right: Jonaki Singh, Terron East, Ines Dominguez and Cedric Comeau .

20+ Hours - Pro Bono Counsel

Benjamin Arrow
Arthur Aufses III
Katrina Baker
Jeffrey Barlekamp
Daniel Berman
Erin Bermeo
Charlotte Bhandari
Sam Brill
Douglas Buckley
Avram Cahn
Michael Calb
Valerie Campbell
Angela Chan
Kevin Cipolli
Sean Coffey
Marcus Colucci

Kurt Denk
John Dillon
Toni Finger
Matthew Friedrich
Jill Garfinkel
Nathan Gusdorf
Matthew Hacker
Shannon Hedvat
Jerry Henriquez
Nobumasa Hiroi
Rachel Jurist
Marcie Kesner
Audrey Kim
Phillip King
Jefferson Lai
Jenny Leon

Gilbert Liu
Cristina Martinez
Michael Mayerfeld
Major McCargo
Jessica McGrath
Laura Milano
Benjamin Minerva
Richard Moss
Steve Ni
Anna Ostrom
Claudia Pak
Michelle Park
Laurence Pettit
Erick Ramirez
Denise Reid
Jeruska Lugo Sanchez

Pamela Sausaitis
Joseph Shifer
Norman Simon
Helayne Stoopack
Narifumi Takeuchi
Gary Tarnoff
Jeffrey Taub
Adam Taubman
Neil Tucker
Michael Vatcher
Andrew Ward
Joshua Winefsky
Ethan Wright
Michael Zimmerman



Left to right: Tom Constance and Jay Neveloff.

Honorable Mention for Exceptional Dedication to Pro Bono

Jonathan Adorno
Tatiana Cios
Carolina Correa

Ines Dominguez
Lucille Hollenstein
William Kim

Tracy Lin
Tania Mauricio
Veronica Ortiz

Enid Perez
Rachel Torres
Anda Totoreanu