

Pro Bono News

FALL 2019

Congratulations and Welcome to the New Pro Bono Committee Members!



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Pro Bono Program Spotlight

In May, our New York office was pleased to host Angela Britton and Cheryl Montgomery from the NYC Family Court for a training session on participating in the Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program.

Since 2016, Kramer Levin has partnered with Morgan Stanley in-house attorneys in staffing a monthly legal clinic for pro se litigants in either Brooklyn or Manhattan Family Court.

Participants in the program commit to spending at least one half-day per year in Family Court, during which they partner with a Morgan Stanley attorney and together they meet with pro se litigants for around 30 minutes each to provide advice about questions they have with regard to child support, paternity, custody and visitation. A family court staff attorney is on-site and available to participants for consultation. There is no follow-up after the clinic; the advice is limited to what is provided during the consultation session only, and we do not take on any continuing representation. Please contact **Max Goldman** if you are interested in volunteering.



Angela Britton and Cheryl Montgomery from NYC Family Court



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Pro Bono Clinics

Kramer Levin, SiriusXM, Pandora and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Team Up for Pro Bono Legal Clinic

On June 11, Kramer Levin teamed up with SiriusXM, Pandora and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts for a pro bono legal clinic. Teams of attorneys met with eight artists and small-business owners to give advice on topics including licensing, corporate contracts, corporate formation and intellectual property. The clients ranged from a music composer and educator, an off-Broadway theater group, and a visual arts nonprofit foundation to an organization producing a “Live Aid”-style concert to raise awareness of human trafficking. The clinic began with breakfast and a brief training, and participants earned CLE credits for the pro bono work. The clinic was a great opportunity to help artists in need of legal assistance while socializing with our SiriusXM and Pandora colleagues. The Kramer Levin participants included Intellectual Property partners **Mark Baghdassarian** and **Aaron Frankel**, associate **Shannon Hedvat**, and Corporate law clerk **Terron East**.

Her Justice Marital Debt Project ‘Divorcing with Consumer Debt’ Clinic

On June 18, Kramer Levin hosted a “Divorcing with Consumer Debt” clinic with Her Justice’s Marital Debt Project to provide limited legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence who would benefit from litigating a divorce but cannot afford legal representation. Teams of attorneys and summer associates received training on consumer debt and how to prepare a statement of net worth, which is a sworn statement filed with the court containing a description of the party’s income, expenses, assets and liabilities. Volunteers met with clients, interviewed them about their finances and prepared a statement of net worth. The firm was happy to participate in the clinic and to support Kramer Levin’s Equal Justice Works fellow, Naomi Young, in developing her project to provide improved representation and financial advocacy to women living in poverty seeking a divorce.



Clinic participants with Naomi Young and Anna Ognibene from Her Justice

City Bar Justice Center Consumer Debt Clinic

On July 23, members of our Bankruptcy and Restructuring group, along with summer associates, teamed up with the City Bar Justice Center’s Consumer Bankruptcy Project for a pro bono legal clinic. Teams of attorneys assisted eight low-income clients with crippling medical and other debt who are filing pro se Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions. Volunteers also advised clients on the steps needed to successfully obtain a discharge. The clinic began with a brief training and breakfast, and attorneys earned CLE credits for the pro bono work. Our clinic allowed clients who would otherwise be unable to file bankruptcy due to an inability to retain counsel to reorder their finances and obtain an economic fresh start.



Clinic participants with Ramona Morel of City Bar Justice Center



P.S. 188 Parent Teacher Conference Night Clinic

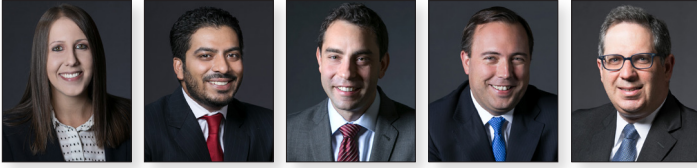
Kramer Levin staffs a monthly legal clinic to provide free legal services to P.S. 188 elementary school students and their families on issues ranging from housing to immigration to family law, among others. Kramer Levin participated in Parent Teacher Conference Night hosted by the school on Sept. 12 at 442 East Houston St., where parents were able to visit lawyers and obtain information about free and needs-based services that are available to them.



Kramer Levin table at the P.S. 188 clinic

Pro Bono Highlights

KL Secures Parole for Client Sentenced to Decadeslong Prison Term During the Mid-'90s Incarceration Boom



Kramer Levin helped secure parole for a pro bono client who was unjustly sentenced to 32.5 to 65 years' imprisonment for committing three robberies in 1994, when he stole less than \$100. At the time of his crimes, the client was homeless and addicted to drugs. Over the past year, the Kramer Levin team advocated for the client's release through both clemency and parole, garnering support from a wide cross section of the community. The team prepared an extensive submission to the New York Parole Board on the client's behalf, which included letters of support from two of the client's victims and another complaining witness from his trial, along with a strong letter of support from the Brooklyn District Attorney's office — the office that prosecuted the client. Citing to the strength of the submission and numerous support letters, the Parole Board granted the client's release after his first eligible interview, a rare and significant result. After the decision was made, both the Brooklyn DA's office and the governor's office expressed an eagerness to collaborate with Kramer Levin on similar cases in the near future. The Kramer Levin team included Litigation associates **Elise Funke**, **Shahriar Raafi** and **Aaron L. Webman**, along with supervising Litigation attorneys **Nolan J. Robinson** and **Paul H. Schoeman**.

KL Assists Miss American Pie Bakery Owner



Miss American Pie is a small bakery opening up its first brick-and-mortar location in Brooklyn this summer. Corporate associate **Eric Rubin** helped the owner prepare a nondisclosure agreement, which protects the company's recipes, for the company to use when onboarding new employees. Eric also provided corporate governance guidance on running the company's operations.

KL Associates Assist Small-Business Owner



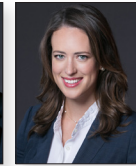
Corporate associates **Eric Rubin** and **Justin Celt** assisted the owner of an aerial acrobatics business form a limited liability company to expand her operations, including helping her navigate New York state's publication requirement for new limited liability companies. They provided corporate governance guidance and advice on how to manage her company as well. Additionally, Eric and Justin prepared a template for a services agreement for the new company to use with its current and future customers.

KL Assists Small Business With Forming a Limited Liability Company



Corporate associates **Emilie Oberlis**, **Eric Rubin** and **Justin Celt** assisted the owner of a small painting business form a limited liability company to expand his operations, including helping him navigate New York state's publication requirement for new companies. They provided corporate governance guidance and advice on how to manage his company as well. Additionally, Emilie, Eric and Justin prepared a template for a services agreement for the new company to use with its current and future customers.

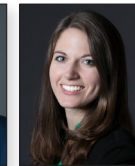
KL Obtains Asylum for Guyanese Man



Kramer Levin obtained asylum for Mr. G, a client from Guyana who endured and feared persecution because he is a gay man. In Guyana, homosexuality is publicly condemned for cultural and religious reasons.

Consensual sex acts between adult men are deemed illegal "offences against morality" punishable by prison time, and violence against homosexuals is common. While living in Guyana, Mr. G was regularly ridiculed with vulgar slurs, harassed, and physically threatened and abused by members of his community, including strangers, schoolmates and even his own brother, for being and being perceived as gay. The Kramer Levin team, consisting of Litigation associate **Seth Schinfeld** with assistance from Litigation associate **Lydia Deutsch** and paralegal **Laurie Baldinger**, successfully demonstrated to the asylum office that returning Mr. G to Guyana could subject him to further violence and harm and put his life in danger.

KL Procures an Emergency Travel Authorization From USCIS



Kramer Levin procured an emergency travel authorization from USCIS for a woman from Nicaragua currently in the U.S. under temporary

protected status (TPS). The applicant's sister was killed in a car accident, and her daughter was hospitalized. The client wanted to travel back to Nicaragua to attend her sister's funeral and attend to other family matters. Usually these travel authorization requests take months to process, but we were able to procure her a next-day appointment to make an emergency application, and she was granted her travel authorization at that appointment. KL is also working on her VAWA case, which will be filed soon. The KL team consisted of Immigration special counsel **Willie Johnson**, Immigration associate **Jeff Barlekamp**, Bankruptcy associate **Kelly Porcelli** and paralegal **Jen Larese**.

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

KL Hosts Minority Business Development Agency M&A Workshops

On July 11, the Minority Business Development Agency held a series of workshops on various topics for small, minority-owned businesses. Corporate associates **Eric Rubin** and **Justin Celt** led one of these segments with a presentation on mergers and acquisitions. The lecture focused on introductory concepts for beginners in the field and provided a general overview of what a typical M&A process looks like from start to finish. They provided general advice and tips on how to prepare transaction documents and navigate the various hurdles business owners face when they are buying or selling a company.



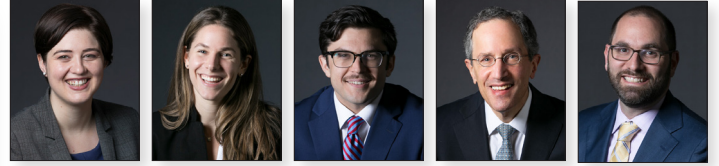
Workshop participants with Eric Rubin and Justin Celt

KL Attorneys Sealed a Client's Placement on the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment



Litigation special counsel **Susan Jacquemot** and summer associate **Martin Ascher**, working with Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), successfully negotiated to amend and seal a client's placement on the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment. They successfully argued and obtained supporting letters attesting to the fact that the mother's conduct did not rise to the level of abuse or neglect necessary for placement on the registry, which can become a severe impediment to finding work in child care.

KL Serves as Co-Counsel in Federal Trial Challenging Tennessee Anti-Abortion Law



Working with lawyers from the Center on Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood, Kramer Levin completed a trial in federal court in Nashville, Tennessee, challenging Tennessee's anti-abortion law as unconstitutional. The law requires a woman who seeks an abortion to make two visits to her physician at least 48 hours apart. At the first meeting, the physician must provide information dictated by the statute, some of which has no relevance to most of the women who seek an abortion. The only exception is for medical emergencies, but the state's expert testified the statutory standards for an emergency can never be satisfied. The law is especially burdensome for poor women, particularly those who work and do not live near the handful of clinics that provide abortions in Tennessee. Since other states have adopted similar delay laws and the Supreme Court's decision in *Casey* upheld a 24-hour Pennsylvania delay law, this is an important test case.

Litigation associates **Catherine Hoge** and **Irene Weintraub** conducted direct examinations of two of plaintiffs' experts, and Litigation associate **Timur Tusiray** cross-examined the state's only fact witness. Litigation partner **Michael Dell** and special counsel **Jason Moff** cross-examined the state's two expert witnesses. Paralegal **Denise Reid** provided valuable assistance.

KL Obtains Naturalization for Egyptian Client



Kramer Levin assisted Mr. S, a legal permanent resident from Egypt, who has been in the United States for more than 33 years, in becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. Prior to being represented by Kramer Levin, he applied for naturalization, but his application was held up for undisclosed reasons for more than three years. Kramer Levin drafted a mandamus petition to compel USCIS to naturalize Mr. S and negotiated with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York to advance the client's application without litigation. On August 1, prior to filing the petition, Mr. S was naturalized. The matter was handled by Litigation associate **PJ Campbell**, who was supervised by Litigation partner **Alan Friedman**.

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

KL Assists Owner of Tutoring Service



Corporate partner **Todd Lenson**, Corporate associates **Eric Rubin** and **Justin Celt**, and Employment associate **Sarah Hanson** assisted the owner of a tutoring service with reviewing his contractual arrangement with his

previous employer as well as corporate advice on how to grow his business. Additionally, the team drafted a template for a services agreement for the business to use with new clients as well as a testimonial release to put client reviews online.

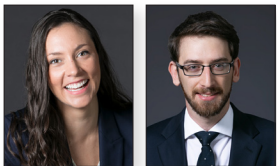
KL Obtains Name Change for Transgender Client



In August, Litigation partner **Steven Sparling**, associate **Allison Parr** and summer associate **Staci Shelby** successfully obtained a legal name change for a transgender client, C.A. C.A. was assigned female gender at

birth and identifies as male. C.A. worked closely with his Kramer Levin team to facilitate his name change and attended court in early August to receive his name change order. C.A. is excited to be recognized by his chosen name.

KL Assists Mother of Two With Student Loans



Tax associate **Rita Celebrezze D'Souza** and Tax law clerk **Nathan GUSDORF** assisted a mother they met through the Kramer Levin P.S. 188 clinic to apply for and obtain an

income-based repayment plan for her student loans. The client incurred the student debt when she attended a trade school for a medical assistant certification. Under the repayment plan we secured for her, the client is not obligated to make any loan payments for one full year (although she hopes to find a job and start making payments as soon as she can). She has two teenage sons, both of whom have been diagnosed with autism. Their fathers are not involved in their lives. Because of the client's responsibility for her special-needs sons, she can work only limited hours, so she was extremely grateful for our help in relieving her of this financial burden.

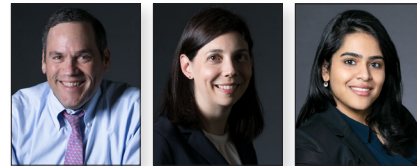
KL Assists Client in Obtaining Green Card



In August, Kramer Levin pro bono client Mr. V finally received his green card. Kramer Levin has been working with Mr. V since October 2015 through the Safe Passage Project and assisted him with his SIJS petition and, after

prevailing on that, with his adjustment of status application. The attorneys on the case were Litigation partner **Claudia Pak**, IP special counsel **Christine Willgoos**, and former Kramer Levin attorneys Ted Lamm and Agnes Trenche.

KL Obtains Asylum for Client



Kramer Levin obtained asylum for our client, Mr. K, referred to us by Immigration Equality. Mr. K is a bisexual male from West Africa and

was the victim of systemic persecution and violence due to his sexual orientation. He received a favorable asylum decision in June. Mr. K is excited about his new life in the U.S. and wishes to pursue a career as an artist. We are now working to bring his children to the U.S. The team included Immigration partner **Mark Koestler**, Litigation associates **Sarah Heim**, **PJ Campbell** and **Rupita Chakraborty**, and paralegal **Zachary Levine**.

KL Helps Small-Business Owner Escape a Copyright Infringement Case



Kramer Levin helped a pro se small-business owner escape a copyright infringement case filed by notorious pornography copyright troll Malibu Media. Malibu Media accused the defendant of bitstreaming copies of

its pornographic videos, tracing them back to his IP address. The defendant denied the allegations and explained that his store has an open Wi-Fi network for its customers to use and someone else was responsible for copying the videos without his knowledge. IP associate **Julian Pymonto** entered a limited-scope appearance to represent the defendant for the deposition phase of his case. Julian laid bare Malibu Media's case during a deposition of its principal, notwithstanding inappropriate behavior by the plaintiff's counsel and principal. Julian brought this mischief to the attention of the judge, who requested a hearing. After oral argument, the judge ordered Malibu Media to submit to a second deposition at their own expense, with strict limits placed on the plaintiff's counsel's conduct during the deposition. After Julian pressed for the second deposition and reminded the court of the plaintiff's failure to comply with outstanding discovery requests, Malibu Media threw in the lingerie towel, dismissing the case with prejudice. IP partner **Aaron Frankel** supervised the case.

KL Obtains Discharge Upgrade on Behalf of US Navy Vet

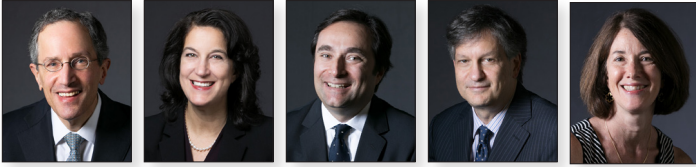


Kramer Levin successfully obtained a discharge upgrade, from a discharge under other than honorable conditions to a general discharge (under honorable conditions), on behalf of a veteran of the U.S. Navy who, after

serving overseas, suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. Kramer Levin's representation, which began in 2015, included both a documentary record review application to and personal appearance hearing before the Naval Discharge Review Board. The Kramer Levin team consisted of Land Use associate **Eric Daniel** and Litigation partner **Sean Coffey**.

Pro Bono Highlights (cont.)

KL Assists Everytown for Gun Safety



Kramer Levin has been representing Everytown for Gun Safety, the nation's largest gun violence prevention organization, in filing amicus briefs across the country in cases that challenge dangerous gun laws, support

reasonable legislation restricting firearm use, or seek to hold gun traffickers or online gun marketplaces accountable for their misconduct. Kramer Levin has been working on these cases with former litigation partner Eric Tirschwell, who is now Everytown's managing director of litigation and national enforcement policy.

Kramer Levin's recent pro bono work for Everytown has included:

- Filing an amicus brief in October 2018 in the Florida Supreme Court, arguing that a recent amendment to Florida's Stand Your Ground law violates the separation of powers provisions of Florida's Constitution and is thus unlawful.
- Filing an amicus brief in July 2018 in the New York State Court of Appeals in an appeal concerning jurisdiction over an out-of-state gun seller.
- Filing amicus briefs in August 2017 in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and in January 2019 in the Wisconsin Supreme Court supporting a negligence claim against an online gun marketplace for unlicensed gun sales.

More recently, Kramer Levin has been working with Everytown on filing amicus briefs defending statutes restricting the sale or transfer of firearms to people under age 21, including in an action raising a Second Amendment challenge to California's recent law banning the transfer of firearms to people under age 21. The Everytown team includes Litigation partners **Michael Dell**, **Darren LaVerne** and **Jonathan Wagner**; special counsel **Marjorie Sheldon** and **Karen Kennedy**; associates **Ryan Gander**, **Daniel Ketani** and **Timur Tusiray**; Litigation law clerk **Anna Boltyanskiy**; and paralegals **Pamela Badolato**, **Angela Chan** and **Denise Reid**.

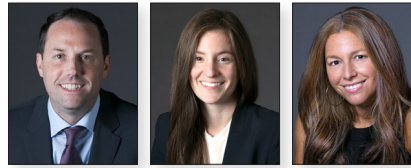
KL Submits Successful Appeal Brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals on Behalf of Asylum Applicant



Corporate associate **Emilie Oberlis** and assistant managing attorney **Samantha Ford** submitted a brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals on behalf of an alien who was ordered to be removed after his application

for asylum and protection under the Convention Against Torture was denied by an immigration judge. The Board of Immigration Appeals vacated the immigration judge's decision and remanded the case for additional evaluation of the alien's mental competency because the immigration judge failed to properly follow procedural safeguards.

Manhattan US Attorney Drops Case Against KL Client Facing 10-Year Mandatory Minimum Sentence



Manhattan federal prosecutors in the Southern District of New York agreed to drop charges against a Kramer Levin pro bono client

facing a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence and subsequent deportation. Upon being engaged by the client, Kramer Levin, which served as co-counsel with the Federal Defenders of New York, filed motions highlighting weaknesses in the government's case. Shortly thereafter, the government agreed to drop the charges. Under the terms of the agreement, our client will not have to face trial and all charges against her will be dropped in six months. The agreement, known as a deferred prosecution, is extremely rare for cases of this magnitude. The Kramer Levin team was led by Litigation attorneys **Andrew Baum**, **Michelle Ben-David** and **Arielle Katz**.

KL Files Supreme Court Brief for Religious Organizations Supporting Application of Title VII to Bar Anti-LGBTQ Discrimination



Kramer Levin has filed an amicus brief on behalf of numerous

major religious organizations and more than 700 individual faith leaders in the consolidated cases now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court addressing whether Title VII's prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex bars employers from making hiring and firing decisions based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

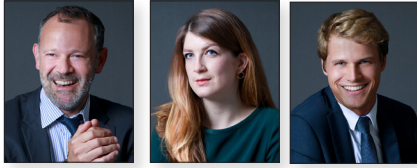
The brief, filed in *Bostock v. Clayton County* (consolidated with *Altitude Express v. Zarda* and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*), documents the growing support among mainstream U.S. religions for fair and equal treatment under the law for LGBTQ individuals based on the common belief, shared across many faiths and equally rooted in Supreme Court civil rights jurisprudence, in the fundamental dignity and worth of each individual person.

The brief opposes arguments raised in amicus briefs supporting the employers in these cases suggesting that barring employment discrimination against LGBTQ individuals threatens religious liberty. Contrary to the suggestion that such enforcement necessarily conflicts with religious belief and practice, the Kramer Levin brief demonstrates that a growing number of mainstream faiths embrace equality for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Kramer Levin team that drafted the brief includes Litigation partners **Jeffrey Trachtman** and **Norman Simon**, special counsel **Jason Moff**, associate **Allison Parr** and Employment associate **Emily Wajert**.

Pro Bono Highlights From Across the Pond

KL Supports Organization in the Fight Against LGBTQ Discrimination



The Paris office has been actively supporting and providing legal services to the nonprofit organization SOS homophobie in the fight

against LGBTQ discrimination. Based in Paris, SOS homophobie works to ensure equal rights for the LGBTQ community. The KL team includes partner **Dominique Penin**, counsel **Virginia Barat** and associate **Pierre Nicolet**.

KL Assists NGO Respect Zone



Respect Zone is an NGO, founded in France, with the

goals of fostering positive nonviolent communication and the prevention of harassment, discrimination and incitement to violence online and in public. Its programs include promotion of the Respect Zone label for use by those adhering to its charter; online posts promoting respect and combating hate on the internet; school-based programs to raise consciousness and provide a forum for discussion by young people; and participation

in public forums. KL has assisted Respect Zone in establishing a nonprofit corporation, Respect Zone (USA) Inc., to carry out its activities in the U.S.; in obtaining 501(c)(3) approval; and by providing advice in support of its activities in the U.S. The KL team includes Corporate partners **Chris Auguste** and **Reid Feldman**, Tax law clerk **Nathan Gusdorf** and Tax associate **Mariya Khvatskaya**, Corporate law clerk **Terron East**, and paralegal **Dominador Almeda**.

KL Supports NonProfit That Assists Young Musicians



KL supports the nonprofit French association Musique et Vin au Clos Vougeot, which gives concerts, supports young musicians and provides them with replicas of period instruments to use in their careers.

Each spring, the organization organizes concerts in France, serving as a platform for young artists to perform, sponsored in part by major producers of Burgundy wines. We have assisted in creating a sister U.S. nonprofit corporation, Friends of Musique et Vin au Clos Vougeot Inc., and in obtaining 501(c)(3) status for it. The KL team includes Corporate partners **Chris Auguste** and **Reid Feldman**, Tax partner **Barry Herzog**, Corporate associates **Greg Cage** and **Justin Celt**, Tax law clerk **Nathan Gusdorf**, Tax associate **Mariya Khvatskaya**, summer associate **Dino Ilievski**, and paralegal **Shuli Wang**.

- *If you have any questions about the pro bono efforts in our Paris office, please contact partner **Dominique Penin**, coordinator of pro bono matters in Paris.*

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars!

10/23/19	Kramer Levin Alumni Panel on Public Interest Careers
11/07/19	LSNYC Naturalization Screening Clinic (with Bank of America and Thomson Reuters)
11/13/19	Ethical Issues in Pro Bono Representation by the Legal Aid Society
11/19/19	State Central Register Case Training by Brooklyn Defender Services
12/10/19	Pro Bono Mentor-Mentee Lunch

Gone but Not Forgotten

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

- Name Change Project Training (*AC Dumlao, Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund*)
- Representing Children in Immigration Cases (*Kaavya Viswanathan and Rachel Davidson, The Door*)
- Asylum Training (*Jennifer Kim, City Bar Justice Center, and Sarah Burr, former assistant chief immigration judge for New York Immigration Court*)
- Marital Debt Project Training (*Anna Ognibene and Naomi Young, Her Justice*)
- Consumer Bankruptcy Project Training (*Romona Morel, City Bar Justice Center*)

Honors And Awards

- KL ranks third for Best Firms for Pro Bono in 2019 Chambers Associate Survey.
- KL named a Top 10 Best Law Firm for Pro Bono in the Vault 2020 Law Firm Survey.
- Lawyers Alliance for New York has chosen Kramer Levin to receive a 2019 Cornerstone Award in recognition of the firm's exceptional pro bono legal services for nonprofits. **Steve Senie** is also being recognized as a 15-year Circle Volunteer!
- Litigation partner **Jeffrey Trachtman** has been named to City & State New York's 2019 Pride Power 100 list for a commitment to LGBTQ rights that stretches over three decades.
- Litigation associate **PJ Campbell** received the City Bar Justice Center 2019 Jeremy G. Epstein Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service for his work as the most outstanding volunteer for the Center's Immigrant Justice Project.
- Bankruptcy and Restructuring associates **Joseph Satto** and **Erica Wolf** will be honored for their dedication as pro bono volunteers for the Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program at a ceremony presented by the Office of Justice Initiatives, the New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers Association.
- KL was honored by The Legal Aid Society as one of the recipients of the Pro Bono Publico Awards for outstanding service to The Legal Aid Society and its clients. In addition to recognizing Kramer Levin, The Legal Aid Society will also honor **Andrew Baum, Jeffrey Braun, Sam Brill, PJ Campbell, Santo Cipolla, Elise Funke, Susan Jacquemot, Jeruska Sanchez, Zachary Naidich, Anna Ostrom, Hanna Seifert, Jonaki Singh, Marjorie Sheldon, Steven Sparling and Arielle Katz.**



- The New York State Bar Association's 2019 Empire State Counsel Program has recognized 18 Kramer Levin attorneys who are NYSBA members and who, during the prior year, performed 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services.

The following attorneys were recognized:

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| • Peter Abruzzese | • Susan Jacquemot | • Jason Moff |
| • Elisabeth Avallone | • William Johnson | • Gary Naftalis |
| • Jeffrey Braun | • Arielle Katz | • Seth Niedermayer |
| • Eric Daniel | • Mariya Khvatskaya | • Sheila Pozon |
| • Samantha Ettari | • Daniel Lennard | • Howard Rothman |
| • David Frankel | • Izabel McDonald | • Theodore Ruthizer |

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