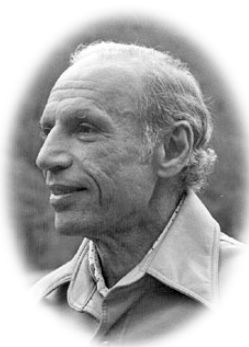


Pro Bono News

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This issue is dedicated to all of our attorneys and staff for their hard work and dedication to pro bono efforts. We are proud to announce the winners of the 2021 Marvin Frankel Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Contributions.

MARVIN E. FRANKEL (1920 – 2002)



Judge Marvin Frankel led by example in devoting a considerable amount of his time to pro bono legal causes he found important — most prominently as a founder and longtime chairman of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First). Judge Frankel promoted this kind of public service here at Kramer Levin. To honor his memory and encourage the continuation of this important legacy, the Annual Marvin Frankel Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Contributions was created.

This year, our Marvin Frankel Awards Ceremony took place virtually on Tuesday, July 27. We congratulate our 2021 winners of the

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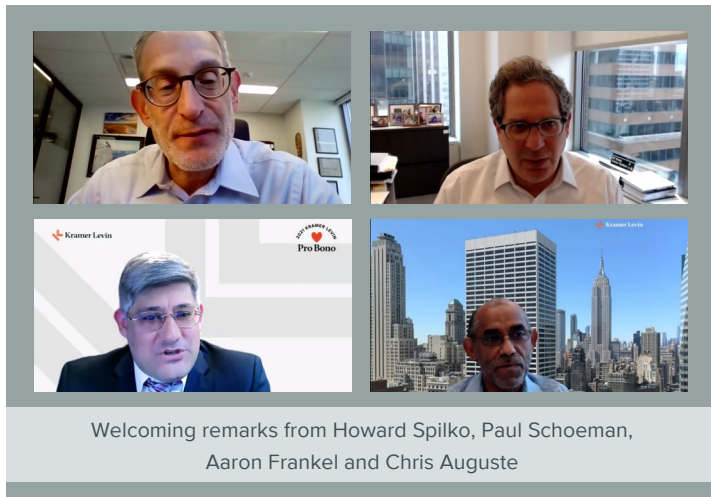
Jeff Trachtman

Reyhan Watson

Marvin Frankel Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Contributions! The firm will make a donation on behalf of the winners to various nonprofits of their choosing.

We also recognized those who rose to meet the firm's Pro Bono Challenge milestones for 100+, 50+ and 20+ hours of pro bono and community service, including board service. A full listing of the winners is below. Thank you to the 2021 selection committee: Chris Auguste, Robert Schmidt, Steven Sparling, Susan Jacquemot, Lauren Tapper and Jamie Porco.

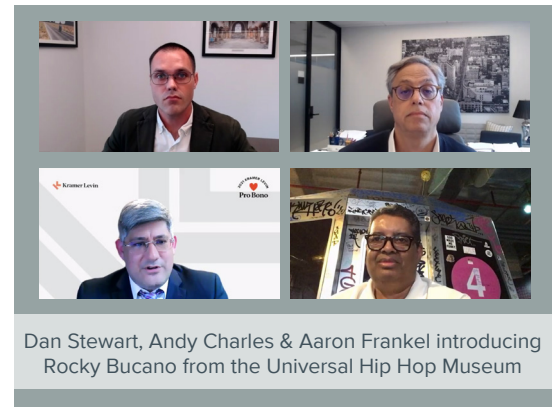
2021 Marvin Frankel Awards Winners



Congratulations to Our 2021 Winners

Racial Justice Initiative Award

This year, for the first time, we recognized pro bono work in furtherance of our Racial Justice Initiative’s mission to pursue opportunities to help eliminate racial injustice. **Daniel Stewart** was honored for his overall commitment to pro bono, including successfully negotiating a lease for the Universal Hip Hop Museum in the South Bronx, which was the culmination of more than two years of work. We were pleased to welcome Rocky Bucano, president and chairman of the board of the Universal Hip Hop Museum, to discuss the plans for the new museum and its meaning to the community.



Dan Stewart, Andy Charles & Aaron Frankel introducing Rocky Bucano from the Universal Hip Hop Museum

Team Award



Center for Reproductive Rights Team



2178 Atlantic Avenue Team

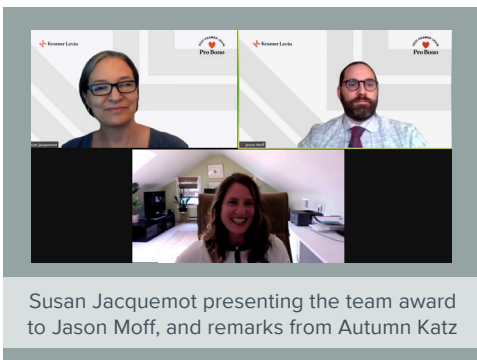


Asylum Regulations Team

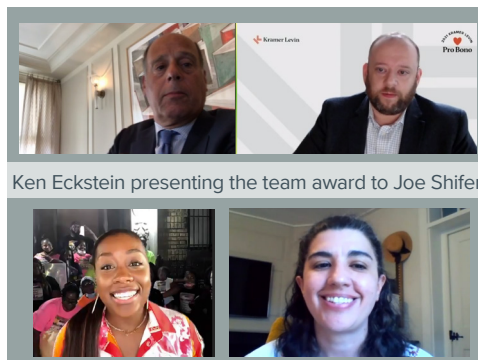
Center for Reproductive Rights Team for challenging Tennessee’s delay law that requires women to make two visits to a physician, 48 hours apart, before getting an abortion. The team consisted of litigation partner **Michael Dell**; special counsel **Jason Moff**; associates **Catherine Hoge**, **Chase Mechanick**, **Aaron Webman** and **Irene Weintraub**; and paralegals **Angela Chan** and **Denise Reid**. We were pleased to welcome Autumn Katz, senior counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights, to discuss the impact of the team’s work.

2178 Atlantic Avenue Team for confirming and consummating a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization that allowed a nonprofit housing cooperative of low-income tenants residing in a 16-unit residential building located in Brownsville to regain title to the building. The team consisted of creditors’ rights partners **David Blabey**, **Douglas Mannal** and **P. Bradley O’Neill**, associates **Rose Bagley**, **Hunter Blain** and **Joseph Shifer**, and paralegal **Wendy Kane**; real estate partner **Nathalia Bernardo** and associate **Mendel Trapedo**; and litigation associate **Chase Mechanick**. We were pleased to welcome Kianah Adams, a resident of 2178 Atlantic Ave., and Charlotte Bell, a loan officer at Habitat for Humanity NYC Community Fund, who spoke about the team’s dedication and extraordinary efforts.

Asylum Regulations Team for obtaining a preliminary injunction blocking the “death to asylum” rule that would have barred most claims and particularly harmed LGBTQ refugees. The team consisted of litigation partners **Jeffrey Trachtman** and **Alan Friedman**, special counsel **Jason Moff**, and associates **Ryan Gander**, **Andrea Maddox**, **Chase Mechanick** and **Irene Weintraub**; IP partner **Aaron Frankel** and associate **Austin Manes**; paralegals **Angela Chan** and **Denise Reid**; and legal secretaries **Rachel Garcia** and **Karen Strong**. We were pleased to welcome Bamby Salcedo, from TransLatin@ Coalition, to thank the team for their dedication and passion.

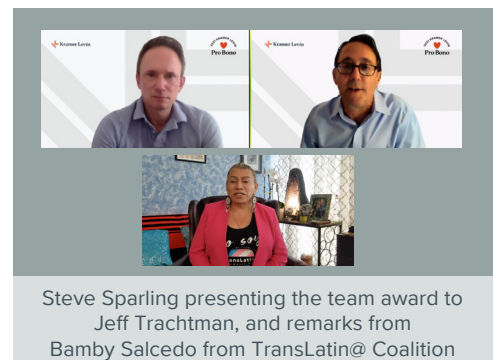


Susan Jacquemot presenting the team award to Jason Moff, and remarks from Autumn Katz



Ken Eckstein presenting the team award to Joe Shifer

Remarks from Kianah Adams from 2178 Atlantic Avenue and Charlotte Bell from Habitat for Humanity



Steve Sparling presenting the team award to Jeff Trachtman, and remarks from Bamby Salcedo from TransLatin@ Coalition

Congratulations to Our 2021 Winners (cont.)

Larry Williams Staff Award

In honor of Larry Williams, who was Kramer Levin's director of office services for more than two decades and who was committed to hiring employees through Fountain House and First Step, we recognized an individual staff member for extraordinary efforts in helping our pro bono program. **Lucille Hollenstein** single-handedly manages the matter opening process for all new pro bono matters. She also continuously volunteers to assist in pro bono clinics, such as our monthly small-business clinic that has been running since July 2020. She is an invaluable volunteer for the pro bono program. We were thrilled to invite Larry Williams back to speak about his commitment to public service at Kramer Levin and to present the award to Lucille.



Pro Bono Challenge

We would like to thank those who rose to meet the firm's Pro Bono Challenge milestones for 100+, 50+ and 20+ hours of pro bono and community service, including board service. Our Pro Bono Champions completed more than 100 hours, our Pro Bono Advocates completed more than 50 hours and our Pro Bono Counsel completed more than 20 hours of pro bono and community service work. The honorable mention honors staff who showed exceptional dedication to pro bono in 2020.

We encourage everyone to take the Pro Bono Challenge this year. Please spread the word, and feel free to contact Chris Auguste, Aaron Frankel, Jamie Porco or any of the members of the Pro Bono Committee if you need help finding a suitable pro bono matter to work on.

We would like to publicly recognize the Pro Bono Challenge winners by once again adding a scales of justice logo to the nameplates of attorneys and staff who completed more than 20 hours of pro bono work in 2020, and to the nameplates of those who received honorable mention. In addition, we created a custom Zoom background to use at meetings for winners in each category.

Pro Bono Challenge Winners

Pro Bono Champions (100+ Hours)

Astrid Ackerman*	Rupita Chakraborty	Elise Funke*	Daniel Ketani	Gary Naftalis	Seth Schinfeld
Samantha Alman	Angela Chan	Ryan Gander	Mariya Khvatskaya	Zachary Naidich	Daniel Schumeister*
Chris Augustine	Andrew Charles	Caroline Gange	Daniel King*	Benjamin Neuhaus*	Nathan
Pamela Badolato	Dayna Chikamoto	Alexander Gelb	Matthew Klegon	Seth Niedermayer	Schwartzberg
Rose Bagley	Santo Cipolla	Max Goldman*	Erin Klewin*	Emilie Oberlis*	Hanna Seifert*
Priya Baranpuria	John Coffey	Hillel Goldstein	Sam Koch	P. Bradley O'Neill	Stephen Senie
Joshua Becker*	Boaz Cohen	Rachel Goot	Daniel Kugler	Michelle Park	Meigan Serle
Nancy Bello	Michael Cohen*	Nathan Gusdorf*	Darren LaVerne	Ross Peyser*	Joseph Shifer
Michelle Ben-David	Paul Colbourne	Jessica Halpert*	Daniel Lennard	Jamie Porco	Benjamin Sieck
Philip Bentley	Charlotte Courtade*	Natan Hamerman	Xue Li*	Julia Quigley	Jonaki Singh*
Barry Berke	Michael Dell	Michael Hardin	Dana Lyons*	Shahriar Raafi*	Shaked Sivan
John Bessonette	Lydia Deutsch*	Jerry Henriquez	Andrea Maddox	Daniel Rabinowitz	Kyle Smith*
David Blabey	Rita Celebrezze	Dennis Heyman	Austin Manes	Denise Reid	Peter Smith
Hunter Blain	D'Souza	Inge Hindriks	J. Michael	Nolan Robinson	Steven Sparling
Anna Boltianskiy	Terron East*	Catherine Hoge	Mayerfeld	Christian	Zoe Sternberg
Jeffrey Braun	Karolina Ebel*	Tobias Jacoby	John McNulty*	Roccotagliata	Daniel Stewart
Genevieve	Samantha Ettari*	Susan Jacquemot	Chase Mechanick	Eric Rosoff	Helayne Stoopack
Burger-Weiser	Aaron Frankel	Dani James	Benjamin Minerva*	Eric Rubin*	Daniel Sugarman
Adam Busch*	David Frankel	William Jump*	Jason Moff	Jacqueline Ryu	Liliya Suris
Michael Calb*	Alan Friedman	Rachel Jurist	Danielle Moody	Jeruska Lugo	
Patrick Campbell*	Leah Friedman	Karen Kennedy	Harry Morgenthau	Sánchez	

Pro Bono Advocates (50+ Hours)

Andrew Baum	Jeffrey Mulligan
Sam Brill*	Sheila Pozon
Douglas Buckley	Jeffrey Price
Colin Bumby	Julian Pymonto
Avram Cahn	Michael Sillerman
Justin Celt	Gabriel Slamovits*
Kenneth Chin	Patrick Sullivan
Christine Chu*	Nicholas Tarnowski
Kevin Cipolli*	Alexander Thornton
Rachel Czwartacky*	Max Tierman
Melissa Drennan	Anda Totoreanu*
Sarah Hanson*	M. Mendel Trapedo
Sarah Heim*	Eugene Travers
Katherine Jeffery*	Elise Wagner
Arielle Warshall Katz	Jonathan Wagner
Jennifer Klein*	Emily Wajert*
Shang Kong	Erica Wolf
Gilbert Liu	David Yanvarashvili
Michael Martinez	Michael Zimmerman
Flora Morgan*	

Pro Bono Counsel (20+ Hours)

Peter Abruzzese	Samantha Ford	Max Nowak*
Dominador Almeda*	Rachel Garcia	Milan Patel*
Bridget Ansel*	Lillian Ge	Jonathan Pepin
Laurie Baldinger*	Jonathan Goodman	Ted Pilkati*
Samuel Beck*	Sara Hung*	Luke Pizzato*
David Berg	William Johnson*	Andrew Pollack
Charlotte Bhandari*	Wendy Kane	Kelly Porcelli
Sara Brown	Zachary Karlan	Jordan Rosenbaum
Gregory Cage	Phillip King	Kevin Scanlan
Valerie Campbell	Mark Koestler	Kimesha Scarbrough
Clayton Campos	Ilya Kontorovich	Daria Schieferstein
Pamela Capps	Alex Korogiannakis*	Robert Schmidt
William Cavanagh	Randy Kreider*	Marjorie Sheldon
Jessica Christy*	Jefferson Lai	Meenakshi Srinivasan
Sarah Cockrum*	Jennifer Larese*	Jeffrey Taub
Eric Daniel*	Kerri Ann Law	Neil Tucker
Jennifer Raiola Danzo	Jennifer Liu	Michelle Velasco
Darina Delappe	Jerome Ma	Charles Warren
Michelle Duarte	Izabel McDonald	Harold Weinberger
Benjamin Edlin	Seth Merl*	Benu Wells
Zoe Essner*	Kevin Moss	Joshua Winefsky
Toni Finger	Jay Neveloff	Christian Witzke

Honorable Mention for Exceptional Dedication to Pro Bono

Ashley Bazzarone*	Michael Feuer	Erica Huttunen	Melanie Peterson	Claire Saintil
Brian Boyle	Evelyn Gomez	Samantha Lia	Mat Rosswood	Michael Santiago
Mary Christie	Zandaly Guzman	Amanda Lynam	Rachel Roth	Lauren Tapper
Tatiana Cios	Lucille Hollenstein	Julio Mateo	Giselle Sabala	Ouriana Walker
Ines Dominguez				

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