

Alumni News

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Kramer Levin Welcomes Abraham Reshtick



Kramer Levin is pleased to announce that **Abraham (Avi) Reshtick** has joined the firm as a partner in the Tax department and a co-chair of the firm's Israel practice. Avi advises strategic businesses, private equity and venture capital funds, and their portfolio companies in strategizing, structuring and negotiating domestic and cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, tax-free spin-offs, leveraged buyouts, joint ventures and other strategic combinations, as well as debt financing, capital markets transactions and financial restructurings.

Welcome to Our Summer Associates!

In May, we launched our virtual 2021 Summer Associate Program! We are so pleased to welcome another excellent class of 19 law students. Be sure to check out our social media campaign, covering all the events and profiles on our summers!

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Celebrating Pride

At Kramer Levin, Pride is not just one month of the year. Since our earliest days, Pride has been about action: ongoing, front-line work to drive real, systemic change. This Pride Month, we reflected on some of the groundbreaking work and cases we're proud to have been and continue to be a part of in the fight for equality, from our role in helping launch Gay Men's Health Crisis in 1981 to our role in the fight for marriage equality on the state and national levels.

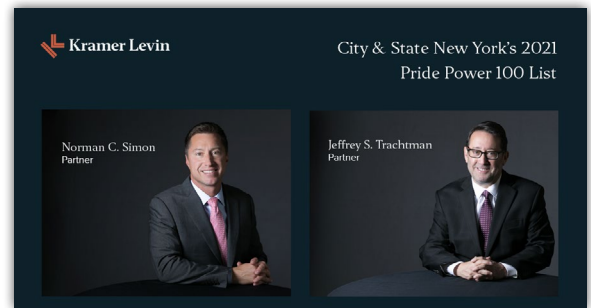
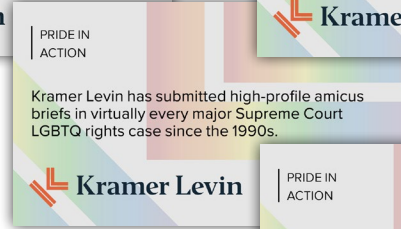
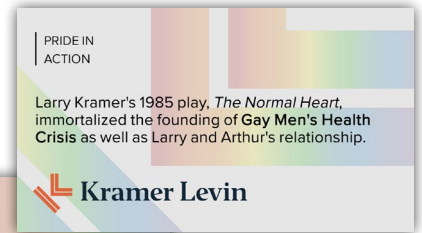
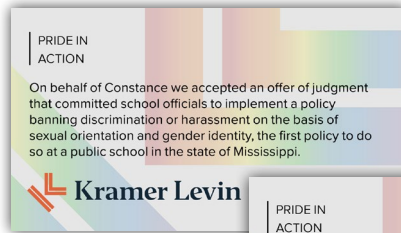
As part of our celebration of Pride Month and in connection with the firm's Racial Justice Initiative, we hosted a panel discussion regarding *Immigration Equality v. DHS*.

Co-counseling with Lambda Legal and Immigration Equality and representing the TransLatin@ Coalition and the Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant Project (among other fantastic organizations), Kramer Levin obtained a preliminary injunction blocking the outgoing Trump administration's changes to the asylum rules, just three days before they were scheduled to go into effect.

Read more about the "Death to Asylum Rule" and our all-star lineup of panelists who shared behind-the-scenes insights into the development of the winning legal strategy.

We also joined Johnson & Johnson and Immigration Equality for a virtual pro bono clinic to assist LGBTQ and HIV-positive individuals in filing for asylum. Worldwide, individuals face violence, prison time or the death penalty due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. During the clinic, teams assisted pro se applicants in preparing applications for asylum.

Thank you to the Johnson & Johnson, Immigration Equality and Kramer Levin attorneys who gave their time for this important clinic!



Keep Us Updated!

We would love to celebrate your milestones — from honors and accolades to new jobs and promotions, engagements and weddings to baby news! If you would like your news to be included in an upcoming issue, please send your updates to alumni@kramerlevin.com.

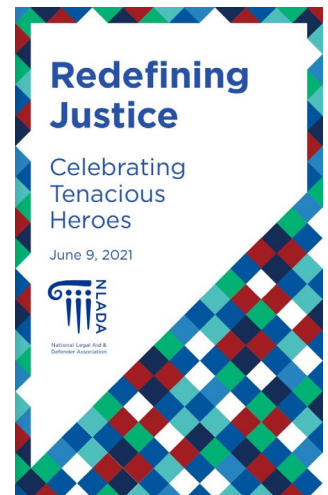
Kramer Levin Racial Justice Initiative

This year we celebrate the anniversary of Kramer Levin's formation of the Racial Justice Initiative, which was established in response to and in support of the clear and continued outcry for racial and social justice. This important initiative, which is led by our Pro Bono Committee, pursues pro bono opportunities focused on opposing racial injustice and inequality, including through criminal justice reform, which has been a long-standing focus of our pro bono work. We remain committed to supporting actions that can effect real change.

Because of our efforts to support communities of color through pro bono projects, Kramer Levin was named one of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association's (NLADA) 2021 Beacon of Justice Award recipients in recognition of the firm's pro bono work to address systemic racial disparities in 2020.

This award and our continued work in this area highlight Kramer Levin's commitment to right racial injustice and inequality, not only through our pro bono legal work but also through our commitment to various alliances and organizations that support communities of color. Over the past year, we took on a variety of projects with this mission in mind.

Keep an eye on your inbox next week for the summer edition of Kramer Levin's Pro Bono News to read more about these projects and other good work we are doing in our communities.



Community Matters: Coalition for the Homeless

At Kramer Levin, pro bono work and community service are integral parts of our culture. We are proud to present Community Matters, a series highlighting several nonprofit and community development initiatives for which we have provided assistance.

Our first spotlight was on Coalition for the Homeless (the Coalition). Through litigation, public education and direct services, the Coalition helps homeless men, women and children access affordable housing, sufficient food and the chance to work for a living wage.

[Read about](#) how we got involved and how we've been able to support the organization.



Cindy Arnold serves as chairperson of the board for the Coalition's [First Step Program](#).



"They play a significant role in monitoring how homeless folks are treated and making sure they have the services they need and that they are legally entitled to."

— *Barry Berke*



"Our commitment to the Coalition goes back to almost its inception. When [Kramer Levin founding partner] Lou Lowenstein was chairman of the Coalition, he wanted them to have a home, and he made that happen."

— *Michael Korotkin*



Reminders

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Alumni LinkedIn Group

It's the official [alumni network](#) for former Kramer Levin lawyers and staff to stay in touch with the firm, to connect with each other and to learn about professional development opportunities.



Be Well@KL Initiatives

Be Well@KL is a program designed to support the well-being (physical, emotional and financial) of our employees and their families. As part of the firm's ongoing commitment to raising awareness of and offering tools for overall wellness and mental health, the firm hosts regular programs focused on these areas. [Read more](#) about some of our recent programs.

Recent Awards/Recognitions



Kramer Levin achieved high marks in the **2021 Chambers Associates Survey**, including a ranking in the **top 10 for Pro Bono**. The firm also ranked highly for Quality of Life and was recognized as a Leading Firm for Associate Satisfaction and Career Development

Chambers USA 2021 has recognized **Kramer Levin** and its lawyers for excellence in a number of practice areas.



Legal 500 US 2021 has recognized **Kramer Levin** and its attorneys for excellence in a number of practice areas. Attorneys were recognized across 18 practice areas.



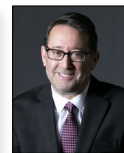
Kramer Levin has received an **Impact Case of the Year** award at the **Managing IP Awards 2021** for its successful representation of Centripetal Networks Inc. in its patent litigation case against Cisco Systems Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.



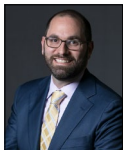
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Tax associate **Rita Celebrezze D'Souza** was among those recognized as a 2021 Dean's List: VOLS Pro Bono Star, presented by Volunteers of Legal Services at their 2021 New York, Together Awards.



Norm Simon and **Jeff Trachtman** Named to *City & State New York's* 2021 Pride Power 100.



Litigation special counsel **Jason M. Moff** was one of the honorees at the 2021 President's Pro Bono Service Awards, presented by the New York State Bar Association.



Law360 has named Intellectual Property partner **Hannah Lee** and Real Estate partner **Josh S. Winefsky** to its list of 2021 Rising Stars.



The *Daily Journal* named Intellectual Property partner **Paul Andre** to its list of Top Intellectual Property Lawyers for 2021.

CLE and Resource Training

Dana Bazelon Presentation on Misdemeanor Prosecution and Parole/Probation

Monday, July 26, 2021

1:00 pm ET/10:00 am PT

As part of Kramer Levin's Racial Justice Initiative, please join us for a CLE discussion with Dana Bazelon, senior policy counsel to Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. Dana will share insights on Larry Krasner's criminal justice reform initiatives, including in the areas of misdemeanor prosecution and diversion, probation, and parole. Along with Larry Krasner and the rest of his team, Dana was featured in the outstanding **PBS documentary Philly D.A.** View the [trailer](#).

Join the **webinar**.

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