

Pro bono legal services and community service are key components of the culture at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Our firm was built on a foundation of giving back, and we expect every attorney who joins our firm to support that commitment.

Through our pro bono work, Brownstein attorneys have touched the lives of myriad individuals and organizations who could not otherwise afford superior, quality legal representation. We participate in monthly low-income legal clinics. Our attorneys provide advice and counsel to more than 70 nonprofit partners in our communities. We advocate for abused and neglected children who are stuck in the morass of the foster care system, and children dealing with immigration issues. We represent victims of domestic violence to obtain personal protection orders. We fight to keep low-income children in schools by providing counsel at expulsion hearings. And we participate in large public interest and civil rights litigation matters with the potential to impact thousands.

Our lawyers and staff devoted more than 10,000 hours to pro bono work in 2013, 2014 and 2015. We are a signatory to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge. Our Denver office has pledged to commit an average of 50 pro bono hours per lawyer, per year to the Colorado Supreme Court. Brownstein's pro bono practice moves up every year on *The American Lawyer's* Top 200 pro bono rankings, surpassing many larger firms.

We are committed to sharing our resources and talent to improve our communities and the lives of others.

## **Our Commitment**

All Brownstein attorneys, including partners and associates, are expected to do pro bono work. The firm does not have a specific pro bono hours requirement but encourages all attorneys to complete at least 50 pro bono hours per year. Our associates automatically receive credit toward their billable hours for up to 100 pro bono hours per year.

Pro bono service at Brownstein starts with our summer associates, who work on at least one pro bono project during their time at the firm. New associates are offered formal training sessions through pro bono providers and in-house training sessions on specific pro bono initiatives. Our first-year associates perform 200 pro bono hours as a component of our apprentice program. All training time on pro bono matters counts toward an associate's pro bono hours.

Pro bono opportunities are carefully aligned with both the firm's areas of focus and our employees' desire to make a significant positive impact on the communities where they live and work.

## **Pro Bono Committee Members**

- Farbes, Jr., Hubert A. - chair
- Ament, Nicole R.
- Berger, Gregory W.
- Burris, Eric R.
- De Felice, Diane C.
- Loveland, Bryce C.
- Maguire, Douglas M.
- Steinfeld, Amy M.
- Stork, Kristin
- Waterman, Ryan

## **Recognition**

- *The American Lawyer's* Top 200 Pro Bono Law Firms  
Ranked 76: 2015

Ranked 80: 2014

Ranked 101: 2013

- Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Challenge

Signatory law firm: 2014

- ABA Military Pro Bono Project

Outstanding Services Award: 2012

**Denver:**

- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

Pro Bono Service Award: May 2014

- Colorado Lawyers Committee

Law Firm of the Year Award: 2016, 2013

Law Firm of the Year Nominee: 2010, 2011,  
2012, 2013

Legal Night Clinic Above and Beyond Award: 2011

Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award: Larry Treece, 2012

- Colorado Supreme Court

Achieved 50 hours per attorney commitment: 2011-2015

- *The Denver Bar Association Docket* features pro bono work by Lauren Schmidt

"Pro Bono Spotlight: Group Connects Transactional Attorneys with Pro Bono Projects," April 2013

- Colorado Lawyers Committee Legal Night Clinic

Above and Beyond Award: 2011

**Santa Barbara:**

- Santa Barbara County Bar Association

Frank Crandell Community Service Award: 2013

- Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County

Philanthropist of the Year Award: 2013

**Las Vegas:**

- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award: 2014

Brownstein honored for contributions to the Children's Attorney Project:

2010, 2011

- *The ABA Journal* features pro bono work by Kate Lowenhar-Fisher

"Working for free: Lawyers incorporating pro bono into their lives talk about its  
rewards, challenges," February 2013

