



PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our lawyers devote many hundreds of hours to pro bono and community activities, donating their time and talent to individuals and groups who need legal representation. While individual bios show the complete list, examples of lawyer contributions are listed below.

Board of Ambassadors, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, a national organization dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. [Sarah Marmor](#)

Board Member, Chicago Bar Foundation, one of the country's leading bar foundations, whose mission is to ensure that everyone in the Chicago area has equal access to justice, particularly the low-income and disadvantaged people who most critically need the protections of the legal system. [Stephanie Scharf](#)

Commissioner, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, an ABA presidential appointment to the organization-wide commission focused on women in the legal and justice systems and securing equal opportunity to advance professionally. [Stephanie Scharf](#)

Represented Chicago Humanities Festival. Negotiated, drafted, advised client regarding copyright license agreements and commissioned works agreements relative to annual Children's Humanities Festival. [Jamal Edwards](#)

Represented Howard Brown Health Center, a leading Midwest provider of healthcare and research services in a variety of matters, including outsourcing, billing disputes, an acquisition of another nonprofit, and a successfully defended against a federal investigation by the U.S. Office of Inspector General regarding mismanagement of over \$3M in federal grants by former executive administration, which was favorably resolved for less than 1/3 of total damages (without penalties) after a voluntarily disclosure of results from internal investigation. [Jamal Edwards](#)

Represent plaintiff prisoner in pending Section 1983/Eighth Amendment lawsuit against prison physicians, by appointment of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. [George Sax](#)

Served as court-appointed counsel for John L. Junious, a victim of police brutality and unfair incarceration conditions against Cook County and Chicago Police officials. [Jamal Edwards](#)

Pro bono General Counsel for Keep Chicago Beautiful, a 501(c)(3) organizations devoted to environmental education and awareness. [Theodore Banks](#)

Provided legal triage to low income Cook County residents with landlord/tenant, domestic, and consumer issues through CARPLS legal aid hotline. [Deirdre Fox](#)

Pro bono defense of criminal defendants facing charges of murder, attempted murder and other felonies, with successful jury trials in the Circuit Court of Cook County. [Stephanie Scharf](#)

Pro bono General Counsel for Rebecca's Dream, including preparation of organizing documents and filing for 501(c)(3) qualification with the IRS, an organization devoted to promoting awareness and compassionate understanding of depression and bipolar disorder. [Theodore Banks](#)

Associate Director, "Capitalism and the Importance of Trust," sponsored by Yale University Law School and the Columbia University Center on Corporate Governance. [Sarah Marmor](#)

Board of Directors, *Tree House Animal Foundation, Inc.*, Chicago, Illinois, a humane organization that educates the public about proper and responsible animal care with a focus on the care and placement of animals with special physical and emotional needs. [Marilyn Chimes](#)

Former President, NAWL Foundation, the leading foundation for innovative research and education about women in law with a focus on analyzing the status of women and the factors that impact the advancement of women in the profession; and former President, NAWL (National Association of Women Lawyers). [Stephanie Scharf](#)

Board of Directors, *Lawyers for the Creative Arts*, an organization providing pro bono legal assistance to financially eligible clients in all areas of the arts – the visual, performing, entertainment, literary, arts education and more. [Sarah Marmor](#)

Represented Ray Smith, a South Carolina prisoner in his appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, seeking review of the district court's summary dismissal of his Section 1983 claim for failure to state a claim against the state prison system. Despite hand-written *pro se* record below, received a unanimous published decision reversing dismissal and remanding case for reinstatement. Also received public acknowledgement from the bench for excellent oral argument against experienced state assistant attorney general. To learn more about the case, [click here](#). [Jamal Edwards](#)