

Pro Bono at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP - Bending the Arc

At Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, the commitment to providing pro bono services has been a tradition since its founding in 1901 and remains a core value today. The pro bono projects tackled by the firm often involve cutting edge legal issues resulting in the creation of new policies and laws, and changes to individual lives. Whether it's maintaining a neighborhood office solely dedicated to pro bono work, employing full-time pro bono fellowships for lawyers interested in seeking positions in public service, or providing free legal services to legal aid clients or immigrants seeking asylum from persecution, the firm has proven its dedication to pro bono service and standing as one of the leading firms doing pro bono work.

Our Track Record

52,224

total pro bono
hours in FY23

30

years of
meeting or
exceeding the
PBI Challenge

(to donate 3%
or more of firm
billable hours to
pro bono clients)

14

consecutive
years of

100%

pro bono
participation
for full-time
US lawyers

1,347

total pro bono
matters in FY23

Pro Bono Fellowship Partners

HOUSTON Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL)

NEW YORK Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and
Legal Aid Society of New York (LASNY)

RICHMOND Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS)
and the firm's Church Hill Neighborhood Office

Neighborhood Office

The Hunton Andrews Kurth Church Hill neighborhood pro bono office is central to the firm's pro bono program. In June 1990, Hunton Andrews Kurth established a satellite office in Richmond's historic Church Hill neighborhood to provide pro bono services to financially limited persons. For a modest fee, which the firm donates to charity, the Church Hill office offers legal services in the following subject areas: family law (uncontested divorce, adoptions, name changes), housing and real estate (landlord-tenant and housing issues), and guardianships. The office also handles (without fee) uncontested divorces for clients of various legal aid agencies across the state of Virginia.

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National Legal Aid &
Defender Association (NLADA)

Beacon of Justice Honoree

(2022)

Recipient of Bloomberg's Inaugural
Pro Bono Innovator Award

(2022)

National Law Journal ESG and
Community Impact Leader


(formerly known as the Pro Bono Hot List)


(2022)

Ranked **#22** for Vault's
2023 Best Law Firms for Pro Bono


Ranked **#44** on AmLaw's
Pro Bono Scorecard


By the numbers

 **15,159** hours for racial equity matters


 **9,806** hours for survivors of abuse


 **8,229** hours for assisting non-profit organizations


 **8,028** hours for immigration matters

 **6,798** hours for assisting children

 **5,692** hours for clients with disabilities

 **4,926** hours for family law matters


 **4,519** hours for veterans matters

 **4,379** hours for prisoners matters


 **3,471** hours for housing matters

 **1,307** hours for assisting small businesses

 **818** hours for LGBTQ+ advocacy

 **456** hours for voting rights matters

 **412** hours for elderly clients

 **343** hours for animal rights

CLIENT PARTNERSHIPS

National Veterans Legal Services Program with Capital One and MFA Financial

Hunton Andrews Kurth attorneys have partnered with Capital One and MFA Financial on direct representation Combat-Related Special Compensation matters. Jamie Isani (Miami) worked on a Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) matter in partnership with Capital One. The veteran, an Army Special Forces Engineer Sergeant, was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for his bravery in combat in Afghanistan. He suffered traumatic brain injury with PTSD, migraines and retinal detachment as a result of numerous training incidents and extensive exposure to blasts in combat theaters. He also suffered rhinitis, a condition that is presumptively service-connected due to burn pit exposure in the Gulf War. Jamie and the Capital One attorney worked together to interview the client, draft portions of the legal brief and prepare the factual record from military and medical records, ultimately obtaining an award of CRSC for all of the conditions the veteran was seeking. Brian Otero (New York) and Patrick Macher (Charlotte) also are partnering with a lawyer from MFA Financial to assist a veteran on a Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) matter

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project Screening Committee with Corporate Clients

This past fiscal year, Hunton Andrews Kurth volunteers dedicated over 1,300 hours to reading and screening files from prisoners who are seeking assistance from the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project (MAIP). Volunteers also partnered with corporate clients to review cases.

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and CarMax

Mike Goldman (Richmond) and Claire Frost (CarMax) co-chaired an Eviction Expungement Pilot through Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS). Through a new law passed in 2022, many Virginia tenants are eligible for expungement of their eviction records if the suit was dismissed/nonsuited. In November 2022, Mike, Claire and Christina Edwards (Richmond) filed 46 expungement petitions on behalf of 16 clients. The law requires that the records be expunged upon receiving the petition, so with just a few hours of work, the team enabled the tenants to position themselves for better housing opportunities in the future.

Legal Lines with bp

Lawyers from the firm's Houston office partnered with bp to sponsor a LegalLine lunch event through Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL). LegalLine is a weekly opportunity for individuals seeking civil legal help to receive legal advice from pro bono attorneys. Thirty lawyers between the two organizations worked in pairs to assist 2-3 pro bono clients per team.

GRBF Wills Clinic with AUB

Tara Elgie (Dallas), Sandy Collins and Jess Tobin (Richmond) partnered with lawyers from Atlantic Union Bank and law students from the University of Richmond School of Law to volunteer at a Wills Clinic that the firm sponsored through the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation. Through the clinic, volunteers assisted low-income individuals with basic life planning documents, such as a basic will, Power of Attorney and/or Advance Medical Directives.

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