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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—*Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken*

DEDICATION

THE 2015 PRO BONO REPORT IS DEDICATED TO

A. NICOLE FRIANT STEWART



Nicole served as Duane Morris' Pro Bono Counsel from 2005 to 2014, before leaving the Firm to pursue a lifelong dream of organic farming. But, Nicole's green thumb was evident long before her departure. As Pro Bono Counsel, she cultivated the Firm's pro bono program from a sapling to a blossoming tree. Under her leadership, the program was fully embraced by both partners and associates. Policies were instituted to give billable hour credit for pro bono

work, as well as to train associates on how to use pro bono for professional development. Client-firm partnerships were encouraged and the annual Duane Morris Pro Bono Award was established. With her endless care and creativity, the pro bono program took root in far-flung offices, including Singapore, San Francisco, Houston and Miami, where it continues to flourish today.

While managing the Firm's global pro bono program, Nicole maintained a significant caseload of pro bono clients and community service projects. She represented countless children in dependency, adoption and other family court matters through the Support Center for Child Advocates and tirelessly co-chaired the Firm's City Year sponsorship. We dedicate this report to her, and with our highest gratitude and praise, we thank her for her service.

A LETTER TO OUR READERS



STRENGTH THROUGH SERVICE, OUR 2015 PRO BONO REPORT, PRESENTS STORIES OF SURVIVAL, PERSEVERANCE, DEDICATION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRIUMPH.

We are proud of the thousands of pro bono hours of legal service donated by Duane Morris attorneys and of the against-all-odds accomplishments of our clients. Our representation of often-marginalized groups, such as survivors of trafficking and domestic violence, has made us a stronger and more compassionate Firm. Working with immigrant children fleeing violence in Central America has reminded us of the freedom and security we often take for granted and reinvigorated our commitment to the

Rule of Law. Representing community-based organizations has strengthened the communities where we live and practice and expanded our networks. And for our highest calling, serving those who served us first, we are grateful for the opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of our veterans with a small token of appreciation in the form of assisting them with disability appeals, discharge upgrades and general civil legal matters.

Pro bono service has been an integral part of Firm culture and a backbone of our value system since the Firm's founding more than 110 years ago. Today, the Firm gives all associates and special counsel 100 hours of credit annually and partners 50 hours of billable credit annually for their pro bono service. We have signed on to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, striving to provide at least 3 percent of the Firm's billable hours to pro bono matters. We also provide extensive pro bono service in all 20 of our U.S. offices and many of our international offices, including London, Singapore and Myanmar. We have a dedicated three-person pro bono team that is responsible for recruiting pro bono opportunities and managing more than 500 matters, which range from U.S. Supreme Court amicus briefs and federal litigation, to local landlord tenant court and citizenship applications. This year, we added a social worker to the management team to help with unique program development and community outreach.

We are pleased to present this report and encourage you to contact us if you have questions or ideas for new initiatives. We are especially interested in developing more pro bono collaborations with our corporate and institutional clients and finding new and creative ways to serve the needs of our communities. We look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John J. Soroko in black ink.

JOHN J. SOROKO
*Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer*

Handwritten signature of Valentine A. Brown in black ink.

VALENTINE A. BROWN
Pro Bono Partner

THE PRO BONO TEAM



KATHARYN CHRISTIAN MCGEE
ASSOCIATE PRO BONO COUNSEL



VALENTINE BROWN
PRO BONO PARTNER



KATHERINE OBENSCHAIN
PRO BONO COORDINATOR

The Duane Morris Pro Bono Committee, composed of attorneys, paralegals and staff, leads the Firm's pro bono efforts. Committee members serve as local pro bono coordinators in their respective offices and communities. Each month, the Committee discusses new opportunities and initiatives, makes recommendations for organizational improvements, works with Practice Group Chairs to incorporate pro bono service into associates' professional development and ensures that pro bono is an integral part of Duane Morris' legal services. The Committee also regularly evaluates the Firm's pro bono efforts to ensure our resources are used to achieve tangible results.

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"Duane Morris is an invaluable partner to Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding. We are incredibly grateful for their leadership and work on legal issues, good advice on best practices and commitment to our mission to advance peacebuilding leadership globally. We appreciate all that Duane Morris provides to our organization!"

—ANA CUTTER PATEL
Executive Director, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding

2015 DUANE MORRIS PRO BONO AWARD



KENNETH FRANKLIN, ASSOCIATE

ATLANTA OFFICE

The Duane Morris Pro Bono Award honors the outstanding service of an attorney or group that exemplifies Duane Morris' commitment to pro bono service and has made a significant impact on an individual or community. The recipient may select a local legal services organization to which the Firm will make a \$5,000 charitable donation to support its efforts.

KENNETH FRANKLIN (Atlanta) received the 2015 Award for his representation of more than 30 survivors of intimate partner violence over the last three years. Ken represented abused and neglected children, as well as women whose lives were threatened by their partners. As a result of his advocacy, Ken secured additional pro bono representation for survivors in subsequent civil legal matters. Leading the Firm's efforts through the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Safe Families Office / Domestic Violence program, Ken not only provided valuable aid, but also encouraged and supported many other attorneys in the Atlanta community, thereby positively impacting the lives of significantly more survivors.

2015 DUANE MORRIS PRO BONO LEADERSHIP AWARD



CHRISTOPHER SORIANO, PARTNER

CHERRY HILL OFFICE

The Duane Morris Pro Bono Leadership Award is given to an attorney who exemplifies the spirit of pro bono: a selfless, longstanding and unwavering commitment to pro bono service; a leader by example, who accepts pro bono matters without fanfare; and a pro bono contributor who encourages and mentors other Firm attorneys in pro bono service.

CHRISTOPHER SORIANO (Cherry Hill) received the inaugural Leadership Award in recognition of his pro bono service, consistently contributing more than 100 hours annually throughout his career at Duane Morris. In one example, Chris represents the parents of a young, disabled student to guarantee the parents' meaningful participation in developing the student's education plan, as well as ensuring the student is afforded appropriate education in light of her abilities. An ongoing matter for many years, Chris, with assistance from VINCENT NOLAN (Cherry Hill), advocated for the family in various tribunals, including obtaining a precedent setting Third Circuit victory securing protection of the parents' rights. Chris additionally mentors colleagues in New Jersey court appointment parole revocation cases.

PRO BONO ACCOLADES

TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER



PHILLIP CHONG (Baltimore) was honored with the organization's 2015 Maryland Volunteer Attorney of the Year Award for his selfless service to immigrant women and girls fleeing extreme gender-based violence in the United States.

SENIOR PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE OF THE BOSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

TONY MARTIN (Boston) was honored with the 2015 Meg Connolly MVP Award for aiding a grandfather



seeking visitation with his disabled granddaughter before the Massachusetts Court of Appeals. Tony's advocacy clarified the definition of an interested

party in guardianship actions under the Uniform Probate Code and set precedent in states adopting the Code.

ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE - LOS ANGELES

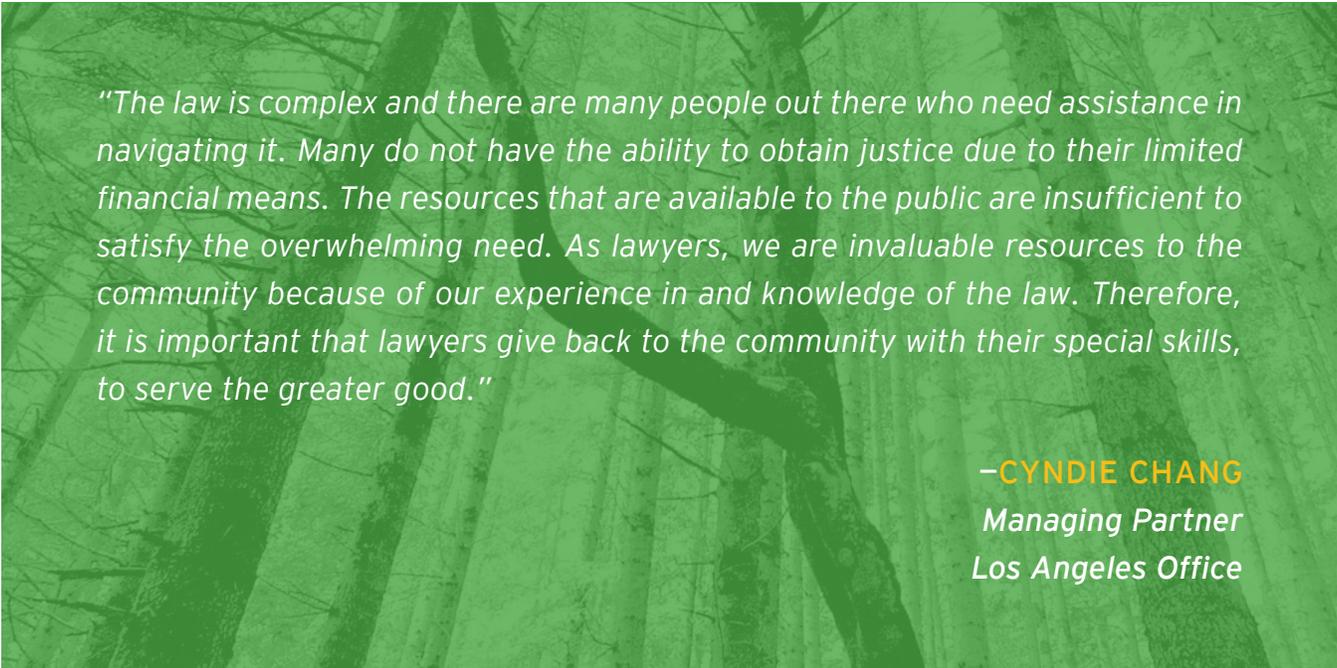
Duane Morris was honored with a 2014 Pro Bono Service Award by the nation's largest legal services and civil rights organization focused on serving, empowering and advocating on behalf of the Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

The Award recognized the Firm's multi-office and cross-practice pro bono effort to perform a constitutional analysis of a proposed City of Monterey Park, California, ordinance that sought to require the use of the modern Latin alphabet (*i.e.*, English) on business and commercial signs. The ordinance initially divided the city and would have had a disparate effect on certain Asian businesses in the historically immigrant community. The team's analysis that the ordinance was unconstitutional, along with subsequent public backlash, pushed legislators to allow the bill to "die." The organization commended the Firm for its "critical pro bono support" and for being "an example of how the nonprofit and private sectors can work together in support of equality in creative and meaningful ways."

To show its gratitude, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles held a harmony celebration to thank Duane Morris and other collaborators for their assistance. The representation was led by **CYNDIE CHANG**, Managing Partner of the Los Angeles office, **PAUL KILLION** and **EJ KIM**, both of the San Francisco office, and **WAYNE MACK** and **MEREDITH CARPENTER**, both of the Philadelphia office.

"Latinos—both long-standing citizens and new immigrant populations—are changing the landscape in communities throughout the country. With these changes come new challenges to basic civil and human rights. . . . The impact of . . . rejecting a racketeering argument against a landlord renting to immigrants in the Plainfield, New Jersey, case is monumental."

—JUAN CARTAGENA
President and General Counsel
LatinoJustice PRLDEF



“The law is complex and there are many people out there who need assistance in navigating it. Many do not have the ability to obtain justice due to their limited financial means. The resources that are available to the public are insufficient to satisfy the overwhelming need. As lawyers, we are invaluable resources to the community because of our experience in and knowledge of the law. Therefore, it is important that lawyers give back to the community with their special skills, to serve the greater good.”

—CYNDIE CHANG
Managing Partner
Los Angeles Office

PHILADELPHIA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS

JIM HOLMAN (Philadelphia) was named the 2014 Volunteer of the Year for his nearly 25 years of pro bono service to PVLA and the metropolitan arts community. Since 1991, Jim has represented artists and arts institutions in a wide variety of business and related matters.

ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION

KENNETH FRANKLIN (Atlanta) was honored with the AVLF 2014 Domestic Violence Project Volunteer of the Year Award. Kenneth has represented over two dozen survivors in the past two years in various civil legal matters, as well as organized trainings to prepare other volunteers to represent additional survivors.

TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT

MICHAEL E. CLARK (Houston) was recognized with a 2014 Kristi Couvillon Pro Bono Award for his commitment to pro bono service. Michael represented a young woman whose privacy rights were violated when she was outed by her teachers without her consent. His work led to a change in policies and training on LGBT nondiscrimination, privacy and bullying for more than 500 educators.

NEW YORK STATE COURTS ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM

RESHMA SHAH (New York) and **KEVIN POTERE (New York)** were awarded the program's Pro Bono Award for their outstanding work and dedicated service in the New York City Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program.

VETERANS



Duane Morris recognizes the sacrifices that service members have made for the United States and is committed to helping them solve significant problems that arise in their lives as a result of their service. As such, we are committed to assisting veterans and their families with disability benefits appeals, discharge upgrades, homelessness prevention and many other civil legal needs. Our attorneys also regularly represent organizations dedicated to empowering military service members, veterans and veteran-owned small businesses.

APPEALING TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

More than one-third of the 3,500 appeals received by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) are filed by pro se veterans. Duane Morris works with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program to provide representation to pro se litigants during appellate proceedings before the CAVC. It is an honor to ensure these veterans are represented before the CAVC. Many wait years to receive a final decision on their claims.

One such client was an 89-year-old World War II veteran who suffered bilateral hearing loss as a result of his Pacific Theater service in the Navy. While stationed on the U.S.S. Wasp, he was subjected to significant noise levels from anti-aircraft weapons. Following his service, he received a Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance of his duties, yet was denied a proper disability rating when he tried to increase his benefits as a result of hearing loss in both ears. Duane Morris attorneys represented him during his appeal, presenting one of only 14 oral arguments granted by the CAVC during 2014. The appeal was then referred for en banc review due to several precedential issues.

TEAMING UP WITH THE NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Since 1980, the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) has worked to ensure the U.S. government keeps its commitments to our nation's

25 million veterans. The organization recruits, trains and assists volunteer lawyers who take on veterans cases. Our attorneys work with NVLSP to obtain well-deserved combat-related special compensation and other benefits for veterans caught up in the complex Veterans Administration process.

One of our clients, a retired U.S. Army Sergeant who served two tours of duty in Vietnam and Afghanistan, literally was blown out of his cot one night while serving in Afghanistan. As the result of the rocket attack, he suffered substantial head trauma. He was also struck by a truck, leaving him with additional head injuries. Ultimately, among his combat-related injuries, the veteran suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, partial hearing loss, ongoing headaches and constant ringing in his ears. Duane Morris attorneys presented a successful application for combat-related special compensation and were able to obtain retroactive and future monthly compensation for his injuries.

"This could not have come at a better time, as we have been living on plastic for a few months. I am floored and overwhelmed. We can now pay off our debts and have a small cushion. Thank you so very much for your service to us. Very big hugs and gratefulness!"

—VETERAN CLIENT

UPGRADING DISCHARGES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE VETERANS

In New York, the Urban Justice Center's Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) is tackling one of the most controversial areas of veterans law: discharge upgrades. Receipt of a less than fully honorable discharge is stigmatizing and will prevent service members' access to healthcare, mental health services, disability benefits and educational and employment opportunities. Duane Morris attorneys represent veterans in these delicate cases to upgrade their discharge statuses, obtain access to healthcare or restore benefits, as well as help them return to treatment, college and gainful employment.

This area of advocacy is growing rapidly as the number of less than fully honorable discharges related to post-traumatic stress (PTS) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) increase. Research shows the number of misconduct charges reflects the number of service members injured in combat, and with the ongoing downsizing of the military, scores of service members with undiagnosed and untreated PTS are likely to be discharged less than fully honorable.

HELPING THOSE WHO HELP OUR VETERANS

Trademark Licensing: Duane Morris attorneys in our Intellectual Property Practice Group negotiated a favorable trademark licensing deal with the United States Marine Corps on behalf of MarineParents.com, a group founded in 2003 to support Marines and their families. The group provides information and counseling to parents of new recruits, opportunities to connect and support each other during deployments, meals to wounded Marines and their families, and care packages to combat deployed Marines.

Amicus Brief Representation: The Duane Morris Appellate Practice Group drafted amicus briefs in two recent cases, one currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court. The case involves an unfavorable interpretation by the Veterans Administration regarding federal contracts set-asides for veteran-owned small businesses. In the other case, a Harvard-led consortium of law school veterans legal clinics, law school professors and veteran legal aid organizations won a determination that they were eligible for Equal Access to Justice Act legal fees in cases they litigated and won.



SECOND ACT: FORMER TRIAL PRACTICE GROUP CHAIR DEDICATES RETIREMENT TO REPRESENTING VETERANS

REEDER FOX (Philadelphia) assisted a veteran who suffered a serious foot injury that developed into metatarsalgia, a painful inflammation in the ball of the foot. A common overuse injury, metatarsalgia is often considered a symptom rather than a specific disease or injury. As a result, the veteran had been turned down multiple times by the VA and determined to have zero disability.

Undeterred, Reeder appealed the veteran's claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals, successfully advocated that the matter be remanded for examination by the VA, and advocated with a VA podiatrist that the injury was a disability. Ultimately, the VA awarded the veteran more than \$50,000 in back benefits and continuing benefits for the remainder of the veteran's life. The Board's disability finding proved a meaningful vindication for the veteran and the monthly benefit payments will significantly improve the veteran's daily life.

A veteran himself and former chair of the Firm's Trial Practice Group and Firm Executive Committee Member, Reeder has dedicated his retirement to representing veterans, among other pro bono matters.



“We are profoundly grateful to Duane Morris for its extraordinary work on behalf of a coalition of veterans legal clinics and pro bono legal service programs. The [U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans] not only commended the coalition for its work, but noted the persuasiveness of Duane Morris’ brief [in a case]. We thank Duane Morris for its vital contributions to this important cause—and for its ongoing commitment to the veterans community.”

—DANIEL NAGIN

*Vice Dean for Experiential and Clinical Education, Faculty Director
Legal Services Center & Veterans Legal Clinic, Harvard Law School*

SURVIVORS



Duane Morris salutes the indomitable human spirit with pro bono work that recognizes the need for second chances, new beginnings and clean slates. Our attorneys provide thousands of hours of pro bono service to survivors of gang and political violence, human trafficking, domestic violence and to those who have been wrongfully convicted. We are humbled and awed by the strength of our clients and the depth of their accomplishments, in spite of daunting circumstances.

A NEW LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR AN OUTSPOKEN IRAQI JOURNALIST

Duane Morris attorneys in our Immigration and Trial Practice Groups successfully secured asylum for a young Iraqi journalist who worked for the Associated Press. He was a regular blogger in Iraq and often wrote articles criticizing the Iraqi government. While in Iraq, he was beaten, received death threats and survived an attempted murder attack by government operatives wielding semi-automatic rifles and hand grenades. Miraculously, our client was not injured. With political asylum, he will be able to seek lawful permanent residence and eventually U.S. citizenship, thereby securing his safety and that of his family for generations to come. He recently obtained his bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, and is considering graduate school.

ILLINOIS SURVIVOR BECOMES NATIONAL LEADER

Trafficked, beaten and subject to unimaginable emotional abuse for more than 20 years, our client escaped in 1997 and dedicated her life to helping others escape similar circumstances. She founded the Dreamcatcher Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving Chicago girls impacted by the sex trade, worked with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to provide desperately needed services to trafficked girls and women and won numerous awards for her work. Nevertheless, our client's prostitution convictions kept her from achieving further goals, including becoming an adoptive parent, working with at-risk youth and opening a crisis center for her organization.

Working in conjunction with the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), Duane Morris attorneys assisted the client in expunging her criminal convictions under the Illinois Justice for Victims of Sex

Crimes Trafficking Act. The Act allows state courts to vacate prostitution-related convictions if the petitioner can show they were a victim of trafficking at the time of the conviction.

MAN FREED 40 YEARS AFTER WRONGFUL CONVICTION

Duane Morris obtained the release of Clarence R. Davis after he served 40 years of a life sentence. Davis was sent to prison in 1971 after being convicted of first-degree murder. Acting on evidence of prosecutorial misconduct at the original trial, Duane Morris negotiated for Davis' release after a guilty plea to a lesser charge. Davis thus avoided a new trial and was freed the day after the court hearing. While incarcerated, Davis was an exemplary inmate, earning a bachelor's degree and two associate's degrees, in addition to tutoring illiterate prisoners, serving as a peer educator, and aiding in various prison groups and charitable drives to raise funds for social services entities.

EXPANDING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Collaborating with the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), Duane Morris attorneys helped expand the types of convictions that may be vacated under Illinois' Justice for Victims of Sex Trafficking Crimes Act. In addition to successfully vacating prostitution convictions relating to our client's trafficking, Duane Morris attorneys argued that the Act should be construed to permit vacatur of other convictions that were the direct result of a survivor's trafficking. In doing so, Duane Morris attorneys helped set a precedent in Illinois, which will aid many more survivors to vacate convictions from their criminal records wherein they really were the victim, not the criminal.

COLLABORATING TO EDUCATE AND PREVENT CHILD EXPLOITATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

It is estimated that 200,000 to 300,000 U.S. adolescents annually are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation or sex trafficking. The average age at which children are targeted by traffickers is 12-14 years old. As a result, mentoring, education and support are key, both for youth and adults. Duane Morris' New York office teams up with Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS), which helps hundreds of domestically trafficked girls and women flee their traffickers and develop their full potential. Our attorneys represent survivors in motions to vacate prostitution-related criminal convictions, lead know-your-rights workshops, host civil legal clinics and provide legal counseling and representation to survivors concerning the myriad of civil legal issues they confront. Among other measures, the New York Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act provides specialized services for survivors recognizing their status as victims of crime and the unique traumas they face. The law also permits the vacatur of prostitution-related convictions that are the result of survivors' trafficking, thus affording survivors lives unencumbered by criminal records.

Cross-office, cross-practice pro bono efforts, with teams in Duane Morris' Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Boca Raton and Miami offices, also aid domestically trafficked girls and women in their communities.

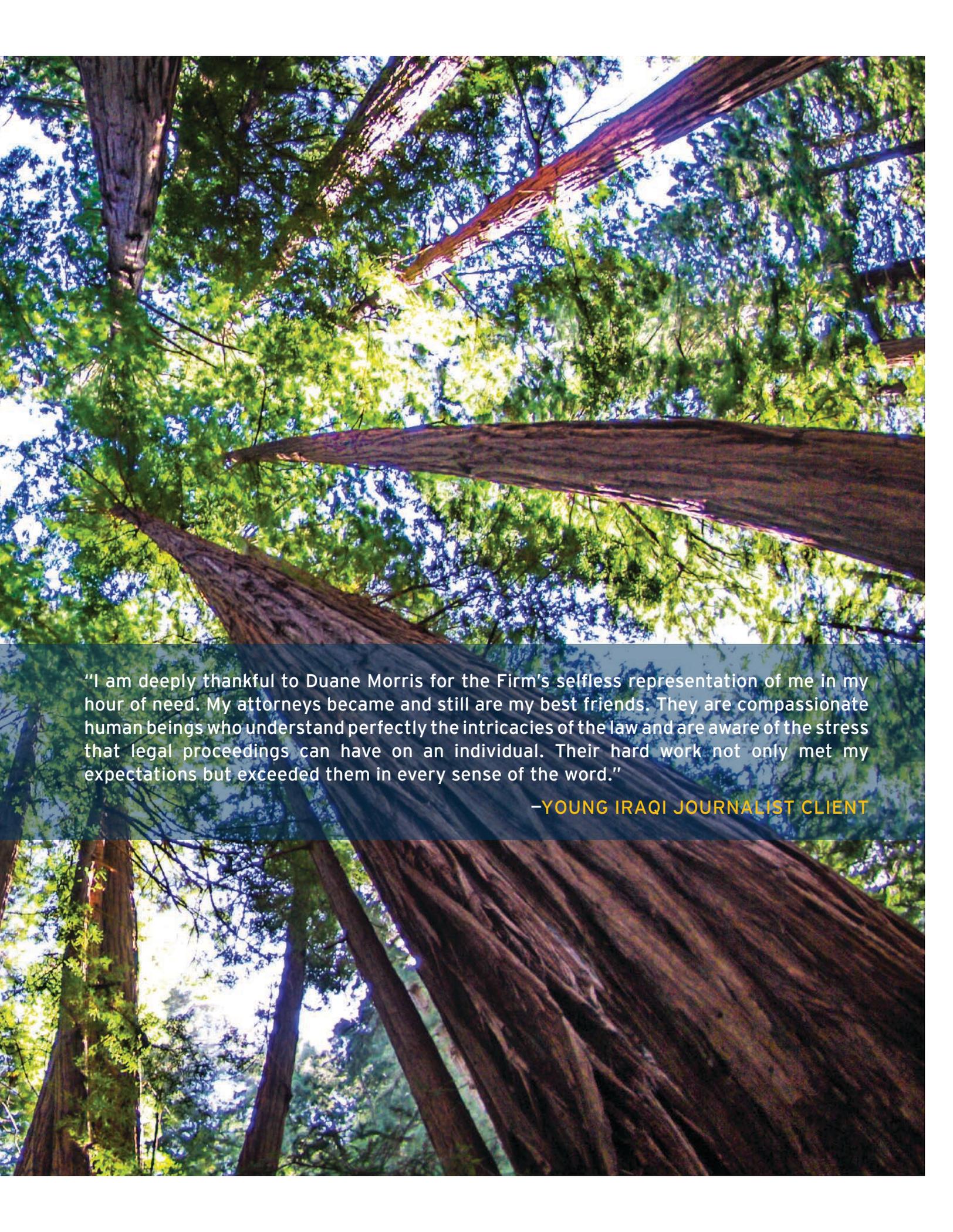


HAITIAN SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GETS A GREEN CARD

Duane Morris attorneys in Philadelphia obtained lawful permanent residency on behalf of a client who immigrated to the United States from Haiti to marry her U.S. citizen fiancé. Shortly after getting married, the client's husband became violent and emotionally abusive toward her. During our representation, we learned that the U.S. citizen spouse had a history of abuse: he previously helped another woman immigrate to the U.S., only to abuse her, and like our client, she secured legal permanent residence through the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. As a result of the team's efforts, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) flagged the abuser's name in its systems so that he would be subject to stricter scrutiny before being approved to sponsor visas for any future fiancées.

SURVIVOR OF GUN VIOLENCE GETS U.S. CITIZENSHIP

After being paralyzed in a shooting at the age of 18, our client, a citizen of Jamaica and longtime lawful permanent resident, longed to achieve his goal of U.S. citizenship. However, several pro se attempts were unsuccessful due to issues in connection with his juvenile criminal record, failure to register with the Selective Service System, mistaken registration to vote and a learning disability that prevented him from passing the English and history portions of his citizenship examination. Duane Morris successfully advocated that the client be exempted from the reading and writing portions of the citizenship examination, based on the client's learning disabilities, and worked through each of the other issues to demonstrate his eligibility for citizenship.



"I am deeply thankful to Duane Morris for the Firm's selfless representation of me in my hour of need. My attorneys became and still are my best friends. They are compassionate human beings who understand perfectly the intricacies of the law and are aware of the stress that legal proceedings can have on an individual. Their hard work not only met my expectations but exceeded them in every sense of the word."

—YOUNG IRAQI JOURNALIST CLIENT

CHILDREN



Children are the most legally under-represented and vulnerable members of society. In the United States, 22 percent of all children live in families with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For a family of four, this is approximately \$24,000 annually. This figure also does not reflect children living without parents or those entering into the United States unaccompanied. For nearly three decades, representing children in all types of legal proceedings has been a hallmark of the Duane Morris Pro Bono Program.

HONDURAN BROTHERS GET NEW LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

In Florida, Duane Morris attorneys represented two brothers, ages 14 and 17, from Honduras, who came through Mexico to escape local gangs that were repeatedly robbing and assaulting the 17-year-old. An older brother, who preceded the minors in trying to immigrate to the U.S., was captured, held hostage and later testified against a gang in Mexico. Our attorneys successfully represented the brothers in applications before the Florida Family Court, USCIS and Executive Office for Immigration Review. After an arduous fight, their applications for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status were granted and their removal proceedings terminated.

KIDNAPPED CHILDREN RETURNED TO PARAGUAY UNDER HAGUE CONVENTION

A team of Duane Morris attorneys secured the return of two minor children to their home country of Paraguay following a trial in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. On behalf of the children's mother, Duane Morris attorneys argued that her ex-husband wrongfully took the children from their home in Paraguay to the United States without the mother's consent. At trial, contrary to the father's testimony, sufficient supporting evidence was presented to prove the father made no preparations to permanently resettle in the United States and the children's removal from Paraguay was sudden and unplanned.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER REUNITED AFTER 15 YEARS

Attorneys in the New York office did not hesitate when an existing pro bono client presented, desperate to save her 15-year-old daughter from sex traffickers in Mexico. With the help of Mexican authorities, the girl was rescued and returned to the custody of her mother. While the client and her daughter were temporarily safeguarded in a shelter operated by Mexican authorities, the team successfully petitioned U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for Humanitarian Parole, allowing the daughter to travel to the U.S. with her mother.

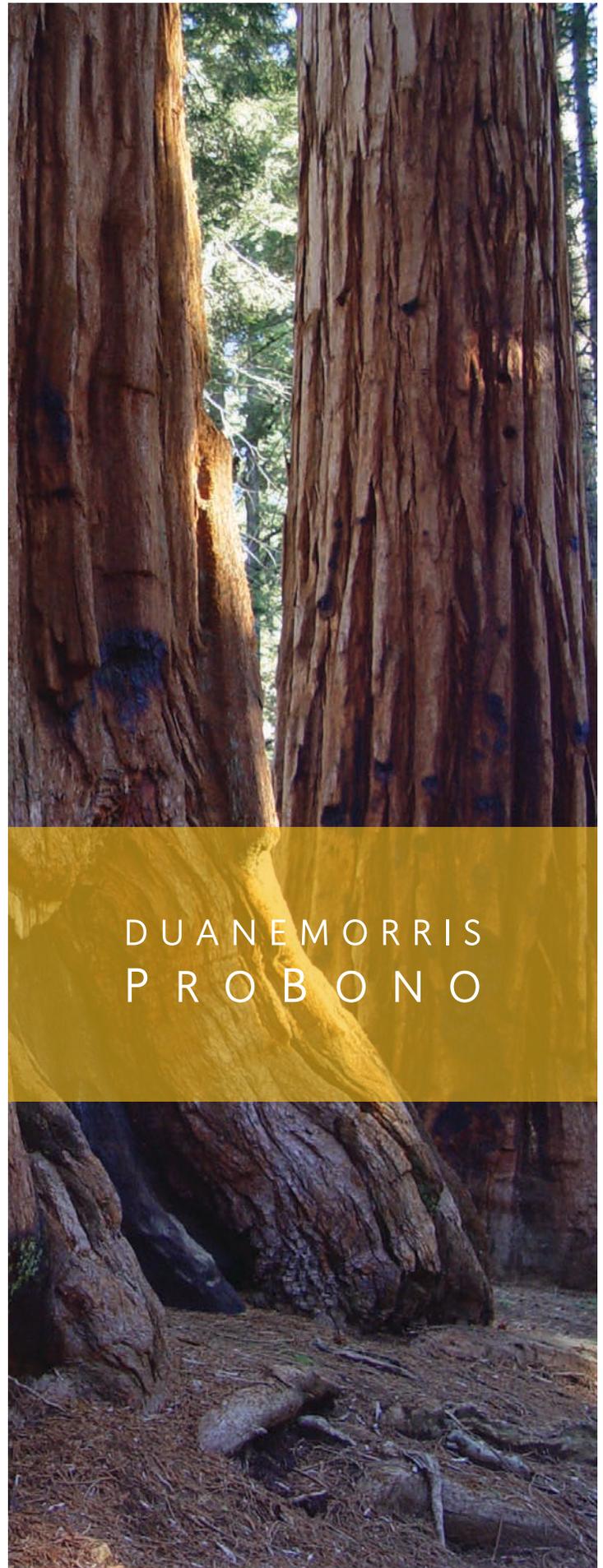


GUATEMALAN SIBLINGS, AGES 8 AND 16, RESCUED FROM FINAL ORDER OF DEPORTATION

Attorneys in Duane Morris' Immigration Practice Group in San Francisco obtained lawful permanent residence for two young immigrants, overcoming prior removal orders and establishing eligibility under the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA). Their parents immigrated to the United States when our clients were very young, leaving them to be raised by their grandparents. At ages eight and 16, it became clear that their grandparents no longer could care for them, and our clients attempted to enter the United States on their own. They were detained at the border and immediately put into removal proceedings, where they applied for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT) from Guatemala. Without money to hire an attorney to pursue their legal claims, our clients were on the brink of deportation in 2011. Our pro bono team successfully moved to reopen the Board of Immigration Appeals' decision and established that our clients were eligible for lawful permanent residence in the United States.

SUPPORTING THE SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES

Duane Morris attorneys in the greater Philadelphia area have a long history of supporting the important work of the Support Center for Child Advocates. Founded in 1977, Child Advocates recruits and trains attorneys to represent and protect children in the foster care system by securing social services, and where applicable, finding alternative homes and representing them in parental rights termination hearings. Several dozen Duane Morris attorneys have advocated on behalf of children through dependency and other legal proceedings. We are proud to be a strong supporter of this outstanding Philadelphia institution.



COMMUNITIES



Active in cities across the United States and around the globe, Duane Morris plays a vital role in strengthening the communities in which Firm employees live and work. Working to expand access to justice, Duane Morris collaborates with numerous legal services organizations and nonprofits to support our efforts to provide pro bono legal assistance to those least able to access legal representation, as well as those working to advance other charitable goals. Attorneys across the Firm provide pro bono assistance concerning domestic violence, housing, guardianship, disability benefits, landlord-tenant, nonprofit incorporation, governance, tax-exempt status and many other criminal and civil legal matters.

APPELLATE ADVOCACY IN NEW JERSEY

Working with LatinoJustice PRLDEF, Duane Morris represented New Jersey's Latin American Coalition of Plainfield, New Jersey, a community group with members living in the subject properties, acting as amicus curiae in place of non-participating appellees. A tenant brought suit under the RICO Act, claiming that his landlord rented apartments to tenants not lawfully present in the United States because the tenants would be less likely to complain about substandard housing conditions, thereby denying tenants that were lawfully present in the U.S. the full value of their leaseholds.

In a precedential opinion, the Third Circuit held that a landlord is not obligated to inquire about a prospective tenant's immigration status prior to renting to the tenant, and a landlord does not violate federal immigration law when knowingly renting an apartment to a tenant lacking lawful immigration status. People lacking lawful immigration status often reside in the United States, many times with the explicit knowledge and/or permission of the government. As such, the court could not imagine that Congress intended for landlords to make legal determinations about who is permitted to live in this country, much less that a landlord may be criminally liable for failing to do so.

"Duane Morris exemplifies the pro bono leadership that is so integral to LatinoJustice's ability to carry out its legal work in a meaningful and impactful way."

—JUAN CARTAGENA

**President and General Counsel
LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense
and Education Fund (PRLDEF)**

IMMIGRATION IMPACT

In collaboration with the Association of Pro Bono Counsel (APBCo), attorneys in the Firm's Philadelphia office help lead a nationwide pro bono effort, IMPACT, aimed at involving more attorneys to address unmet legal needs through sustainable pro bono initiatives. Liaising with HIAS Pennsylvania and Nationalities Service Center, attorneys in the Philadelphia office represent survivors of gender based violence in securing legal status through the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act.

AIDING FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS IN CHICAGO

Duane Morris' Chicago office aids first-time homebuyers through The Law Project of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Chicago Housing Authority's "Choose to Own" Program provides qualified public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers Program families with the opportunity to own a single family home in the City of Chicago. New home purchasers utilize the voucher to pay a portion of their mortgage for up to 15 years—the same way families use a voucher to pay a portion of their rent. Other families are able to take on the full portion of their mortgage and do not require any financial assistance. Duane Morris attorneys assist in every aspect of the home purchase transaction, from contract negotiation, inspections and loan document review through the closing process.



SECURING SECOND CHANCES

Working with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Francisco office assists at Second Chance Legal Clinics to aid individuals overcoming barriers to employment and housing due to past arrest and conviction records. Our attorneys provide legal counseling and representation concerning criminal record remedies or expungements, occupational licensing, criminal background reports, public and private housing applications and denials, driver's license suspensions, and other legal issues.

"Duane Morris' generous pro bono support has made it possible for NFCA to focus on our mission—to advance widespread understanding of celiac disease as a serious genetic autoimmune condition and work to secure early diagnosis and effective management of this condition."

—NANCY D. GINTER

*Director of Administration
National Foundation for Celiac Awareness*

HELPING PREVENT GENOCIDE IN RWANDA

When **JACQUELINE MUREKATETE**, an internationally-recognized human rights activist and genocide survivor, asked Duane Morris to provide legal services to a new nonprofit she was forming, “no” was not an option. Today, her Genocide Survivors Foundation has nonprofit status and is funding holistic programs and services for genocide survivors, as well as providing education and advocacy efforts to prevent genocide and mass atrocities.

At age nine, Murekatete lost her parents, all of her siblings and most of her extended family in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Within just 100 days, it is estimated that more than one million ethnic minorities were murdered. Survivors suddenly found themselves without family, homes, food and other basic necessities. Even 20 years after the genocide, survivors remain plagued with the lack of proper housing, critical healthcare services and education, coupled with high rates of unemployment, disability, trauma and recurring nightmares, as well as other challenges.

MUREKATETE has received numerous awards for her work, including: the 2011 Imbuto Foundation’s Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers Award from the First Lady of Rwanda; the 2010 Do Something Award from Do Something; the 2008 United Nations International Peace Ambassadors’ Outstanding Humanitarian Award; the 2008 Moral Courage Award from the American Jewish Committee; the 2008 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award from the National Ethnic Coalition; the 2004 Global Peace and Tolerance Award from Friends of the United Nations; the 2002 Ina Kay Award from the Anti-Defamation League; and the 2012 New York University Distinguished Young Alumna Award. She also addressed the UN General Assembly on the 10th anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

PROMOTING U.S. CITIZENSHIP

In collaboration with the American Immigration Lawyers Association Philadelphia Chapter and community-wide social service organizations supporting immigrants, Duane Morris attorneys co-lead an annual drive to encourage legal permanent residents to naturalize. On “Citizenship Day,” clinics held across the city pair pro bono attorneys with immigrants to complete the immigrants’ citizenship applications and provide continuing representation through the applicants’ citizenship interviews.

INCORPORATING FOR PEACE

Using wilderness expeditions to create cross cultural dialogue and foster peace, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding (OBCP) brings together people from opposing sides of a conflict. OBCP has led programs for Sri Lankan journalists, Israeli and Palestinian social entrepreneurs, emerging business and religious leaders and other influential individuals. Duane Morris attorneys have assisted OBCP since its inception. Our attorneys helped the organization incorporate and obtain tax-exempt status, participated in the selection of the new executive director and reviewed a wide variety of contracts, including program agreements, trademark licensing agreements and employment agreements.

TRADEMARK PROTECTION AND BUSINESS ADVICE FOR GROWING NONPROFIT

When Duane Morris was introduced to the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness (NFCA), it was a small organization seeking intellectual property assistance. Since that time, NFCA has grown into a leading national organization seeking to increase diagnoses of celiac disease and other gluten-related disorders, as well as improve the quality of life for those requiring a gluten-free diet. Duane Morris attorneys have aided the organization with various trademark and intellectual property matters, incorporation and various other business legal needs.



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