



**SURVEY OF SUMMER ASSOCIATE  
PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES  
AT CHICAGO LAW FIRMS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Public Interest Law Initiative's (PILI) Pro Bono Initiative is pleased to present this Survey of Summer Associate Pro Bono Opportunities at Chicago Law Firms. In our 2005 survey, PILI asked approximately forty Chicago-area law firms to: (1) list the agencies and pro bono projects in which summer associates participate; and (2) list any special pro bono programs geared toward summer associates. Twenty-eight law firms responded to our survey. Summaries of their responses are listed on the pages that follow.

We hope that you can use this information in assessing a firm's pro bono environment. We encourage you to follow-up on this information with your own questions directed to firms about their pro bono opportunities for summer associates, as well as about opportunities for their full-time lawyers.

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**Baker & McKenzie LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

ABA Post-Conviction Death Penalty Project	representing Illinois inmates on death row
Center for Disability and Elder Law	administrative hearings, contract disputes, employment discrimination, housing, education, health care, family law guardianship, landlord/tenant, real estate, special education, federal disability benefits, government benefits
Northwestern University's Children and Family Justice Center	expulsion hearings, juvenile delinquency issues, social security administration benefit cases, criminal cases, and special education matters
Designs for Change	special education advocacy for families of disabled children
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center	naturalization cases and contested deportation proceedings
Legal Aid Bureau	staffing a clinic dealing with child custody, visitation rights, protecting victims of domestic violence, and child support orders

*Other Projects:*

General transaction work: general corporate, commercial, tax, intellectual property and employment work for charitable, religious and education institutions with limited means.

Appellate Representation: select civil and criminal matters.

Environmental: representing national and international organizations dedicated to conservation in various transactional environmental matters.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Baker & McKenzie's summer associates are strongly encouraged to participate in the Pro Bono Program and, typically, accept and participate in assignments already being discharged, or to be discharged, by the practice groups to which they are assigned during their summer program.

**Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC**

The firm informs summer associates of the pro bono work its lawyers are doing and offers them opportunities to become involved in those projects. The firm helps staff a pro bono clinic for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services in the Loop, and offers summer associates the opportunity to accompany volunteer lawyers to take part in the client intake interviews and to assist lawyers with the cases from the clinic.

**Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago	municipal court arguments on motions and jury trials
Lawyers for the Creative Arts	patent, trademark, copyright, and related contractual counseling matters
Cabrini Green Legal Aid	clemency petition, counseling matters
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center Legal	representing asylum applicants, including research and factual investigations

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates.

Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione supports a wide range of pro bono projects for summer associates. Our summer associates have participated in a variety of pro bono matters, including asylum proceedings, municipal court (tenant eviction) actions, clemency petition preparation, and various intellectual property related matters. We obtain summer associate pro bono projects from a number of different referring agencies, including the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, and Lawyers for the Creative Arts. The firm works with its referring agencies to train its pro bono volunteers, and provides periodic presentations on the firm's pro bono policy and available pro bono volunteer opportunities. Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione supports the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI), and offers all incoming associates the opportunity to become a PILI Summer Fellow. If you have any questions regarding the firm's pro bono program, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Mallin, Director of Recruitment, 312-321-4269 or Brad Lane, Shareholder and Pro Bono Chair, 312-321-4252.

**Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd LLP**

Butler Rubin does not have a formal summer program but occasionally hires highly-qualified law students for summer work. The firm encourages them, as it does all of its attorneys, to participate in the firm's pro bono program.

**Cozen O'Connor**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

The summer associates are encouraged to participate in our staffing on matters referred to us by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago or Office of the State Appellate Defender.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

There are no specific programs geared toward summer associates at this date. The firm's pro bono policy specifies an annual contribution of 60 hours per attorney for pro bono work (the firm will credit each lawyer who participates in the program with 50 hours annually for approved pro bono work). With this commitment, the firm continues to expand its pro bono program and will incorporate the summer associates in available pro bono work as part of this overall commitment.

**DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP (Chicago office)**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) Asian American Legal Service Clinic	various cases include representing a mother in a custody dispute and providing advice on director duties to a non-for-profit board
DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP's (Chicago office) Juvenile Justice Signature Project in conjunction with Northwestern's Bluhm Legal Clinic	various criminal cases involving the representation of children and teenagers in the Juvenile Court of Cook County
New Perimeter (DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP's International Pro Bono Initiative), International Bar Association and the Open Society Institute for Southern Africa	helped establish the Southern Africa Litigation Centre in Johannesburg, and provide ongoing research and administrative support

These projects make up the firm's formal summer associate pro bono program, where summer associates have primary responsibility for a pro bono matter. In addition, summer associates take on numerous assignments for existing pro bono clients of the firm through the ordinary assignment process, including The Kathleen Daley Down Syndrome Foundation, Galapagos Charter School, Primo Center for Women and Children, and America's Second Harvest. Summer associates also participate in events such as volunteering at the Asian American Legal Service Clinic's intake night and at the repack night at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The Chicago office has a pro bono component to its summer associate program whereby each summer associate is paired with a colleague, and attorneys at the firm to handle a pro bono matter in his/her area of interest.

**Gardner, Carton & Douglas LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	landlord/tenant matters under the supervision of an attorney
Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago's Elder Law Project	conduct intake interviews with potential clients and handle the file under the supervision of an attorney
Center for Disability and Elder Law	handle miscellaneous cases, including debt collection, and conduct intake interviews with potential clients and handle the file under the supervision of an attorney
Community Economic Development Law Project	handle miscellaneous transactional matters, including corporate formation, tax

Northwestern's Children and Family Justice Center case staffing

Lawyers for the Creative Arts case staffing, research issues

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Summer associates organize and implement a community service project with the agency Chicago Cares. Two of the firm's summer associates researched issues related to civil liberties as part of the firm's participation in the Anti-Defamation League's Summer Associate Program. There are also special presentations to summer associates on the pro bono policy and the importance of pro bono work.

**Goldberg Kohn**

Our summer associates regularly participate in the pro bono projects that both litigation and transactional attorneys have undertaken at Goldberg Kohn. Summer associates have attended asylum training with the Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center (MIHRC) and have assisted with cases from the MIHRC. Other summer associates have worked on projects received through the CEDLP. These have included assisting with the preparation of training programs on legal and tax issues for nonprofit enterprises through the WSEP Ventures' program. Attorneys have also involved summer associates on pro bono cases that are ongoing in the firm, which have included criminal appeals and a class action case on behalf of Medicaid children in Illinois. Summer associates have also become involved in ENGAGE, a nonprofit organization founded by the women of Goldberg Kohn.

**Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Chicago Cares community service project

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

See above.

**Holland & Knight LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Our summer associates are working on pro bono matters through the Center on Disability and Elder Law, and one of our national pro bono project teams involving No Child Left Behind legislation for the Appleseed Foundation. In addition, our summer associates have contributed to various other pro bono matters including research on the Hague Convention for an international child abduction case.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The dual layer of our pro bono activities (the local office pro bono efforts plus the national pro bono projects teams) is a unique aspect of our firm's pro bono offerings.

## **Jenner & Block LLP**

### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Criminal Cases (litigation, appeals, etc.)	4 cases
Civil Cases	5 cases
Environmental	2 cases
Labor and Employment	1 case
Tax Case	1 case

Our attorneys and summer associates also work on projects with the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, the Community Economic Development Law Project, the Center for Disability and Elder Law, Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, United Way Chicago, Working Women's History Project, American Jewish Congress and various other agencies. This year summer associates also have the opportunity to attend hearings, depositions, and inmate interviews for pro bono clients.

### 2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We make many community service and fundraising opportunities available, including volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Young Women's Leadership Charter School, the CGLAC, and WINGS. Summer associates volunteer to do client intakes at Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic. Summer associates also had the opportunity of volunteering at the Garden Party/Croquet Tournament for AIDS survivors. Finally, Jenner & Block has a history of sponsoring PILI fellows--- 8 in 2005, 7 in 2004, 2 in 2003, 5 in 2002, and 6 in 2001.

## **Jones Day**

### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center (MIHRC)	perform country conditions research and general research in preparation for asylum hearings and research related to Seventh Circuit and BIA appeals
Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP)	provide assistance in connection with real estate and other transactions

## **Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP**

### 1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Community Economic Development Law Project	real estate, 501(c)(3)
Pro Bono Advocates	orders of protection
American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois	research projects
Cabrini-Green Legal Aid Clinic	clemency petitions and intake
Center for Disability & Elder Law	resolution of small disputes

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	civil rights litigation
MacArthur Justice Center	handgun litigation
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund	child custody litigation
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center	asylum applicant representation

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We have three programs in which summer associates are trained by agencies and represent clients under their supervision, often as Supreme Court Rule 711 licensees: (1) Pro Bono Advocates (orders of protection); (2) Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (evictions); and (3) and Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (clemency petitions and general intake).

**Kirkland & Ellis LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Cabrini Green Legal Aid	client intake
American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois	assist in drafting a complaint and related documents involving a class action being brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act against local institutions for the mentally ill
Anti-Defamation League	summer associate research project
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	assist in representation of individual client in "hate crime" matter
West Side Chicago Habitat for Humanity:	assist in handling all aspects of real estate assets

Historically, our summer associates have also assisted in the representation of individual clients in pro bono matters of the following nature:

- assist in the representation of our client in a racial discrimination, harassment and retaliation case against his employer
- Assist in writing a supplemental brief to pursue claims on a client's federal habeas appeal to defend a client's right not to be labeled as a sex offender
- assist in completing the process of a client's application for political asylum in the United States
- assist in reviewing briefs for our client's Seventh Circuit appeal against a Nazi, racist, anti-Semitic group
- assist in the representation of an individual involving a complaints about his medical treatment while in a correctional facility
- assist in the representation of a client in a criminal appeal to the Seventh Circuit
- assist in the representation of a client claiming wrongful termination suit

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Chicago Cares

partner with them for a day of volunteering at the Chicago Public School District, Reed School

**Latham & Watkins LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

- ABA Detention Center Delegations
- Center for Elder & Disability Law Guardianship Projects
- Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center Asylum Projects
- Northwestern University Law School's Small Business Opportunity Center
- Northwestern University's Children's Law Project
- Seventh Circuit Criminal Appellate Work

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

While our summer associates have contributed greatly to all of these projects and more, two of the above projects are specifically geared towards summer associates. First, summer associates will comprise the bulk of the Latham & Watkins delegation heading to local detention facilities to report to the ABA on the conditions there. Their participation and interaction with facility personnel and detainees will be critical to the success of this important firm-wide project. Their work will culminate in the preparation of a report of their findings to the ABA which we hope and expect will go a long way towards improving the treatment of detainees in the Chicagoland area and the rest of the nation. Second, summer associates have played, and continue to play, a vital role in sustaining and developing our strong relationship with the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center and in providing vigorous representation of asylum seekers and immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Center for Disability and Elder Law:

Summer associates receive 711 licenses and assist mentally handicapped or developmentally disabled adults in need of a court approved guardianships. This program is specifically geared toward the summer associates, although others in the firm participate in this program throughout the year.

Children's Law Pro Bono Project.

assist lawyers in juvenile criminal cases

- Summer associates are actively recruited to assist Lord Bissell attorneys on asylum cases. Lord Bissell also hosted a training session put on by the Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center, whereby summer associates received training in handling political asylum cases.
- Summer Associates may also assist any firm attorney handling a pro bono project.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

See above. All summer associates select their own assignments from an intranet workbox. Many of the assignments are to assist attorneys in the pro bono matters they are handling.

**Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate.

Summer Associates are free to work on any pending pro bono matter. In the past, they have worked on death penalty trials and appeals, our Seventh Circuit Project, immigration cases, and prisoners' rights and civil rights cases. In short, they are permitted to work on a full range of litigation and transactional matters.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates.

Marc Kadish, the Director of Pro Bono Activities for the firm, works in the Chicago Office. Summer Associates take "field trips" to a variety of the local groups with which the firm works. Marc addresses the Summer Associates at one of their weekly meetings. He is also the Director of Litigation Training for the firm. He conducts a one-day special litigation training program for the Summer Associates. This normally consists of a shortened version of our traditional deposition training program.

**McDermott Will & Emery LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate.

Center for Disability and Elder Law	created a training manual covering a wide range of real estate/property/housing issues for use by volunteer attorneys, tenants, and landlords/developers. Presented several of these topics to community groups
Legal Assistance Foundation	created new materials and updated existing materials for the Legal Assistance Foundation to distribute to existing and potential clients, and community members regarding: domestic violence, bankruptcy, special education, divorce, school discipline, child support, unemployment benefits, immigration issues, social security, and Medicaid
ABA Model School Discipline Code Committee	researched various topics in school discipline, including: zero tolerance policies, the structures of school discipline codes, police/security guards in schools, suspension and expulsion laws, and videotape surveillance policies; participated in committee meetings.

Criminal Appeals	assisted lawyers on Seventh Circuit appeals and on a death penalty state habeas corpus petition
Chicago Cares	participated with lawyers and staff in the Chicago Cares volunteer day in June by helping to clean up a Chicago park
Community Economic Development Law Project	worked on assignments involving corporate, real estate, and tax issues faced by nonprofit entities

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates.

McDermott Will & Emery provides a number of different opportunities for summer associates to work on pro bono projects. The Center for Disability and Elder Law, Legal Assistance Foundation, and ABA projects (discussed above) are specifically geared to summer associates. In addition, we have three informative seminars scheduled throughout the summer for the summer associates. The first was a general overview of MWE's pro bono policy and available opportunities for its attorneys in the Chicago office, including projects specifically for summer associates. In July, the summer associates were invited to a firm-wide training for the MWE Kids First pro bono work. In addition, the firm-wide summer associate retreat included a presentation on firm-wide pro bono accomplishments and experiences. MWE summer associates also worked on existing pro bono projects with attorneys in different departments in the firm, including criminal cases, and assignments for Lawyers for the Creative Arts, Health and Disability Advocates, the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, and the Children and Family Justice Center of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University Law School.

For more information on MWE's pro bono and/or recruiting initiatives, please contact Karen Mortell, Legal Recruiting Manager (312.984.7784; [kmortell@mwe.com](mailto:kmortell@mwe.com)) or Donald Hilliker, Pro Bono Committee Chair (312.984.7610; [dhilliker@mwe.com](mailto:dhilliker@mwe.com)).

**McGuireWoods LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

This past summer, our summer associates participated in several pro bono matters for our firm's pro bono clients. A number of our summer associates worked on research projects and assisted with litigation for members of our armed forces in connection with the anthrax vaccine controversy. Our summer associates also worked on an appeal related to the anthrax litigation, a prisoner's rights appeal assigned by a federal district court in Illinois and a Seventh Circuit appeal on the basis of ineffective assistance of counsel for a prisoner serving a life sentence. We also had a summer associate assist with a disabled postal worker's claim under the Rehabilitation Act.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

We don't have any special pro bono programs that are geared toward summer associates, but, rather, look for ways to get them involved in pro bono projects on a case-by-case basis. This is a priority of our summer associate program.

**Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd.**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Attorneys submit various projects for both pro bono and paying clients to the summer associate coordinator. The summer associates then choose projects to work on from among the submitted work. Consequently, the summer associates each summer have the opportunity to, and do, work on pro bono projects.

While not a complete list, last summer our associates worked on the following pro bono projects:

Anti-Defamation League	summer associate program research on various civil rights issues
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	pro bono mediation representation to workers who file discrimination charges with the EEOC
Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center	identify patterns of human rights and due process abuses among immigrant detainees and identifying those at risk for detention in preparation for possible federal litigation
Anagnos v. Norridge Park District	represent autistic child who was terminated from a program at the Norridge Park District
Dubuy v. Samuels	represent plaintiff in a class action against the Department of Children and Family Services
People v. Samuel Morgan	represent death penalty client
NOW v. Scheidler	represent NOW on the interpretation of the Hobbs Act currently before the Supreme Court

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

See above.

**Schiff Hardin LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Summer associates are invited to attend, and help with cases coming to, the store-front legal clinic that the firm has run for the last 25 years under the auspices of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services(CVLS). In addition, summer associate assistance can be sought on pro bono matters to the same extent as revenue matters, so summer associates typically are able to work on various pro bono matters being handled within the office. In particular, summer associates this summer have worked on matters for indigent clients dealing with, among other things, political asylum matters, death penalty cases, other criminal appeals, orders of protection and contested divorce disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, and matters involving public benefits claims.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

As noted above, summer associates specifically are invited to visit and observe case intake at, and provide legal assistance on cases coming to, the firm's store-front legal clinic. In addition, as part of the firm's orientation program for summer associates, a meeting is devoted to the nature, breadth and scope of the firm's pro bono program.

### **Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck**

Schiller DuCanto and Fleck has no formal summer associate pro bono program. However, summer associates may be called upon to assist others in the firm handling pro-bono matters.

### **Seyfarth Shaw LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Seyfarth Shaw publicizes its ongoing and new pro bono projects to its summer associates and involves them as their schedules and opportunities allow.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Our summer associates are also participating in the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic Summer Associate program which has involved training, observation and conducting intake interviews of potential Clinic clients and presenting recommendations at the weekly Clinic staff meetings to determine which cases to accept.

### **Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law	civil rights/litigation
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	litigation
Libel Defense Resource Center	research
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center	immigration
Legal Aid Bureau	litigation/appellate work

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

The firm's pro bono program is integrated into the summer associate program so that it is a seamless effort for the summer associate. Summer associates are given the opportunity to experience clients and community advocacy work assignments, with the emphasis that both are to be treated with the highest level of regard and professionalism. In addition, summer associates are invited to attend firm sponsored pro bono legal service organization information presentations and, also, to be a part of in-house/off-site pro bono training sessions.

### **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Community Economic Development Law Project	real estate, 501(c)(3)
Center for Disability and Elder Law	guardianship

C# Prisoner Parole Project	parole hearings
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing	attorney-of-the-day(housing court)
Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)	contracts and other matters
Legal Aid Bureau (LAB)	orders of protection
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center	asylum cases
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois	civil rights case
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	appeal

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Skadden uses two key approaches to introduce pro bono to our summer associates. After the acceptance process, the pro bono department sends out a pro bono interest survey to the summer associates for the submission before starting at Skadden. Trainings and projects are then developed according to each response. Also, the pro bono coordinator and pro bono administrative coordinator meet with the summer associates on their second day as part of the orientation process. Our goal is to encourage the summer associates to participate in pro bono by highlighting current projects, recent victories, upcoming training sessions, etc.

Second, the pro bono department organizes a pro bono day. This day includes a luncheon followed by a community service project. The luncheon is open to all members of the pro bono committee, current and past PILI fellows, current and past Skadden fellows, and others who frequently participate in pro bono work. A partner from the committee and the pro bono coordinator speak about pro bono efforts within the firm, recent accomplishments, etc. This past year, we encouraged those attorneys and fellows who currently participate in pro bono to share their experiences with the summer associates at their table.

As a result of these various approaches, Skadden has successfully involved our summer associates in pro bono work. This has a further pro bono benefit, because those who join the firm after graduation from law school are predisposed to doing pro bono work.

**Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP**

Sonnenschein summer associates have worked on a variety of pro bono projects or cases. These matters have run the gamut from researching copyright questions for a community group to the preparation of a defense for a 77 year old woman whose home was at risk in a suit by the City of Chicago, because her grandson allegedly sold narcotics on the premises.

The group attended a 3 hour training session presented by the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, on the proper handling of cases brought under the Violence Against Women Act. After that training session, two summer associates volunteered to and began working on the representation of a woman seeking relief under that law.

**Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, P.C.**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Vedder Price summer associates are given the opportunity to participate in many varied projects. In 2005, summer associates worked on the following

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	assistance with adoptions
Chicago Community Loan Fund	assistance with a transaction that that provided low-cost, flexible financing to nonprofit community development organization
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago	estate planning projects
Northwestern University's Bluhm Legal Clinic	represent children in juvenile delinquency cases and school expulsions
Anti-Defamation League	assistance with a research project on a specific topic
Various not-for-profit organizations.	general corporate assistance

We look forward to continuing our relationships with these organizations and in further enhancing our projects with them and others in the future.

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

During the orientation process, the summer associates meet our firm's Pro Bono Committee Chair and Pro Bono Project Coordinator. By working the with Pro Bono Project Coordinator on an ongoing basis, the summer associates are assured rewarding projects that are supervised by an experienced Vedder Price attorney.

**Winston & Strawn LLP**

1. Agencies and Pro Bono Projects in which Summer Associates participate:

Cabrini Green Legal Clinic	intake
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	pro se guardianship desk
Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center	asylum matters

2. Special Pro Bono Programs Geared toward Summer Associates:

Summer associates in all Winston offices participated in an Innocence Project, reviewing and deconstructing the case files of the 143 known DNA exonorees nationwide. This information will create an internet accessible database for researchers and public policy persons. Winston attorneys will help in the analysis and write-up of this information.