

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
500 PEARL STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007

The Southern District of New York honors the following firms and organizations that filed Notices of Pro Bono Counsel in 2023. During the year, approximately 125 lawyers appeared as pro bono counsel to 90 litigants.

We thank all our participants in the pro bono program for the support they have provided to the *pro se* litigants and the Court.

Arnold & Porter	Leason Ellis LLP
Barton LLP	The Legal Aid Society
A Better Balance	McDermott Will & Emery
Binder & Schwartz LLP	Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP	Moses & Singer
Cardozo School of Law	New York County Lawyers
Chipman Brown Cicero & Cole LLP	NYLAG (New York Legal Assistance Group)
Clearly Gottlieb	NYU School of Law
Cohen & Gresser	Office of Mark Levine
Covington & Burling LLP	PACE Law School
Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP	Pacific Justice Institute
Crowell & Moring	Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	Paul, Weiss
Dechert LLP	Pawar Law
Duane Morris LLP	Porzio Bromberg & Newman
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP	Proskauer Rose LLP
Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP	Qi & Associates, PC
Gorayeb & Associates	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Green Kaminer Min & Rockmore LLP	The Samuel Law Firm
Harris St. Laurent & Wechsler LLP	Saul Ewing LLP
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP	Seiden Law
Hughes Hubbard & Reed	Selendy Gay Elsberg PLLC
Kirkland & Ellis	Seton Hall University School of Law
Kushner Law Group, PLLC	Shearman & Sterling LLP
Jones Day	Simpson Thatcher
Lansner & Kubitschek	Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP	St. John's University School of Law
Law Office of Amy Jane Agnew PC	Sullivan & Cromwell
Law Office of Mark Levine	Tarter Krinsky & Drogin
Law Office of Richard Cardinale	Tuturro Law PC
Law Offices of Wanda Sanchez Day PC	Werthheimer LLC
	Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
	Yankwitt LLP

Pro bono representation comes in many forms: trial, settlement conferences, depositions and discovery, mediations. We recognize that many of the participants listed above took on more than one case last year, and also that other lawyers and firms provide substantial out-of-court advice and counsel behind the scenes on a pro bono basis; this too is essential work for which we extend our gratitude.

The legendary Judge Edward Weinfeld famously said, “Every case is different, and every case is important because it is important to the parties in that case.” Many of the litigants who received pro bono representation last year handled cases implicating constitutional rights and important civil rights issues – from employment discrimination to conditions of confinement and use of force. Others represented clients in cases involving important commercial rights. Some of the plaintiffs who were represented by pro bono counsel would otherwise have had to litigate a case from a prison or jail. Whatever the subject or scope of the pro bono representation or the outcome, connecting indigent litigants with high quality representation has been a priority of the legal profession since its inception. Even where litigants do not prevail, pro bono representation ensures that their inability to hire an attorney did not limit their opportunity to be heard. And the Court benefits from the cumulative effect of pro bono service too: with timely appearances by responsible pro bono counsel, cases move along more swiftly and judges are able to address more cases more thoroughly and more efficiently.

We thank you for your service to the court and its litigants.

January 30, 2024

Laura Taylor Swain
Chief United States District Judge