



OPENING DOORS TO JUSTICE

53 AVERAGE
PRO BONO HOURS PER LAWYER

3.6% OF OUR BILLABLE
TIME TO PRO BONO

37,319 TOTAL
PRO BONO HOURS

1 DEDICATED PRO BONO
PARTNER OVERSEES FIRM'S
PRO BONO WORK

91% ATTORNEY
PARTICIPATION IN PRO BONO

61% OF OUR ATTORNEYS
DID MORE THAN 20 HOURS OF
PRO BONO IN 2018

We help ensure equal access to legal counsel and justice for those who need it most.

Our attorneys work with individuals and nonprofits on a wide variety of legal issues, ranging from helping refugees fleeing persecution in their home countries, to reducing gun violence and ensuring diversity in education. From coast to coast, we've achieved precedent-setting and life-changing decisions on behalf of several clients. We pride ourselves on our firm's dedication to pro bono and strongly encourage each of our lawyers to use their legal skills to give back to our communities. Nixon Peabody also:

- Gives billable credit to attorneys for pro bono work
- Recognizes attorneys' pro bono achievements during evaluations and through an awards program
- Involves all summer associates in pro bono projects
- Features a firmwide pro bono partner to oversee our pro bono initiative
- Has pro bono committee members in each office to help identify and evaluate pro bono opportunities
- Partners with clients on significant pro bono projects

And as a signatory to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®, we commit to spending more than 3% of our time on pro bono.

“Pro bono is more than just an initiative at the firm; it's an integral part of who we are at Nixon Peabody. Whether we are helping children and families overcome difficult situations or working with low-income, micro-entrepreneurs and nonprofits to bring innovation to life, everyone at the firm—from lawyers to paralegals and other support staff—works together to make sure that our pro bono clients get the best possible representation.”

Andrew Glincher, Nixon Peabody Managing Partner and CEO





RECENT REPRESENTATIVE PRO BONO SUCCESSES

Preserving rights

- Worked with the ACLU of Rhode Island on a landmark victory for public access to judicial records in an FOIA lawsuit on behalf of a journalist who was denied access to DEA evidence disclosed at a big prescription drug-dealing trial.

Helping veterans

- Helped an Army veteran suffering from severe PTSD as a result of wartime trauma obtain Combat Related Special Compensation payments after a yearlong fight.

Precedent-setting First Amendment victories

- Resolved significant confusion that will prevent convictions without a *mens rea* requirement in the circuit courts of New Hampshire after the NH Supreme Court issued an opinion reversing our client's conviction for driving with a suspended license.

Fighting for children

- Filed an *amicus curiae* brief in support of a child with autism. In a reversal of a district court ruling, the Ninth Circuit panel held that the school district violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by failing to formally assess the child's suspected disability.

Helping refugees

- Worked with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Program to help obtain a Special Immigrant Visa for an Iraqi engineer who was tortured and forced into hiding because of his work as an IT contractor with U.S. forces in Baghdad. We've also helped many individuals fleeing persecution to win asylum and/or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

RECOGNIZED FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO PRO BONO

- Center for Human Rights and International Justice - Human Rights in Action Award (2019)
- New Hampshire Bar Association Pro Bono I Rising Star Award (2019)
- AIDS Legal Referral Panel Firm of the Year (2018)
- NYSBA Empire State Counsel Law Firm Pro Bono Award (2018)
- Community Development Project Pro Bono Leadership Award (2018)
- NYSBA President Pro Bono Service Awards, awarded to two attorneys (2018)
- Pro Bono Partnership's Annual Volunteer of the Year (2018)
- Her Justice 2018 Commitment to Justice Award (2018)
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice Award (2017)
- Swords to Plowshares Bill Brockett Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award for pro bono service to veterans (2017)
- San Francisco Bar Association's Justice and Diversity Center Outstanding Volunteer Award (2017)

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