FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

2017 Pro Bono Report
Providing pro bono legal services has been a cornerstone of Husch Blackwell’s culture since our firm was founded more than a century ago.

In matters, both routine and extraordinary, our lawyers tackle pro bono work with the same creativity and innovation that characterizes our work generally, knowing that—for the clients who depend on us—every matter is high stakes.

In addition to the vital work we do on behalf of individuals, we partner with mission-driven organizations to pool efforts and resources to help those in need. Our firm is deeply involved in helping the underprivileged and supporting community-based activities that address new and pressing societal needs.

Sometimes, our passion and dedication lead us to develop solutions when there are no other alternatives. For instance, in 2013, our firm launched a human trafficking legal clinic, the first of its kind in the United States, to represent the survivors of commercial sex and forced labor trafficking. And in 2017, Husch Blackwell was one of the first law firms to join the Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel (MCRC), a nonprofit group that enlists attorneys in private practice to ease the strains on Missouri’s public-defender system. Our attorneys have already achieved several notable victories for MCRC clients.

Our firm is a Signatory Member of the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, a legal industry aspirational standard instituted by the Pro Bono Institute that commits firms to providing pro bono legal services to low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families and nonprofit groups.

As my tenure as Husch Blackwell’s Chairman draws to a close during 2018, I look back proudly on the pro bono contributions our lawyers and staff have made, some of which are captured in this report. I am confident that the tools and culture are in place for our firm to have a meaningful impact on the lives of our neighbors and fellow citizens for a long time to come.

Maurice Watson
Chairman
Our Mission: Justice for All

As Director of Pro Bono Services, I have the pleasure of connecting Husch Blackwell attorneys with pro bono opportunities. Pro bono work is not only rewarding, but something I am deeply passionate about.

My interest in pro bono first blossomed during my undergraduate years at a Catholic university that emphasized core values of service, justice and respect. Throughout my legal career, I have represented children as an appointed guardian ad litem and parents in abuse and neglect proceedings, and handled cases through Legal Aid of Western Missouri’s Volunteer Attorney and Adopt-a-Neighborhood projects.

Pro bono fuels my soul. There is so much personal and professional satisfaction to be found in lifting the less fortunate and bridging gaps in our communities through pro bono legal services. I am pleased to guide our firm in identifying new ways to provide access to justice, expanding our relationships with legal service organizations, and collaborating with our commercial clients to provide direct legal assistance to underserved communities nationwide.

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Making a Difference Nationwide

- **Texas**: 1,415 hours
- **Nebraska**: 558 hours
- **Colorado**: 1,912 hours
- **Arizona**: 27 hours
- **California (Sacramento Office Opened 2018)**: 1,415 hours
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For more information on hours contributed, see page 29.
Veterans’ Mental Health
Securing Justice at the VA

Husch Blackwell attorneys secured a favorable verdict for the family of a deceased U.S. veteran in a wrongful death action that alleged the Veterans Health Administration (VA) was negligent in treating their son. The U.S. District Court ruling that the VA’s negligent treatment of Cpl. William Draughon caused him to take his own life by suicide could be precedential in other cases against the VA.

Husch Blackwell joined the case in 2015, when Chief Judge Julie Robinson of the U.S. District Court in Kansas appointed the firm to represent Draughon’s family after they filed a pro se complaint. The team of attorneys Larry McMullen, Christina Pyle and Michael Raupp and senior paralegal Shawn Shipp defeated an early motion to dismiss. They then dug into the medical records, deposed healthcare professionals and worked with expert witnesses to piece together the puzzle of Draughon’s care at the VA.

Draughon served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2001 until his honorable discharge in 2005, receiving awards for his heroic leadership. In 2004, Draughon served a seven-month tour of duty in Iraq, where he experienced heavy combat and lost several members of his squad.

After his return, Draughon screened positive for severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and sought medical care from the VA for the accompanying symptoms, including nightmares, substance abuse, flashbacks and violent outbursts. Draughon also had a history of failed suicide attempts. He took his own life in 2010.

Judge Robinson denied the government’s motion for summary judgment and its Daubert motion to exclude the plaintiff’s expert witnesses. The Husch Blackwell litigators began preparing for trial.

At the seven-day trial in January 2018, Pyle presented the opening statement and Raupp delivered the closing argument. Each team member questioned six witnesses. “Associates Raupp and Pyle were superstars in the courtroom,” says McMullen, a litigator for more than 50 years. “They gained invaluable trial experience.”

In her ruling, Judge Robinson found that the VA breached its standard of care by removing Draughon from its list of patients at high risk for suicide without evaluating his mental state or reviewing his file. The VA also failed to provide timely follow-up care to Draughon after his discharge from a VA treatment program. These breaches of the standard of care “directly contributed to cause his death,” according to the decision. Damages will be awarded in a supplemental order.

“This case could be precedential in holding the Veterans Administration accountable for the health of military personnel who have sacrificed so much for our country,” McMullen says. “Corporal Draughon’s family is extremely grateful that Husch Blackwell helped tell their story in a way that may help other veterans and their families.”

LARRY MCMULLEN, KANSAS CITY

CHRISTINA PYLE, KANSAS CITY

MICHAEL RAUPP, KANSAS CITY

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Helping Nonprofits Carry Out Their Missions

Receiving 501(c)(3) status from the IRS is a financial milestone for nonprofit groups, as it allows them to not only avoid federal income tax but also to qualify for tax-deductible donations that underwrite their charitable missions.

St. Louis associate Josie Metzler is happy to help nonprofits in this endeavor. In fact, she has become so knowledgeable about filing for tax-exempt status that she presented a CLE program to explain the process to more than 100 attorneys.

In 2017, Metzler was connected with the Midwest Endometriosis Society (MES) after Crystal Miller, a Husch Blackwell lead conflicts analyst and MES board member, sought information on obtaining tax-exempt status for the organization at a Legal Aid clinic for nonprofits.

“I loved working with the initiators of MES because they were so dedicated to their purpose and had great ideas for the future of their organization,” Metzler says. “It was so satisfying to provide the support they needed to make sure they were legally formed and exempt, so that they could focus on their cause.”

Thanks to Metzler’s legal support, MES has been able to partner with doctors and health groups that were apprehensive about collaborating before the organization was recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. MES also was able to sponsor its first fundraiser, which raised thousands of dollars in tax-deductible charitable contributions for the group.

Other not-for-profits for which Metzler has obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status include Husch Blackwell’s Human Trafficking Rescue Assistance Fund, which pays expenses incurred when survivors of human trafficking transition back into society, and the David Long Foundation.

Metzler began donating her legal services because she saw a distinct need for pro bono counsel on estate planning and taxes, two focuses of her practice. In 2017, for example, Metzler advised a woman who sought—but could not afford—an estate plan after she initially was diagnosed with cancer. It had taken the woman five years to access pro bono resources. “She was deeply grateful that she would now be able to ensure her son and grandchildren would be taken care of,” Metzler says.

In addition to providing legal guidance for not-for-profits, Metzler has advised the Nurses for Newborns board of directors on formation of its endowment fund and assisted residents of Grace Hill Settlement House with pro bono estate planning and probate court appearances. As a result of her pro bono efforts, she was featured in St. Louis Lawyer magazine as Volunteer Lawyer of the Month for October 2017 by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.
Ensuring Students Remain in the Classroom

The future was not looking bright for Preston. The 15-year-old high school student had just been recommended for expulsion for obtaining a joint on school grounds.

Enter partner Mindi Giftos, who, together with a solo criminal defense practitioner, took on Preston’s case through the Dane County Bar Association’s Student Expulsion Prevention Project (StEPP). StEPP was a new project that offered free legal representation for children throughout the Madison Metropolitan School District, with the goal of returning them to the classroom as soon as possible.

Neither Giftos, an intellectual property lawyer, nor the other attorney was knowledgeable about school discipline law. But they soon received quite an education.

They learned that Preston had few prior infractions, regretted his mistake and wished to return to school. Yet the school district’s zero tolerance drug policy assured Preston the same fate as kids who brought guns to class.

Preston’s grandmother was convinced that if expelled, he would wind up on the streets and engage in criminal activity. “Statistics show many kids never come back after they’re expelled. They get into trouble or develop lifestyles that don’t offer bright paths,” says Giftos. But Preston “desired to stay in school and become the first in his immediate family to attend college. He was owning his future.”

The lawyers presented their arguments at multiple hearings. Despite supportive testimony from some of Preston’s teachers, as well as aggressive lobbying by his grandmother, school officials refused to budge.

The next step was to approach the Board of Education—and to share Preston’s story with the media. The efforts paid off. The Board altered its policy so that Preston’s offense did not lead to automatic expulsion and such infractions would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The school district allowed Preston to return to school and agreed to expunge the incident from his record if he stayed out of trouble for a year.

Not only did Preston return to school, he excelled there. He graduated in June 2017 with honors and was accepted into the Scholars of Promise program at Madison Area Technical College. The second chance turned his life around.

A youth advocate, Giftos believes that “communities should be gathering around our children and helping them when they make mistakes, not shutting them out.”

She adds: “It’s really moving to take on a case that can help change someone’s life. The time and talent we provide is nothing compared to what is given back to society.”

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—Giftos
Reuniting a Family Divided by Immigration

Immigration issues were already on partner Philip Segrest’s mind the August day he and several colleagues attended an informational lunch hosted by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS), a pro bono legal aid provider with more than 2,300 volunteer attorneys.

On the train that morning, Segrest had read about the legal challenges facing immigrants. When the CVLS speaker mentioned that the group helps with immigration matters, he inquired further about the services. That afternoon, CVLS called to ask Segrest for help with an urgent family law case to support an immigration matter.

Segrest focuses on intellectual property, including complex patent litigation. It had been years since he handled a case in Cook County or a family law matter, and he had no experience with immigration law. But how could he say no? “As we looked into it, we learned that there is a huge difference in the likely outcomes of these cases between immigrants who find legal counsel and those who don’t,” Segrest says. “The process can be complicated and intimidating, and people who don’t know how to navigate the system and may not speak English often miss out on relief that may be available.”

With the support of CLE materials and attorneys for the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), which works closely with CVLS, Segrest felt comfortable taking the case.

The case involved a 17-year-old Guatemalan who came to the United States to reunite with his mother, a Chicago resident. He was detained on entry and released to his mother by the Office of Refugee Resettlement while his immigration case progressed. Segrest represented the teen’s mother in seeking a custody order including special findings that NIJC needed in the immigration case. Time was of the essence, as the order had to issue by the boy’s 18th birthday in October.

The main challenge concerned the teen’s father. He had almost no contact with his son and provided no support, but the quickest way to get the urgently needed court order would be with the father’s consent. He lived in a remote village in Guatemala with spotty phone service, so it proved difficult and time-consuming to contact the father and secure his notarized signature. Segrest was able to get the documents executed with the assistance of a Guatemalan attorney. With those in hand, the necessary custody order that immigration attorneys could present in the teen’s immigration case was quickly obtained.

“These folks needed help,” Segrest says. “America promises everyone equal protection under the law, even while we deal with issues like immigration status. We try to treat everyone fairly, and to give everyone an opportunity for the remedies that our laws provide. It was a privilege to be able to help this family.”

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Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel
Easing the Load for Overworked Public Defenders

Justice moves slowly in Missouri for indigent citizens represented by the underfunded public defenders. Missouri ranks 49th out of 50 states in public support for indigent counsel defense. Overworked public defenders can meaningfully represent only 3 percent of clients.

The nonprofit Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel (MCRC) was formed in March 2017 to help ease the bottleneck. Husch Blackwell was one of 30 of the state’s largest law firms that formed the coalition and provide volunteers to handle overflow criminal cases in city and county courts.

Partner Steve Holtshouser coordinates Husch Blackwell’s participation in the MCRC. Holtshouser, a former assistant U.S. attorney, supplements the criminal law training that MCRC provides to volunteers with advice on substantive and procedural issues, investigative techniques and trial strategies.

“Participation in the MCRC is a win-win for Husch Blackwell,” Holtshouser says. “We are improving access to justice in Missouri and providing our young litigators an opportunity to gain valuable first-chair trial experience. The participation of several experienced firm litigators, such as Sarah Hellmann and Ken Heineman, demonstrates the value of this worthwhile effort.”

Other active team members in St. Louis include Carrie Claiborne, Natalie Holden, Jason Husgen, Erin Knese, Brittany Lomax, Shannon Peters, Jonathan Schmalfeld, Kyle Seelbach, Luke Weissler and Sarah Zimmerman. Kansas City team members are Ross DeLong, Sierra Faler and Sara Fevurly. Holtshouser organized volunteers in teams of three to allow attorneys to balance billable hour goals and pro bono work.

“Only actual jury trial experience teaches young lawyers to be flexible when things don’t go as planned and to think and solve problems on their feet,” Holtshouser says. “Ultimately, the firm and its clients are better served by lawyers with actual trial experience, civil or criminal.”

Early results have been positive for the Husch Blackwell teams. On the first day of trial, one team secured dismissal of a weapons charge after winning a motion to suppress. “Our client was incarcerated for over a year awaiting trial,” Weissler says. “I will never forget telling his mom he was finally coming home. This was a rewarding experience and a great opportunity to collaborate with really smart and talented attorneys.”

The Kansas City team achieved a similar success in a case alleging failure to pay sales tax on vehicles bought at out-of-state auctions.

According to Holtshouser, “Commitment to justice and thirst for trial experience of any kind is strong, as evidenced by a whole new group of Husch Blackwell attorneys attending MCRC training in 2018 and forming teams to accept cases.”
Partner Marnie Jensen’s commitment to pro bono work started at the same time as her legal career. The concept of being a “citizen lawyer” was ingrained in her from the first day at William & Mary Law School.

“I understood that my law degree was a privilege and that I had a responsibility to make sure that those who needed a lawyer and didn’t have the means to hire one had that opportunity,” Jensen says.

After graduation, she joined a Chicago firm known for its exceptional commitment to pro bono. Almost immediately she received her first pro bono case. Later, she took several criminal referrals for juveniles, developing a soft spot for children’s justice issues.

“It’s one thing to help an adult, but there’s nothing better than helping a kid who has no one else to turn to,” Jensen says.

After returning to her home state of Nebraska in 2005, Jensen accepted a pro bono case that partnered her with Nebraska Appleseed, the Nebraska chapter of a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting justice and opportunity. The work helped Jensen transition back to Nebraska and bonded her with people who shared her willingness “to put hours into a good cause.”

In 2013, Nebraska Appleseed sought Husch Blackwell’s help with a suit filed on behalf of a class of children with developmental disabilities who were denied access to early intervention services by the state’s Medicaid policy, even though doctors deemed the services medically necessary. In June 2015, the court determined without trial that the children were entitled to the services they were being denied. Better still, the court certified the class, applying the ruling to all children who were denied services, not just the two named in the complaint.

Although the firm received the Seeds of Justice award for this project, “I’m most proud of the idea that developmentally disabled children are getting services they had been denied, and are showing improvement because of the work we did,” Jensen says.

In 2017, Husch Blackwell’s St. Louis office hosted a reception to introduce Missouri Appleseed to the local community in preparation for its fall launch as the 18th Appleseed center. Jensen spoke to attendees about her experience with Nebraska Appleseed. She hopes the relationship between Husch Blackwell and Appleseed continues to expand. “I would love it if each of our 18 offices was the outside legal support for the Appleseed center closest to them,” Jensen says.
Inmate Safety
Jails are designed in part to keep the public safe from offenders, but they also have a responsibility to keep their charges safe. That was the crux of a civil rights case that partner Patrick Coffey and associate Margaret Heitkamp recently handled on behalf of an inmate who was assaulted in an Illinois jail by another inmate.

The detainee was attacked by a fellow inmate with whom he had “history,” and the jail had an express policy to keep the two separated. Unfortunately, the procedures to enforce that policy failed when a guard did not pay attention to the important records documenting the separation, Heitkamp says.

The detainee filed the case pro se seeking damages for injuries resulting from the assault. The judge took an interest in the case and appointed Coffey, as a member of the Trial Bar of the Northern District of Illinois, to represent the plaintiff.

Through targeted discovery, the Husch Blackwell team uncovered a widespread problem with recordkeeping procedures and practices at the jail. The attorneys amended the client’s complaint to include constitutional claims against additional individuals, and also against the county.

“The facts uncovered in discovery presented a situation where the weaknesses in the claim against the guard strengthened the client’s claim against the county,” Heitkamp says.

The defendants attempted to obtain dismissal of the new claims, but the court rejected substantially all of their arguments. In doing so, the judge explicitly acknowledged that the novel theory underlying the claim against the county was sufficiently pled. The parties successfully resolved the case shortly thereafter.

Pro bono cases are a great way for associates to develop important litigation skills, Heitkamp says. “Associates spend a lot of time doing research and writing briefs, but we don’t usually get to argue the motions we write to the court. For instance, I took my first eight depositions in pro bono cases,” she says.

But even more important is having the opportunity to ensure justice and access to the courts. “Many of the civil rights cases brought by prisoners address issues that deserve attention,” Heitkamp says. “Our firm, with 700 of the top legal minds in the country, can help shine a light on some of these problems. Sometimes it’s the best way to affect change in the corrections system.”
Encouraging Office Participation in Pro Bono

According to the American Bar Association, lawyers “should aspire to render” at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services each year. The goal may seem difficult to achieve when attorneys are busy addressing client needs. But across the country, Husch Blackwell’s managing partners strive to emphasize that firm leaders support pro bono and value time spent on volunteer projects.

In Denver, managing partner Kevin Kelley works with Julie Sullivan, the office’s pro bono coordinator, to reinforce the message that pro bono work is not only accepted, but expected. When Sullivan sends emails to attorneys about volunteer opportunities, Kelley follows up with his own emails encouraging participation. He walks the halls to solicit volunteers and pops into attorney offices to make the case for pro bono in one-on-one conversations.

“I see my role as a combination of cheerleader and arm twister,” Kelley says. “Sometimes we use sugar and sometimes we use a ‘stick.’”

In Austin, managing partner Lorinda Holloway describes her role as supporting the office pro bono programs and the lawyers who keep them in motion. She budgets for and approves charitable contributions to pro bono organizations the firm supports, such as Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (VLS), and encourages lawyer participation in VLS and the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP). She also attends pro bono events to help put a face on the firm in the Austin community.

“Pro bono work is important to the Austin office for two reasons,” Holloway says. “First, it is part of who we are as an office. Many of our lawyers give back to our community and do so whether they are asked to or not. Second, the need in Austin is great and only growing. It is our ethical duty and our privilege to give back with pro bono services. In the end, it makes us better lawyers.”

Kelley echoes that sentiment, noting the firm’s support of nonprofit organizations such as the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan State University of Denver and the Downtown Denver Partnership. “The community has been good to us, so we need to give back. It’s our obligation as attorneys,” he says.
Eviction Defense Project
Standing Up for Low-Income Tenants

Since its creation in December 2016, the Eviction Defense Project (EDP) has helped hundreds of low-income tenants in Milwaukee navigate eviction suits. The program has been such a success and fills such a need that it was honored with a Pro Bono Publico award in its first year of operation by the Milwaukee Bar Association.

EDP's legal clinic at the Milwaukee County Courthouse was initially staffed two days per week. However, after a few months it became clear that landlords were intentionally scheduling their initial hearings for days when the clinic was closed and tenants had no access to pro bono counsel. The number of attorney volunteers has since risen to nearly 100, enough to staff the clinic four days a week.

One of those active volunteers is Husch Blackwell associate Robin Lehninger. She and other EDP volunteers help tenants with the court process—arranging payment plans, securing postponements to full hearings and winning dismissals. If eviction cannot be avoided, volunteers provide housing resources for clients facing homelessness.

One of Lehninger’s clients faithfully paid her rent every month for more than a year. One month, however, the client was unexpectedly called out of town the day rent was due because her child was receiving cancer treatment in another state. The client texted her landlord to inform him the rent would be late, as she had to pay in person, and they settled on a date and time to pay. Unfortunately, the landlord did not relay the information to his spouse, who refused the payment and filed an eviction notice soon after the tenant's return.

Lehninger was able to negotiate a full dismissal for this tenant, who was subject to eviction for what amounted to a miscommunication.

In other, more complicated cases, Lehninger has negotiated dismissals and move-out dates to give clients extra days or weeks to move their belongings and find alternative living arrangements. The difference between a dismissal and an eviction on a client’s court record is substantial and often determines whether the client will be able to smoothly transition to a new place or have to resort to a shelter.

“I have found volunteering with the Eviction Defense Project to be incredibly rewarding,” Lehninger says. “I am grateful to play a small part in a program that is successfully improving housing stability for many of our city's low-income residents.”

Robin has lent her legal expertise to her clients at the precise moment that they most needed assistance—the same day they had court. The EDP cannot thank her enough for her commitment and dedication.”

—Raphael F. Ramos, Director, Eviction Defense Project
Pro Bono Awards
The pro bono efforts of Husch Blackwell were recognized in 2017 by our community partners. We are grateful to be honored for the contributions we have made, and look forward to continuing our partnerships in the year ahead.

Bruce C. Bailey Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award
Legal Aid Association of East Tennessee
Partner Alan Cates of Chattanooga was honored for his “exemplary” service to clients and for his longtime support of the Legal Aid Association of East Tennessee during the organization’s annual Pro Bono Night.

The Hon. Richard B. Teitelman Award
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
Jennifer Schwendemann, former Director of Pro Bono Services at Husch Blackwell, was recognized for her many years of public service.

Pro Bono Challenge
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
Husch Blackwell completed the Richard B. Teitelman Memorial Pro Bono Challenge in 2017 by donating an average of 10 pro bono hours per full-time St. Louis attorney and providing full billable credit for at least 50 pro bono hours per attorney. Husch Blackwell’s total pro bono hours ranked second among the 19 participating firms. Associates Shannon Peters and Josie Metzler were named Volunteer Lawyer of the Month in conjunction with the Challenge.

Gerald R. Ortbals Outstanding Law Practice Award
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Husch Blackwell was one of two law firms honored for “truly distinguishing themselves with an exemplary commitment to pro bono service” at the organization’s annual Common Good Awards event.

Pro Bono Publico Award
Missouri Bar Association
Husch Blackwell was recognized by its colleagues statewide for “exemplary service to needy persons” and for encouraging all attorneys to imitate its example.
Pro Bono Honor Roll
In 2017, Husch Blackwell attorneys and professionals helped 210 organizations by donating 28,791 hours totaling $8.67 million.

**Arizona**  
PHOENIX  
Hours donated: 27  
Monetary value: $7,683

**Colorado**  
DENVER  
Hours donated: 1,912  
Monetary value: $628,467

**Illinois**  
CHICAGO  
Hours donated: 745  
Monetary value: $302,525

**Missouri**  
JEFFERSON CITY, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS  
Hours donated: 17,533  
Monetary value: $5,159,189

**Nebraska**  
LINCOLN, OMAHA  
Hours donated: 558  
Monetary value: $157,450

**Tennessee**  
CHATTANOOGA  
Hours donated: 869  
Monetary value: $239,836

**Texas**  
AUSTIN, DALLAS, HOUSTON  
Hours donated: 1,415  
Monetary value: $531,303

**Washington, D.C.**  
Hours donated: 1,171  
Monetary value: $475,252

**Wisconsin**  
MADISON, MILWAUKEE, WAUKESHA COUNTY  
Hours donated: 4,560  
Monetary value: $1,171,278
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Representative Organizations Supported
These organizations represent the 210 organizations that Husch Blackwell supported with pro bono efforts.

**COLORADO**

*Colorado Lawyers Committee*

The consortium of more than 65 law firms creates and increases opportunities for disadvantaged communities through advocacy, negotiation and litigation.

*Colorado Nonprofit Association/Colorado Nonprofit Development Center*

The coalition connects nonprofits of all sizes, missions and geographic locations, strengthening its members by providing tools for communication, networking and administration.

*Metro Volunteer Lawyers*

The group bridges the gap in access to justice by coordinating the provision of pro bono civil legal services by volunteer lawyers in the Denver metropolitan area to people who otherwise could not afford such services.

**ILLINOIS**

*Chicago Volunteer Legal Services*

The organization coordinates, supports and promotes voluntary pro bono legal representation of the poor and working poor in the Chicago area.

*Lawyers for the Creative Arts*

The group offers direct pro bono legal counseling to clients in the visual, literary and performing arts and maintains a referral program to hundreds of attorneys in the Chicago area.
MISSOURI

Grace Hill Settlement House
Grace Hill provides legal advice and social services in disadvantaged St. Louis neighborhoods to help build communities that are strong and self-sustaining.

Legal Aid of Western Missouri
Legal Aid of Western Missouri provides free civil legal representation in a 40-county area to low-income citizens—individuals who need it most and can afford it least.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
This independent, nonprofit organization provides high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly people in eastern Missouri.

Legal Services of Southern Missouri
Legal Services provides high-quality legal representation and advice to low-income persons in an effort to ensure equal access to justice in civil matters.

MacArthur Justice Center
The Center advocates for human rights and social justice by litigating cases involving police misconduct, the death penalty, unfair parole revocations, abusive prison conditions and incarceralion of the poor.

Migrant & Immigrant Community Action Project
This community organization is committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. Project volunteers handle cases such as family immigration, naturalization, removal defense, and asylum and refugee issues.

Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel
The coalition facilitates and encourages law firms to volunteer their attorneys to represent public defender clients, thus easing the system’s difficult caseload and providing courtroom training to early-career attorneys.

St. Louis YouthBuild
YouthBuild provides pathways to jobs, education, entrepreneurship and other opportunities for low-income 16- to 24-year-olds.

University of Missouri School of Law Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic
The clinic assists members of the university and mid-Missouri communities that seek to start businesses. Volunteers provide supervised legal services involving entity planning and formation, governance, employees, intellectual property analysis, governmental regulations and contract drafting.

USPTO Patent Pro Bono Program
Volunteer attorneys provide free patent-filing counsel to entrepreneurs and startup businesses that meet income guidelines.

Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts
The organization connects artists and arts organizations with accountants and lawyers who can help navigate the complicated world of finance and law.
NEBRASKA

Rejuvenating Women
The faith-based, nonprofit organization is committed to providing hope and restoration to survivors of human trafficking.

TENNESSEE

Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Legal Aid ensures equal justice for elderly, abused and low-income people by providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance and advocacy.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
The national clearinghouse and resource center is committed to finding missing children, reducing child sexual exploitation and preventing child victimization.

TEXAS

Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program
The program recruits and trains volunteer attorneys to provide free civil legal help to low-income people in Dallas County, Texas. Cases handled include family, housing, consumer, wills, expunctions and more.

International Municipal Lawyers Association
This international clearinghouse of legal information on municipal legal matters has been an advocate and resource for local government attorneys since 1935.

National Veterans Legal Services Program
The nonprofit organization works to ensure that the U.S. government delivers to the nation’s 22 million veterans and active-duty personnel the benefits to which they are entitled.

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas
The group helps low-income clients access the civil justice system by providing and training volunteer attorneys who donate free advice and representation.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Alliance for Middle East Peace
The coalition builds people-to-people cooperation, coexistence, equality, shared society, mutual understanding and peace among communities in the Middle East.

Human Rights First
The independent asylum legal representation program challenges America to live up to its ideals by pressing the government and businesses to respect human rights.

Virginia State Board of Elections
The nonpolitical agency ensures the fairness and accuracy of all Commonwealth elections by promulgating rules, issuing instructions and providing information to local electoral boards and general registrars.

WISCONSIN

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Guardianship Clinic and Milwaukee County Guardianship Assistance Program
Volunteer attorneys ensure a legal voice for new adults by advising and assisting with the guardianship process.

Legal Action of Wisconsin Inc.
The nonprofit organization provides legal services to low-income individuals in 39 southern Wisconsin counties.

Advocates of Ozaukee Inc.
The domestic abuse shelter works to end domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention and intervention services.

ACTS Community Development Corporation
The organization’s vision is to create vibrant neighbors through homeownership.
Sunbeam Kids Inc.
The nonprofit organization provides resources and volunteer opportunities for families who want to get involved in community service.

Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center
The Center provides legal services to more than 10,000 individuals each year and maintains a success rate of 90 percent in obtaining asylum for those fleeing persecution in their home countries.

FIRMWIDE

Court Appointments
In 2017, the firm donated almost 10,000 hours in court-appointed cases.

Human Trafficking Legal Clinic
In 2017, the firm donated almost 700 hours assisting survivors of human trafficking nationwide.

Hurricane Harvey Help Clinic
Husch Blackwell provided legal assistance in response to Hurricane Harvey. In addition, Husch Blackwell and its employees donated nearly $100,000 to the American Red Cross for victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.