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Rendering pro bono legal assistance to needy individuals and organizations seeking access to the justice system is central to our commitment to the community.

– Larry Sonsini
The men and women who work at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati believe in enhancing the communities in which they live and work by providing legal counsel and representation, financial support, and volunteer services to individuals and organizations in need. During fiscal year 2007¹, our attorneys and staff increased their already considerable participation in pro bono matters, providing more than 29,600 hours of work pro bono.

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati’s attorneys and staff recognize their professional responsibility to the community. Central to that responsibility is helping those without means, or with only limited resources, gain access to our legal system. While this annual report focuses on pro bono legal services, the firm’s commitment to our community is much broader. For instance, the WSGR Foundation was created to channel financial contributions to a broad array of community organizations. The Community Service Committee organizes volunteer events in the communities where the firm has offices. And the Green Team strives to make the firm more environmentally efficient in its operations throughout the country and abroad.

This report, therefore, honors the efforts of many people to make a meaningful contribution to our community in a wide variety of ways.

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**Pro Bono Committee Members**

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**John Wilson Award Winners**

This award goes to associates who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to our pro bono clients and handled significant responsibility on pro bono matters. The award honors those individuals who have consistently upheld the values of John Wilson, founder of the firm, to pursue excellence in the practice of law while at the same time serving the community.

This year the firm is proud to honor Jonna Anderson, Marisa Brutoco, Jordan Elias, Tamara Fisher, Erin Holland, Milana Homsi, David Malveaux, Chris Parry, Richard Schachtli, Amy Todd, Mark Warnick, and Tony Weibell for their outstanding contributions to the community.

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Community Service Award

The Community Service Award goes to attorneys and staff who have made outstanding contributions to the firm's pro bono program over the last year. These individuals are key to the firm's efforts to meet the legal needs of low-income individuals and numerous nonprofit organizations in the community. Recipients of the Community Service Award for 2006-2007 are:

Partners: Harry Bremond, Leo Cunningham, Marc Gottschalk, Terry Johnson, Catherine Kirkman, and Debra Summers.


Summer Associate: Nema Milaninia.

Legal Staff: Aaron Jorgensen, Stacy Love, Candida Malferrari, Thomas Neumayr, Moira Rueda, and Ty Tran.

Legal Highlights

TWO BAY AREA NONPROFITS DEDICATED TO HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SUCCESSFULLY MERGE

By Sean Butler

Along with partners Allison Spinner and Daniel Weiser, I was part of a team that successfully merged the Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project (BAHOHP) with the Holocaust Center of Northern California (HCNC). A Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati pro bono client, the BAHOHP has been dedicated to recording and preserving the oral testimonies of Holocaust survivors for more than 20 years. The HCNC, meanwhile, has collected an impressive library and archive of Holocaust literature and has developed extensive programming, offering all these resources to the greater Bay Area community.

Merging the BAHOHP into the HCNC concluded a collaborative process initiated by the organizations nearly two years ago, which began with the work of a joint task force consisting of directors from each organization. The task force met periodically to discuss the values of each organization, what a combined organization should look like, and how best to integrate the organizations. Late last summer, after several months of joint task force meetings, board members of the BAHOHP engaged Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati to draft and negotiate the definitive merger agreements based on a set of terms agreed upon by the task force.

Over the next several months, I worked with Allison and Dan as well as the counsel advising both organizations to craft the merger agreement and, perhaps more important, the combined set of bylaws. The dedication of the board members to the BAHOHP organization led to a certain amount of anxiety as to whether and how the BAHOHP’s interests and mission would be protected and preserved through the merger and beyond. We spent considerable time working with the client to ensure that the board understood how the general terms agreed upon by the joint task force would (and, in some cases, might not) work in the combined bylaws. This aspect of drafting and negotiating the merger agreements was perhaps the most challenging
part of the process. First, it required the attorneys to be mindful of the practical differences between for-profit and not-for-profit corporations (and the implications of those differences on a merger). It also meant that the board members had to understand and accept the limitations of the legal documents to completely eliminate the risks inherent in the deal.

For me, the interaction with the officers and directors of the BAHOH also proved to be the most rewarding aspect of the deal. As an associate, I had the opportunity to improve my professional skills by making presentations to the entire BAHOH board on the mechanics of the merger and the main issues facing the BAHOH in the merger and beyond as essentially a division of the combined organization. I also learned a good deal about creating merger documents in the nonprofit context. Finally, it was personally rewarding to help a pro bono client that very much needed assistance. I know Allison and Dan enjoyed the opportunity to leverage their combined corporate, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law experience to help guide an organization with a mission they both feel passionate about. At one point, several board members of the BAHOH, many of whom have been with the organization since its infancy and one of whom is a Holocaust survivor herself, described the firm’s help as “salve on an open wound.” It was a good feeling to know that we could provide comfort to those board members throughout the process.

To the credit of the BAHOH and the HCNC, the combination of the two organizations thus far has proven to be a visionary step, one of significant importance for the greater Bay Area community. The “synergies” so often touted in the for-profit context are truly present here. The BAHOH’s archive of oral testimonies adds a powerful new dimension to the HCNC’s existing library and archive of Holocaust literature, and the HCNC’s presence in the community as well as its fundraising and development capability will ensure that the BAHOH’s mission will be well cared for and funded for years to come. Perhaps most important, the officers and directors of both organizations are thrilled to be working together under one roof with a unified mission to provide the residents of the Bay Area with a resource for the study and remembrance of the Holocaust. I enjoyed making a contribution to that worthy result.

FIRM WINS ASYLUM FOR PRO BONO CLIENTS

Under a patchwork of international treaties and laws in the United States, foreign individuals and their families may obtain asylum in the United States if they can demonstrate that in their home country they suffered a well-founded fear of persecution on the basis of political beliefs, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or membership in a particular social group. Collaborating with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in Seattle, and the Bernardo Kohler Center in Austin, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati attorneys, both litigation and corporate lawyers, undertake the representation of asylum-seekers. These engagements can be extremely fulfilling, as they offer the opportunity to make a tremendously positive impact on an individual person’s life by helping that individual achieve the relative safety of asylum in the United States.

Here are some details of recent matters successfully handled by the firm last year:

AZERBAIJAN

On June 5, 2006, U.S. Immigration Judge Kenneth Josephson in Seattle, Washington, granted asylum to firm pro bono client S.F.K. An Azerbaijan-born Armenian Christian, S.F.K. had been persecuted in Azerbaijan and Armenia for his mental and physical disabilities (he is mute and only able to communicate via sounds his sister can understand), ethnicity, and religious-minority status. For years, S.F.K. was beaten and taunted on a regular basis until, in 1999, his sister, S., finally was able to bring him to the United States. In 2000, S.F.K. applied for asylum, initially receiving pro bono assistance from Amy Kratz of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and, a short while later, from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. In 2005, associates Elizabeth Kane, Natalie Bridgeman, and Tenaya Scheinman, with assistance from paralegals Kristina Baldwin and Mai Pham, and legal secretaries Diana Woodruff and Peggy Baird, assumed responsibility for the case and achieved a victorious outcome for S.F.K. Judge Josephson ruled that because disability as a social group is recognized in the Ninth Circuit, and because the record reflected “considerable documentation of problems the respondent
had experienced” in the former Soviet states, asylum should be granted. The government waived the right to appeal.

EL SALVADOR

In 2004, M.A. and her daughter were threatened with a series of gruesome extortion letters. It was rumored in her town that the extortioners were connected to a gang of civil-guard soldiers who killed M.A.’s mother in 1980 and terrorized her family for years. After being told by police and a local pastor that they were unsafe in El Salvador, M.A., her daughter, and her husband fled the country and were detained by the U.S. border patrol upon entry to the United States. An asylum application was filed in January 2006 and a hearing was scheduled for June 26, 2006. A pre-hearing brief was submitted with numerous declarations from M.A.’s family in El Salvador as well as declarations from family members in the United States, including M.A.’s older sister, cousin, brother, and husband. In preparation for the hearing, M.A. received a psychological evaluation by psychologist Dr. Jane Christmas. Dr. Christmas noted that M.A.’s was one of the most compelling cases she had seen, and that M.A.’s ability to survive through those times and maintain a family today was extraordinary. Dr. Christmas produced a written report that diagnosed M.A. with post-traumatic stress disorder and stated that M.A.’s story was very credible. At the hearing, Judge Loreto Geisse of the San Francisco Immigration Court began by noting that she had read the brief and thought it very helpful. Although the brief argued several grounds for asylum, Judge Geisse stated that she thought the “atrocious past persecution” argument in the brief was the best ground for asylum, and requested that both parties tailor their examinations to this assertion. After M.A.’s testimony, it was evident that most of the emotional trauma she suffered throughout her life could be traced back to the murder of her mother by civil-guard soldiers during El Salvador’s civil war. After her mother’s death, M.A.’s siblings abused drugs and alcohol and then abused her. At the age of seven, she witnessed one of her sisters commit suicide. During direct examination, M.A. was tearful. Judge Geisse granted asylum to M.A. and her family. M.A. was represented by David Malveaux and Chris Meade with assistance from paralegal Moira Rueda.

GUATEMALA

Judge Loreto Geisse of the San Francisco Immigration Court granted the asylum application of firm pro bono client G.L. on the basis of past persecution and a well-founded fear of future persecution. The government elected not to appeal the court’s August 1, 2006, decision.

G.L., a 19-year-old Mam Maya, endured repeated suffering during his life in Guatemala. The country’s civil war and its aftermath were especially difficult for the indigenous Maya, who were the target of violent government campaigns promoting their persecution and genocide. G.L. was born in the mountains where his family had fled after Guatemalan soldiers torched their village and burned it to the ground, killing a number of villagers. When he was seven years old, G.L. witnessed a brutal attack on his father by the Guatemalan military. When he attempted to rescue his father, he was shot by one of the soldiers. The soldiers promised to return and similarly beat G.L. Ultimately, both G.L.’s father and mother died as a result of vicious beatings inflicted by the military, orphaning G.L. at age 11. In the ensuing years, he lived in isolation, traumatized and fearful that the soldiers would act on their threats. When he was 17, he fled Guatemala and was captured by U.S. border guards as he attempted to enter the United States from Mexico in 2005.

G.L. now lives in Stockton, California, with his sister, who also successfully obtained asylum in the United States, and his five-year-old nephew. G.L.’s legal team included special counsel Frederick Saal and paralegal Beverly Federigi.

GUATEMALA

On July 6, 2006, U.S. Immigration Judge Marilyn Teeter in San Francisco, California, granted asylum to firm pro bono client E.J. Represented by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati associates Julie Hwang and Jason Kinn, E.J. was granted
asylum on the basis of past persecution and a well-founded fear of future persecution. The government waived its right to appeal the decision.

A 22-year-old Mam Maya, E.J. spent the first three years of his life with his parents and four older brothers. During Guatemala’s civil war, the government carried out a “scorched earth” campaign to eliminate guerilla forces, which resulted in the persecution and genocide of the country’s indigenous Maya population. E.J.’s family fell victim to this violence in 1986, when soldiers came to E.J.’s home and fatally shot his father and two of his siblings. Carrying E.J. in her arms, his mother was able to escape; sadly, his other two brothers remain missing.

Afraid of further persecution, E.J. and his mother fled to Chiapas, Mexico, where they lived in harsh conditions on a coffee plantation. Because of Mexico’s restrictive immigration laws, they lived in constant fear of being deported—a fear that the plantation managers exploited. However, the two were unable to return to Guatemala, since the country remained unsafe for many Maya. In his late teens, E.J. left the coffee plantation and worked in construction in Cancún, intermittently making several failed attempts to cross the United States-Mexico border. In 2003, he successfully crossed the border near Phoenix, Arizona, and eventually moved to the Bay Area. E.J. has lost contact with his mother, but believes she is still living in Chiapas.

This asylum case proved especially difficult for the Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati team. With no identification other than a tattered birth certificate in evidence, the government attorney prosecuting the case questioned the credibility of E.J.’s story, which consisted mostly of a second-hand account passed down to E.J. by his mother. The government further attempted to discredit E.J.’s testimony by bringing attention to the various aliases he used during his failed border-crossing attempts. Still, with a well-developed brief and an effective direct examination of E.J. (with assistance from a court-appointed Mam interpreter), the Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati team was able to secure asylum for E.J.

Associates Julie Hwang and Jason Kinn were assisted by summer associate An-Yen Hu, paralegals Sonie Bender and Elena Garnica, and legal secretaries Peggy Baird and Pat Civiletti.

GUATEMALA

The San Francisco Immigration Court, on June 8, 2006, granted asylum to firm clients M.S. and her two-year-old daughter, S., on the basis of past persecution and a well-founded fear of future persecution. The government waived its right to appeal.

An 18-year-old Mam Maya, M.S. is originally from Todos Santos, Guatemala. During the country’s civil war, her family supported guerilla forces by providing food and shelter. As a result, they were harassed and assaulted by government soldiers.

After the brutal murder of one of her uncles by a group of government soldiers, the rest of her family fled Todos Santos. M.S., who was raised by her grandparents, lived in several refugee camps before settling in Chiapas, Mexico. For work, M.S. and her grandparents would travel back and forth from Chiapas to Mesilla, a small Guatemalan border town, but they never felt safe to go beyond the mountains of Mesilla for fear of being captured and killed by government soldiers.

In 2002, after her grandmother’s death, M.S. was 14 years old and on her own. She never had contact with her parents or siblings after fleeing Todos Santos, and only knew of an older brother who lived in the United States. Deciding to stay in Mesilla, M.S. met an 18-year-old who promised to financially support her, as well as help her return to school. She accepted his offer to live with him and his parents, but after a few weeks he began to beat her on a daily basis. He also raped her several times. When M.S. became pregnant, the daily beatings continued and included blows to her abdomen as he attempted to terminate the pregnancy.

In January 2005, after her daughter’s birth, M.S. finally fled Guatemala. She traveled through Mexico and was detained in El Paso, Texas, on March 6, 2005.
Associates Erin Holland and Aileen Ocon, with assistance from summer associate Jennifer Martinez and paralegal Sonie Bender, represented M.S. in her successful asylum application.

**HAITI**

On August 2, 2006, a pro bono team from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, led by associate Jordan Elias, with special counsel Brandon Mary, and supported by reference librarian Christopher Vargas, won asylum for 23-year-old C.R., who is originally from Haiti. The basis for the asylum decision, rendered by the Immigration Court in San Francisco, was political persecution.

C.R. was an active supporter of former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. He became involved in Aristide’s 2000 campaign and participated in a neighborhood youth group that was affiliated with the government and performed community service. In 2003, gang warfare became increasingly common in Haiti, and C.R. faced violence because he supported the president. He was severely assaulted and threatened with death four times. In one incident, he was abducted and pistol-whipped into unconsciousness. In other attacks, Aristide opponents broke into his home and beat him with metal pipes and electrical wire.

After a final attack on C.R. and his family—which resulted in his aunt’s death—C.R. fled Haiti in March 2004. He boarded a boat that landed on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where C.R. lodged his application for political asylum. In December 2004, he moved to the Bay Area at the invitation of family friends, and his case was transferred to the Immigration Court in San Francisco, which granted relief, thereby allowing C.R. to obtain political asylum in the United States. C.R. is now taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and is employed as a caretaker for the handicapped in Novato.

**TURKEY**

On July 27, 2006, the San Francisco Immigration Court granted asylum to firm client V.G. on the basis of past persecution. The government waived its right to appeal.

An Alevi Kurd, V.G. is originally from Turkey, where he was subjected to persecution not only for his ethnic and religious background, but also for his involvement in political demonstrations seeking government reform. V.G. rallied for equal access to education, labor rights, and prison reform, among other concerns, and as a result, was detained and tortured by the Turkish government on several occasions. In each arrest, V.G. was held and released without charge. In the spring of 2004, V.G. fled Turkey for France, where, without legal representation or guidance, he unsuccessfully sought asylum. In the spring of 2005, he was detained by U.S. authorities after he crossed the United States-Mexico border in Arizona. Though he again made an attempt to seek asylum, V.G. was presented with a notice of deportation after a misstep in the application process that resulted from his confusion with the English language. He was eventually put in touch with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, which sought the firm’s assistance in pleading his case. With the help of doctors who confirmed that V.G.’s physical and mental conditions were consistent with his accounts of past persecution, asylum eventually was approved. V.G.’s pro bono team included associate Peter Chang, paralegal Beverly Federigi, and legal secretaries Yvonne Corbin and Sherri Mills. Also providing support as an outside mentor was immigration attorney Joye Wiley.
Ongoing Pro Bono Matters

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)
The ALRP provides free and low-cost legal services to people with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area. ALRP is the only institution in the Bay Area dedicated to providing free and low-cost legal assistance and education on virtually any civil matter to persons living with HIV/AIDS.
www.alrp.org, Jessica Bliss, Darin Donovan, Mark Harmon, and Laurie-Ann Look.

AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. (ASA)
ASA is the largest community-based provider of HIV/AIDS social services and dental care in Central Texas, responding to the growing local need for care and prevention.
www.asaustin.org, Laura Merritt.

Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF)
In order to better serve our community, the BASF has been providing San Francisco legal professionals with networking and pro bono opportunities since 1872. www.sfbar.org, Adit Khorana, Leslie Cheng, Erin Doyle, Marvin Dunson III, Gary Gansle, Shannon Melville, Jishnu Menon, Michael Nader, Mark Warnick, and Suzanne White.

Early Neutral Evaluator Program (ENE)
The ENE program is one of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures. Its purpose is to provide litigants with a broad range of court-sponsored ADR processes to provide quicker, less expensive, and potentially more satisfying alternatives to litigation—without impairing the quality of justice or the right to trial. An ENE evaluator must be admitted to practice law at least 15 years, and have considerable experience in federal court litigation and in the subject matter of the assigned case. Michael Barclay.

East Palo Alto Community Law Project
Darin Donovan, Laurie-Ann Look, and Richard Schachtili; paralegal Jamie Bruno.

Fairfax Bar Association
This Virginia voluntary professional organization, with more than 2,000 attorneys, works to improve the legal profession, the community, and the administration of justice.
www.fairfaxbar.org, Gerard Stegmaier and Nathan Wildermann.

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
The foundation’s purpose is to provide multi-lingual advocacy, education, counseling, and free access to the legal system for those who are traditionally unrepresented.

Northern District of California Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
Lawyer representatives help plan the annual Northern District Judicial Conference and attend the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Leo Cunningham; senior paralegal Stacy Love.

Public Interest Law Firm (PILF)
The PILF focuses its efforts on behalf of elders, youth, individuals with disabilities, those who are frequent victims of illegal discrimination, and those who are poor.
www.lawfoundation.org/pilf.asp, Timothy Balombin, Kent Easter, and Bryan Ketroser; senior paralegal Shea Spangenberg; paralegal Joyce Hill.

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.
The program’s mission is to provide equal access to the justice system by serving as a bridge between indigent and
other disadvantaged people in San Diego County and volunteer lawyers and others who are willing to donate their time and resources.  [http://www.sdvlp.org](http://www.sdvlp.org)  Heather Aune, Aubrey Haddach, and Erik Matala.

**Stanford Community Law Clinic (SCLC)**

The SCLC trains Stanford law students to become highly qualified public interest attorneys by serving individuals and communities in need through legal representation, advice, and education. [http://www.law.stanford.edu/program/clinics/communitylaw](http://www.law.stanford.edu/program/clinics/communitylaw)  Jude Perrin; paralegal Moira Rueda.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**American Musical Theatre of San Jose (AMTSJ)**

For more than 72 years, the AMTSJ has been at the forefront of the professional regional theatre movement in America. A not-for-profit organization, it is a prominent part of the local arts and culture industry and brings the area both presented and produced productions, as well as outstanding and vital community programs.  [www.amtsj.org](http://www.amtsj.org)  Kathleen Rothman, John Slafsky, Roger Stern, Marvin Dunson III, Alicia Farquhar, Milana Homsi, Shannon Melville, Cisco Palao-Ricketts, and Richard Schachtli; paralegal Aaron Jorgensen.

**Austin Film Festival (AFF)**

The AFF is dedicated to championing the work of aspiring and established filmmakers, including screenwriters, directors, editors, producers, actors, and all artists who use the language of film to tell a story. The festival furthers the art, craft, and business of filmmaking by providing unique cultural events and services, enhancing public awareness and participation as well as encouraging dynamic and long-lasting community partnerships. [www.austinfilmfestival.com](http://www.austinfilmfestival.com)  Sharmila Kassam.

**Austin Music Foundation**

The Foundation’s mission is to unite and invigorate Austin’s local music community. [www.austinmusicfoundation.org](http://www.austinmusicfoundation.org)  Jennifer Bucha, Alicia Farquhar, Emily Gavin, Eric Natinsky, Richard Schachtli, Benjamin Singer, Jenifer Smith, and Jason Storck; summer associate Catherine Dalton; senior paralegal Margaret LeMore.

**Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project**

The Project is dedicated to gathering the oral life histories of Holocaust survivors, liberators, rescuers, and eyewitnesses.  [www.bahohp.org](http://www.bahohp.org)  Allison Spinner, Daniel Weiser, Sean Butler, John Chase, Darin Donovan, John Eden, Ira Lam, Danielle Nelson, and Richard Schachtli; summer associate Emily Hertz; senior paralegal Christine Marion.

**Charity Cultural Services Center**

The Center aims to help children, youth, and adults prepare for a better future by offering support and opportunities through education, employment training, and other essential services that promote personal and economic self-sufficiency.  [www.ccschelpinghand20m.com](http://www.ccschelpinghand20m.com)  Tamara Fisher.

**Exxpoze Society**

Exxpoze is dedicated to providing young filmmakers with the tools to make movies.  Darin Donovan.

**Fremont Opera, Inc.**

This opera company seeks to promote the cultural and educational appreciation of opera and opera-related activities by producing public performances and providing educational resources, training, and other programs for the continuing growth of young singing adults.  Ann Yvonne Walker and Rachel Profft; senior paralegal Phuong Quinby.
**Hiller Aviation Institute**

The Institute’s mission is to stimulate and engage our communities to discover the past, celebrate the present, and imagine the future of aviation, with a focus on unique technological innovations and innovators. www.hiller.org. Thomas Klein, Koray Bulut, Marvin Dunson III, Alicia Farquhar, Daniel Smith, and Stephen Taeusch; senior paralegals Caterina Benson and JoAnn Schiro.

**India Community Center, Inc. (ICC)**

The ICC promotes Indian culture and values by providing social, cultural, recreational, and community programs, thereby uniting the Indian community and raising awareness about Indian culture in the local community. www.indiacc.org. Paul Shinn.

**Jewish Fund for the Advancement of Culture and Education, Inc.**

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to provide assistance to, and seek funds for, minorities in Iran to pursue educational opportunities abroad and to upgrade educational and cultural standards. Maya Blumenfeld and Anna Kovina; senior paralegal Julie Meagher; corporate assistant Randy Hembrador.

**Kitka, Inc.**

Kitka is a professional vocal ensemble dedicated to producing concerts, recordings, and educational programs that develop new audiences for music rooted in Eastern European women’s vocal traditions. Kitka also strives to expand the boundaries of this music as an expressive art form. www.kitka.org. Catalin Cosovanu, Darin Donovan, and Olga Kotlyarevskaya.

**Los Lupeños de San José**


**Ragazzi Boys Chorus**

Founded in 1987, the organization is a regional center for music education and performance for boys and young men aged 7–18. More than 130 singers from 86 schools in 26 Bay Area communities—including San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties—participate in this internationally recognized program. http://www.ragazzi.org. Alex Vorobiov.

**San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is a dynamic center for modern and contemporary art. The museum strives to engage and inspire a diverse range of audiences by pursuing an innovative program of exhibitions, education, publications, and collections activities. International in scope while reflecting the distinctive character of the San Francisco Bay Area, the museum explores compelling expressions of visual culture. www.sfmoma.org. Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Marisa Brutoco, Alyson Dinsmore, Francine Hanson, Aaron Hendelman, Hollis Hire, Olga Kotlyarevskaya, Jishnu Menon, and Kenny Nguyen; summer associate Weilyn Pa; senior paralegal Sharon Schor; reference librarians Jana Cassel, Betty Howell, and Caroline Overby.

**Smuin Ballet**

The mission of the Smuin Ballet is to bring the enjoyment of dance to new as well as existing audiences through works that extend and enrich the art with presentations of uncompromising originality and quality. www.smuinballet.org. David Berger, Marina Tsatalis, Timothy Balombin, Jenny Dixon, Alicia Farquhar, Bryan Ketroser, Kwang Kim, Michael Nader, Troy Valdez, and Alex Vorobiov; senior paralegal Vince McGautha.
The Filoli Center
Filoli offers a diverse range of educational programming for adults and children on topics such as horticulture, art, botanical illustration, decorative arts, floral design, nature education, history, and preservation. http://www.filoli.org. Fred Alvarez, Alicia Farquhar, Tamara Fisher, and Michael Schlemmer.

The Glass Contraption
This theater company describes its mission as “unleashing the vitality, ferocity, and wit of the clown to invigorate artists and audiences with lovingly handcrafted theater that will knock your socks off.” http://glasscontraption.org. Sara Ciarelli and David Pashman.

The San Jose Museum of Modern Art (SJMA)
SJMA is the leading institution dedicated to visual culture in Silicon Valley. It is a community anchor, ensuring artistic excellence and access for an extraordinarily diverse populace. http://www.sjmusart.org. Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Marisa Brutoco, Francine Hanson, Jung-Chull Lee, and Jishnu Menon; senior paralegal Jane Wilson.

Théâtre de la Baie du Sud

Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum
The Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum is a nonprofit organization founded around the work of American sculptor Charles Umlauf. It is dedicated to providing educational experiences that encourage the understanding and appreciation of sculpture. http://www.umlaufsculpture.org. Laura Merritt; senior paralegal Margaret LaMore.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS)
The mission of ACS is to empower teens and their families to realize their emotional and social potential through counseling and preventive education. www.acs–teens.org. Donna Petkanics, John Slafsky, Mark Altman, Koray Bulut, Leslie Cheng, Alyson Dinsmore, Kristen Dumont, Michael Nader, Elizabeth Tippett, Alex Vorobiov, Mark Warnick, Suzanne White, and Nathan Wildermann.

Alpine Menlo Soccer Club
The Club’s purpose is to develop and sustain a high-quality, safe, and positive soccer program. The program is designed to help youth soccer players attain the highest possible level of skills, tactics, sportsmanship, and overall soccer proficiency through exceptional teaching and coaching, competition, and respect for the game. http://www.alpinemenlosoccer.com. Michal Kubicki and Paul Shinn.

Blue Skies for Children, Inc.
This organization’s goal is to raise hope and self-esteem by sponsoring enrichment programs and providing clothing, school supplies, and other essentials to homeless, foster, and low-income children in Whatcom County, Washington. http://www.blueskiesforchildren.org. John Slafsky, Alyson Dinsmore, and Hollis Hire; senior paralegal Ty Tran.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula
The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula welcomes children every day during the vulnerable after-school and summer hours. Youth development professionals use a broad range of programs to guide and inspire boys and girls to develop the attitudes and life skills they need to achieve their potential. www.bgcp.org. Leslie Cheng, Tamara Fisher, and Michael Nader; summer associate Jennifer Martinez.
Community Family Services  
This organization provides high-quality and comprehensive child development services through its network of family child care homes.  www.communityfamilyservices.org.  Jin Han.

Child Advocates  
Child Advocates’ vision is that every child has a safe, loving home and is given the opportunity to become a strong, healthy adult.  http://www.cadvocates.org.  Fred Alvarez, Jessica Bliss, Koray Bulut, Bart Dillashaw, Alyson Dinsmore, Erin Doyle, Alicia Farquhar, Michael Nader, Cisco Palao-Ricketts, Michael Schlemmer, and Amy Todd; senior paralegal Julie Meagher; paralegal Sarah Hornbeek; corporate assistant Randy Hembrador.

Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo (4Cs)  

Each One Reach One  
Each One Reach One diverts incarcerated youth from a life in prison to productive community membership through mentor-based performing arts and academic tutoring programs.  www.each1reach1.org.  Paul Shinn.

East Palo Alto Boxing Club  
The Club provides after-school recreational activities and delinquency prevention by giving boxing training to underprivileged, at-risk youth.  Catherine Kirkman, Jennifer Bucha, and Richard Melnyk.

Estrella Family Services  
Estrella Family Services is a nonprofit agency located in San Jose. It offers child care and youth services, as well as a wide range of services for the entire family through its Parent Services Project.  http://www.estrellafamily services.org.  Wayne Chang and Rachel Proffitt.

Family Connections  
Family Connections is a tuition-free parent participation preschool for low-income families. The school helps parents learn positive parenting skills while their children develop the skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.  www.familyconnections.org.  Marvin Dunson III, Alicia Farquhar, and Stephen Taeusch.

Family Resources Foundation in Palo Alto  
The objective of the Foundation is to support Palo Alto’s community-based Family Resources Program through fundraising and advocacy. The program is designed to respond to changing social conditions that leave families feeling isolated and with increasingly complex needs.  http://familyresources.cityofpaloalto.org.  Lia Alioto, Michael Esquivel, Joanna Jordan-Wu, and Richard Schachtli; senior paralegal Roberta Chesler.

Heads Up  

Human Energy Project  
This organization’s mandate is to develop drugs for rare mitochondrial diseases that affect more than 100,000 children.  http://hep.org.  Francine Hanson, Brian Pitre, and Richard Schachtli; senior paralegals Ann Coppel and Ty Tran.

Jeremiah’s Promise  
Jeremiah’s Promise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of youth who “age out” of the foster care system at age 18 and would otherwise

**Juma Ventures**

Juma Ventures is an innovative nonprofit organization that has developed a unique and highly effective approach to youth development. Juma develops and operates businesses—known as “social enterprises”—for the purpose of providing job opportunities to economically disadvantaged teens. “Juma” means “work” in Swahili. www.jumaventures.org. Tamara Fisher and Michael Nader.

**Just in Time for Foster Youth (JIT)**

JIT is a project of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, which helps former foster youth transition into adulthood by providing basics (such as rent, food cards, and bus passes) after they have been emancipated from the system. Darin Donovan and Mark Liu.

**Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County Caregiver Legal Assistance Network**

Legal Aid is a safety net for those without a voice. It helps families by securing protection for victims of abuse, assists children in accessing needed medical care, ensures that families are able to keep their homes by avoiding foreclosure or eviction, protects the elderly against fraud, and helps children gain access to special education programs. www.legalaidsmc.org. Boris Feldman, Marisa Brutoco, Leslie Cheng, Christina Costley, Darin Donovan, Erin Doyle, Tamara Fisher, Pamela Glazner, Kwang Kim, Laurie-Ann Look, Antonio Sistos, Michael Ting, Amy Todd, Alex Vorobiov, Gregory Wallace, and Mark Warnick; summer associates Bryan Boyle, Ashley Chuang, Arun Goel, Alison Gorczyca, An-Yen Hu, Kimya Lashgari, and Jennifer Martinez; senior paralegal Gail McFall; paralegals George Perez and Moira Rueda; case assistant Rodolfo Muñoz; reference librarian Penny Greene.

**Little Kids Rock, Inc.**

This group believes that all children in our public schools deserve music education, since it can be a transforming force in young people’s lives. www.littlekidsrock.org. John Slafsky, Darin Donovan, Matthew Grumbling, Aaron Hendelman, Peter Munson, Jason Rhodes, Alex Vorobiov, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Ty Tran.

**Los Altos Mountain View Children’s Corner**

The Children’s Corner is a not-for-profit corporation licensed by the State of California. The underlying premise of its program is that children learn through play. The staff at the Children’s Corner strives to provide an environment that is safe, both physically and emotionally, and that encourages free exploration and discovery. www.lamvchildrenscorner.org. Chris Fennell, Susan Reinstra, Jennifer Bucha, and Phuong Phillips.

**Music for Minors (MFM)**

MFM is a nonprofit organization founded in 1976 and devoted to providing an innovative music education program in elementary schools throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. www.mfm.org. Aaron Hendelman; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

**Ronald McDonald House**


**Seven Tepees Youth Program**

The Seven Tepees Youth Program is dedicated to improving the lives of promising inner-city youth. Its mission is to work with urban youth to foster the skills they need to make lifelong positive choices and to create their own opportunities for success. http://www.7tepees.org. Kristen Dumont and Michael Schlemmer.
The Cleo Eulau Center
The mission of the Cleo Eulau Center is to help children and adolescents develop their capacity to rebound from hardship and adversity and grow to become competent adults. http://www.cleoeluaucenter.org. Michael Baker and Stephen Taeusch.

Thrive Foundation for Youth
The Foundation is committed to supporting organizations and environments that enable young people to thrive and realize their potential. http://www.thrivefoundation.org. Catherine Kirkman, Ulrico Rosales, Marisa Brutoco, Chandra Claycamp, Alicia Farquhar, Ashwin Gokhale, Jishnu Menon, Michael Schlemmer, Gerard Stegmaier, Michelle Wallin, and Nathan Wildermann.

Variety: The Children’s Charity of Northern California
This group’s mission is to enhance the lives of children in need. It provides lifesaving and life-enriching assistance to children challenged by physical and mental disabilities, poverty, abuse, and neglect. Funds are allocated to various children’s agencies and camps to aid disabled, disadvantaged, abused, and/or neglected kids, as well as to children who need medical services and equipment. http://www.varietync.org. Madeleine Boshart and Yukie Tokuda.

Wings Learning Center
The Center was created to address the academic and social needs of children with autism and communication disorders, making it possible for them to interact, learn, and live with typically developing children. www.wingslearningcenter.org. Erin Doyle, Marvin Dunson III, Alicia Farquhar, Kwang Kim, Michael Schlemmer, Stephen Taeusch, Amy Todd, and Yukie Tokuda; senior paralegal Gail McFall.

Youth Community Service and YWCA of the Peninsula
The Youth Community Service promotes the ethic of service, fosters youth leadership, builds community, and enhances education by providing community service, service learning, and leadership activities to East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto young people in grades K-12. http://www.youthcommunityservice.org. Jennifer Fan and Ira Lam; senior paralegal Christine Marion; corporate summer assistant Katherine Daily.

Youth Science Institute (YSI)

YouthNOISE
This group of young people—from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 176 countries—together with a small group of adults, provide information from more than 300 nonprofit partners to inspire youths to take action on the social issues that matter most to them. www.youthnoise.com. Catherine Kirkman, John Chase, Calise Cheng, Kristen Dumont, Aaron Hendelman, Milana Homsi, Larry Kane, Sharmila Kassam, Anna Kovina, Shannon Melville, Ivana Ostojic, Cisco Palao-Ricketts, Rachel Proffitt, Michael Schlemmer, Amy Todd, Troy Valdez, and Suzanne White; summer associates Ashley Chuang, Kimya Lashgari, and Myra Sutanto; senior paralegals David Eberle, Cheryl Masters, and Phuong Quinby.

Asian Pacific Fund
The Fund’s mission is to increase philanthropy in the Bay Area Asian community, expanding resources to meet emerging and important needs. www.asianpacificfund.org. Diane Fong and Laurie-Ann Look.

Austin Entrepreneurs Foundation and Idea Network
The goal of the Entrepreneurs Foundation is to amplify the philanthropic efforts of its member companies, as well as their entrepreneurs, boards, and employees. Its programs also help build successful corporate cultures and allow
start-up companies to participate philanthropically even though charitable funds may be scarce. 

**Cecilia Burciaga and Tony Burciaga**  
Community/Development Awards

The Community/Development Award, established to honor the memory of José Antonio Burciaga, is given to a graduating senior at Stanford University who best exemplifies the spirit of community shown by the Burciagas. Richard Schachtili.

**Center for Nonviolent Communication**

The Center is a global organization that envisions a world where all people get their needs met and resolve conflicts peacefully. The center promotes the use of nonviolent communication (NVC) to create and participate in networks of worldwide systems in economics, education, justice, healthcare, and peace-keeping. www.cnvc.org. John Slafsky, Leslie Cheng, Aaron Hendelman, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

**Community Foundation Silicon Valley (now Silicon Valley Community Foundation)**

The mission of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation is to strengthen the common good, improve quality of life, and address the area’s most challenging problems. The foundation does this through visionary community leadership, world-class donor services, and effective grantmaking. http://www.siliconvalleycf.org. Bradford O’Brien.

**EHC LifeBuilders (formerly Emergency Housing Consortium)**

The organization’s goal is to help people rebuild their lives. Immediate needs assistance and effective self-sufficiency strategies are the hallmark of EHC LifeBuilders’ offerings. http://www.ehclifebuilders.org. Debra Summers, John Chase, Norman Cruz, Jennifer Fan, Douglas Krohn, Richard Melnyk, and Vivian Shan; summer associate Jesse Chew; senior paralegal Phuong Quinby.

**Entrepreneurs Foundation**

The Foundation’s mission is to engage high growth companies in corporate citizenship and philanthropic efforts so that new and leveraged resources are generated for community benefit. www.efbayarea.org. Roger Stern and Ann Yvonne Walker; senior paralegal Ramini Singh.

**Hands On Bay Area**

Hands On Bay Area is an affiliate of the Hands On Network (formerly City Cares), a national organization that supports an innovative alliance of volunteer management organizations across the United States, the United Kingdom, and other countries. www.handsonbayarea.org. Gregory Batista, Jill Nissen, and Richard Schachtili.

**Horizons Unlimited**


**Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of San Mateo County**

The primary mission of the IHN is to provide a safe haven to homeless families, break the cycle of homelessness among children and their parents, and help them re-establish long-term self-sufficiency. http://www.thevolunteercenter2.net/org/19283554.html. Darin Donovan and Richard Schachtili.
Knowledge as Power
The organization’s mission is to use online services to provide citizens with accessible and timely legislative information on any topic. www.knowledgeaspower.org. Tamara Fisher, Parag Gheewala, Aaron Hendelman, Elizabeth Kane, Drew Markham, Manja Sachet, Dan Stevenson, Karin Swope, and David Thomas; senior paralegal Jane Wilson.

Legal Community Against Violence (LCAV)
This is a public interest law center dedicated to preventing gun violence. Founded by lawyers, LCAV is the country’s only organization devoted exclusively to providing legal assistance in support of gun-violence prevention. www.lcav.org. Colleen Bal, David Berger, Dominique Alepin, Lisa Davis, Aileen Ocon, Anthony Weibell, and Anne Wu; reference librarian Penny Greene.

Lenders for Community Development (LCD)
LCD invests in people who are working to build financial, personal, and shared assets in low-income communities throughout the Bay Area. www.l4cd.com. Kathleen Rothman, Roger Stern, Michael Baker, Kristen Dumont, Cynthia Ferebee, Christine Foster, Douglas Krohn, and Richard Schachtili; summer associates Ashley Chuang and Nema Milaninia; senior paralegal Nancy Bouch.

METTA Center for Nonviolence Education
METTA’s mission is to teach the theory and practice of nonviolence and inspire people to use it. The center’s partners and programs aim to bring about a paradigm shift toward peace, justice, and healing in individuals, relationships, communities, and the world. www.metacenter.org. Vaughn Bunch, Richard Schachtili, and Heather Srimal; summer associates Ashley Chuang, James Claus, Kenisha Dilliard, Emily Hertz, and Bradley Kondracki.

Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition
This group strives to provide safe, affordable, high-quality shelter to those in need. It also seeks to establish stability and opportunity in the lives of residents and to foster communities that allow people from all ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds to live in dignity, harmony, and mutual respect. www.midpen-housing.org. Leslie Cheng, Marvin Dunson III, Alicia Farquhar, Gary Gansle, Michael Nader, and Michael Schlemmer.

Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA)
MEDA’s mission is to maintain and strengthen the San Francisco neighborhood’s cultural integrity by facilitating asset building within the community combined with a community-based planning approach. www.medasf.org. Tamara Fisher and Michael Nader.

National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)
The Association’s goal is improved corporate governance through better board practice. www.nacdonline.org. Richard Blake, Amy Hsiao, and Troy Valdez; paralegal Reeta Sharma; reference librarian Betty Howell.

Northern California Grantmakers (NCG)

Paddle Anacostia, Inc.
This organization encourages the increased recreational use of the Anacostia River, including the development of a whitewater boating course. It also assists with the revitalization and development of the Anacostia River waterfront and supports conservation and water-quality efforts within the river watershed. Rainey Hoffman and Michael Labriola.
Paradigm Hill
The organization's mission is to promote an environment in Mountain View that attracts, supports, and promotes community-wide interaction and diverse perspectives, as reflected in the city's community organizations. www.paradigmhill.org. Mark Reinstra, Lia Alioto, Jonna Anderson, Richard Schachtli, and John Slebir; paralegal Adrienne Jones.

Peninsula Humane Society/Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PHS/SPCA)
This is a private nonprofit organization guided by the humane ethic that aims to build healthy relationships between people and animals. www.peninsulahumanesociety.org. David Berger, Bradford O'Brien, John Slatsky, Jennifer Bucha, Jenny Dixon, Kimberley Forner, Melissa Hollatz, Jennifer Knapp, Olga Kothyarevskaya, Laurie-Ann Look, Brandon Mary, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Ty Tran; reference librarian Penny Greene.

Right Brain Trust
The Right Brain Trust is a nonprofit organization established to explore the role of poetics outside the bounds of literature. http://www.rightbraintrust.org. Andjana Pachkova.

Rubicon Programs, Inc.
Rubicon helps people and communities build assets to achieve greater independence. Since 1973, Rubicon has built and operated affordable housing and provided employment, job training, mental health, and other supportive services to individuals who have disabilities, are homeless, or are otherwise economically disadvantaged. www.rubiconprograms.org. Marc Gottschalk, David Hoffmeister, Koray Bulut, Tamara Fisher, Gary Gansle, Melissa Hollatz, Matthew Kuykendall, Richard Melnyk, Archana Ojha, Alex Vorobiov; and Anne Wu; summer associate Nema Milaninia.

San Jose Grail Family Services (GFS)
GFS fosters learning and the empowerment of vulnerable families with young children through the delivery of programs that educate, develop leadership skills, and build a sense of community. www.gsfamilyservices.org. Alyson Dinsmore and Aaron Hendelman; senior paralegal David Eberle.

Second Chance Fund
The Fund is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to adults in need of financial support, particularly when such financial support is likely to assist in the development of a self-sustaining career. http://www.2ndchance-fund.org. Virginia Rosas.

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

Speed Stoppers
The organization’s mission is education and grassroots advocacy to promote responsible speeding laws and curtail reckless driving among youth. Drew Markham.

The Palo Alto Downtown Streets Program (DST)
The DST is a transitional program that teaches participants successful work habits, including getting to work on time, completing tasks, and communicating effectively with management and co-workers. The ultimate goal is to get participants ready to re-enter and succeed in the workforce. http://www.downtownstreetsteam.com. Michael Esquivel; paralegal Molly O'Connell.
The Lincoln-Juarez Opportunity Center

The Center is a referral and resource hub that provides service to the Latino community in Orange County. It aims to help its clients improve their lives by connecting them with useful programs and services, such as English as Second Language (ESL) classes, employment counseling, assistance with immigration status, and access to low-cost medical clinics. [www.lincolnjuarez.org](http://www.lincolnjuarez.org). Michael Esquivel and Douglas Krohn.

The Philanthropy Network, Inc.

The charitable mission of the Network’s “doGoodr” project is to strengthen the nonprofit community, to increase public participation in charitable initiatives and philanthropic endeavors, and to maximize public benefits and assist those most in need. [http://www.thephilanthropynetwork.org](http://www.thephilanthropynetwork.org). Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Whit Bissell, Aaron Hendelman, Richard Schachtli, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegals Brenda Perez and Jane Wilson.

Thrive: The Alliance of Nonprofits for San Mateo County

Thrive supports and promotes a nonprofit sector that is a major contributor to the economic and social health of San Mateo County. [www.thrivealliance.org](http://www.thrivealliance.org). John Slafsky, Darin Donovan, Robert Housley, Richard Schachtli, Mark Warnick, and Tiffany Wong.

UniversalGiving


Urban Solutions

The organization’s mission is to help entrepreneurs secure financing, start or grow their businesses, and create jobs. [http://www.urbansolutionssf.org](http://www.urbansolutionssf.org). Tamara Fisher.

Urban University

This San Francisco organization serves low-income clients by providing free employment training and coaching services. Koray Bulut.

Vipani

Vipani aims to help farmers prosper. The organization envisions prosperous rural communities in developing countries where everyone has the opportunity to create wealth, stay healthy, and live self-reliantly in harmony with the environment. [www.vipani.org](http://www.vipani.org). Don Williams, Valerie Barnett, Aaron Hendelman, Melissa Hollatz, Amy Hsiao, Michael Schlemmer, and Jonathan Tanner; senior paralegal Ty Tran; paralegals Victoria Bocek and Reeta Sharma.

Wardrobe for Opportunity

Wardrobe for Opportunity is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that provides professional clothing and career support to low-income jobseekers so they can secure employment and become economically self-sufficient. [www.wardrobe.org](http://www.wardrobe.org). Alicia Farquhar.

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

The Clinic strives to end the unnecessary suffering caused by poverty and to advocate for justice for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Washington, DC. [http://www.legalclinic.org](http://www.legalclinic.org). Jocelyn Starzak.

Westminster Free Clinic

The Westminster Free Clinic is a nonprofit organization that provides free medical, legal, and social services to the homeless and working poor. The clinic also sponsors educational programs for underprivileged youth to encourage them to pursue higher education and scientific and medical careers, and is dedicated to helping persons of limited means access the medical and legal systems. Chris Compton and Amanda Vinson.
Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

DRA's mission is to ensure dignity, equality, and opportunity for people with all types of disabilities, throughout the United States and worldwide. www.dralegal.org. Jared Kopel; paralegal Marc Fortunato.

Marin Center for Independent Living

The Center believes that age or the presence of a disability must not be allowed to rob individuals of their rights to control the direction of their lives and to fully participate in the community. www.marincil.org. Tamara Fisher and Michael Nader.

TransAccess

TransAccess provides persons with disabilities with access to adaptive technology and career transition services so that they can achieve their desired education and employment and improve their quality of life. www.transaccess.org. Aaron Hendelman.

Aspire Public Schools

Aspire Public Schools is a nonprofit organization that builds and operates public charter schools to prepare urban students for college. The organization acts as a positive catalyst for change in California's educational system and is a national leader in operating high-performing urban schools. www.aspirepublicschools.org. Koray Bulut, Alicia Farquhar, Kwang Kim, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Jane Wilson.

Austin Partners in Education

Austin Partners in Education is a nonprofit organization that supports community-school partnership programs that provide a vehicle for businesses, government agencies, civic groups, and faith organizations to make additional educational resources available to schools. Volunteers from these organizations are frequently tutors, mentors, and lunch or reading buddies. They introduce students and teachers to new technologies, provide tours of their workplaces, and talk with students about their careers. www.austinpartners.org. Emily Gavin.

Castilleja School

The Castilleja School, established in 1907, is dedicated to providing a rigorous college preparatory education for young women in grades six through twelve. It is the only non-sectarian all-girls middle and high school in the San Francisco Bay Area. www.castilleja.org. Peter LaBoskey, Darin Donovan, Laurie-Ann Look, and Nathan Walker.

Classroom Wishlist

Classroom Wishlist is a nonprofit organization that provides individuals, corporations, and other organizations in the private sector with a vehicle to identify and fill the material needs of schools. www.classroomwishlist.com. Mark Bonham.
Decision Education Foundation
The Decision Education Foundation equips young people with powerful decision-making skills, enabling them to better shape their futures in an uncertain world. www.decisioneducation.org. Chris Fennell, Marc Ernaga, and Phuong Phillips.

Downtown College Preparatory (DCP)
DCP prepares underachieving students who will be the first in their families to attend college to thrive at four-year universities. www.downtowncollegeprep.org. Aaron Hendelman; senior paralegal Ty Tran.

East Palo Alto Charter School
This school strives to equip students with the skills necessary to read, write, speak, and calculate clearly, correctly, and confidently. www.epacs.org. Jin Han, Eleanor Hicks, and Gavin Zee.

Eastside College Preparatory School, Inc.
Eastside is committed to opening new doors to students from groups that have been historically under-represented in higher education. www.eastside.org. Bradford O’Brien, Gerard Stegmaier, and Nathan Wildermann.

Hand in Hand Parenting
Hand in Hand (formerly the Parents Leadership Institute) helps parents acquire the skills they need to build and rebuild close connections with their children. It also encourages parents to build close connections with other parents so they are able to learn, share, and work together to build a healthier community. www.handinhandparenting.org. John Slafsky, Jonna Anderson, Marisa Brutocoe, Marvin Dunson III, Tamara Fisher, Francine Hanson, Rachel Proffitt, and Michael Nader; summer associates Jennifer Martinez and Raghu Seshadri; senior paralegals David Eberle, Ty Tran, and Teresa Zirlen; paralegal Adrienne Jones.

Hillsdale High School Foundation
This charitable foundation was established to support the needs of Hillsdale High School, located in San Mateo, California. Darin Donovan, Daniel Green, and Eleanor Hicks.

Innovation Q (IQ)
IQ is a nonprofit philanthropic corporation founded by successful California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) graduates and business leaders interested in giving back and enhancing innovation at the same time. These highly successful individuals donate money to fund current Cal Poly student teams developing and perfecting innovative ideas leading to commercially viable products. www.innovationq.org. Francis Dubreuil and Richard Schachtili.

New Schools Venture Fund
The Fund’s mission is to transform public education through powerful ideas and passionate entrepreneurs so that all children—especially those from underserved communities—have the opportunity to succeed in the 21st century. www.newschools.org. Issac Vaughn, Michael Goldman, Richard Kline, Richard Melnyk, and Damien Weiss; summer associate Bradley Allen; paralegal Parul Dutt; corporate assistant Jessica Suttle; librarian Elizabeth MacMorris.

Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE)

Peninsula School, Ltd.
This school’s mission is fostering the development of the whole child by promoting creativity, independence, joy of learning, personal responsibility, and self-esteem, as well as academic excellence. http://www.peninsulaschool.org. Darin Donovan.

Plugged In: Learning through Technology
Plugged In connects individuals and cultivates minds by creating the opportunity for children and adults to produce, express, and contribute using technology. The group’s vision is a community in which opportunities abound for people to use technology to contribute and innovate. www.pluggedin.org. Roger Stern and Debra Summers.
Raising A Reader
The Raising A Reader mission is to foster healthy brain development, parent-child bonding, and the early literacy skills critical for school success by engaging parents in a routine of daily “book cuddling” with children from birth to age five. This program addresses a national need for effective early literacy programs. www.raisingareader.org. John Slafsky and Aaron Hendelman; senior paralegals Sharon Schor and Jane Wilson.

Saint Andrew’s School
This school offers an enriched curriculum within the tradition and values of the Episcopal Church. It aims to educate the whole child, developing as fully as possible the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical capabilities of its students. http://www.st-andrews.org. Peter LaBoskey, Debra Summers, and Heather Srimal; senior paralegal Marianne Stark Bradley.

Schools for Humanity
Schools for Humanity is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and advancement of the world’s underprivileged children. The organization strives to foster individual development by providing innovative educational solutions to children who would otherwise have limited opportunities. http://www.schoolsforhumanity.org. Catherine Kirkman, Francine Hanson, and Sharmila Kassam; paralegals Victoria Bocek and Michelle Davis.

Seattle Education Access

St. Christopher’s USA
A London-based institution, St. Christopher’s Fellowship aims to provide the best in housing, care, and support to help the children, young people, and vulnerable adults who use its services to achieve their potential. The fellowship is establishing a charity in the U.S. to promote partnership and the joint funding of educational research related to young people in both the U.S. and Europe. www.stchris.org.uk. Francis Dubreuil and Richard Schachtili.

State Change Productions
This is a nonprofit educational film company founded by Dr. David Lemberg with an initial goal of producing a four-part television documentary on science, technology, and science education. Darin Donovan and Richard Schachtili.

Students Rising Above
This program is dedicated to providing educational resources to high school students who are overcoming staggering obstacles to pursue their education and their dreams for a better life. http://www.studentsrisingabove.org. Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Marisa Brutoco, Victor Cinco, T’Challa Graham, Francine Hanson, Richard Schachtili, and Mark Warnick; summer associate Ashley Chuang; senior paralegal Jane Wilson.

The Santa Cruz Waldorf School
This school works to engage students’ minds, fire their imaginations, and strengthen their wills. The goal is to foster the initiative, creativity, and skills that will enable students to serve an evolving humanity. http://www.scwaldorf.org. Kwang Kim.

Woodland School

YES Reading
The mission of this nonprofit organization is to expand the opportunities of children in low-income communities by empowering them with strong literacy skills. http://www.yesreading.org. John Slafsky, Marisa Brutoco, and Francine Hanson; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.
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Biotech Entrepreneur-to-Entrepreneur (BioE2E)
BioE2E’s mission is to coalesce an active community of life science entrepreneurs by creating a lively forum for the exchange of applicable real-world entrepreneurial experiences. www.bioe2e.org. Christopher Willard and Karen Wong.

Blue Planet Run Foundation
The Foundation’s goal, which it hopes to realize by 2015, is to provide 200 million people with safe drinking water for the rest of their lives. http://www.blueplanetrun.org. Steven Guggenheim, Adit Khoura, John Slafsky, Samir Elamrani, Alicia Farquhar, Francine Hanson, Aaron Hendelman, Shannon Melville, Ivana Ostojic, Anie Roche, Gerard Stegmaier, and Nathan Wildermann; senior paralegals Christian Larsen and Ty Tran; paralegal Victoria Bocek.

Climate Solutions
This organization strives to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming by galvanizing leadership, growing investment, and bridging divides. www.climatesolutions.org. Drew Markham.

Collective Roots Garden Project

Environmental Defense
Environmental Defense is dedicated to protecting the environmental rights of all people, including future generations. Among these rights are clean air, clean water, healthy food, and flourishing ecosystems. www.environmentaldefense.org. Douglas Clark, Kristin Dillehay, and David Malveaux; senior paralegal Shea Spangenberg; reference librarians Caroline Overby and Christopher Vargas.

Environmental Media Fund, Inc.

Environmental Volunteers
This organization uses hands-on science education to promote understanding of, and responsibility for, the environment. http://evols.org. Bradford O’Brien.

Magic, Inc.
This group demonstrates how people can learn and apply principles of ecology and further the common interests of humankind. www.ecomagic.org. Aaron Hendelman and Mark Warnick.
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s purpose is to purchase, permanently protect, and restore lands to form a regional open space greenbelt. It also strives to preserve unspoiled wilderness, wildlife habitats, watersheds, viewsheds, and fragile ecosystems, as well as provide opportunities for low-intensity recreation and environmental education. www.openspace.org. Brian Pitre.

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

The NRDC aims to safeguard the Earth: its people, plants, animals, and the natural systems upon which all life depends. www.nrdc.org. Dominique Alepin; summer associate Nema Milaninia; reference librarian Penny Greene.

Newco WildAid

The organization’s mission is to decimate the illegal wildlife trade within our lifetimes, allowing threatened species to recover to safe levels. www.wildaid.org. Katharine Martin, John Slafsky, Margo Eakin, Aaron Hendelman, Nicolle Hollingsworth, and Andjana Pachkova; paralegal Stephen Soper.

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)

The POST strives to give permanent protection to the beauty, character, and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula landscape, both for the people here now and for future generations. www.openspacetrust.org. Peter LaBoskey, Bradford O’Brien, James McCann, and Richard Melnyk; summer associate Jesse Chew.

Planet Earth Foundation

The Foundation’s purpose is addressing community, national, and global needs through public service and cause-related media. www.planetearthfoundation.org. Aaron Hendelman and Cameron Smith; summer associate Brandon LeBlanc.

Redefining Progress

Redefining Progress works with a broad array of partners to shift the economy toward sustainable growth. The group’s partners include grassroots communities, labor unions, policymakers, academics, and businesses. Its efforts are focused largely on the United States because redefining progress in the U.S. will have enormous global reverberations. www.rprogress.org. John Slafsky, Marina Tsatalis, Whit Bissell, Russell Boggs, Koray Bulut, Carrie Duong, Farah Gerdes, Aaron Hendelman, Shannon Melville, Peter Munson, Ivana Ostojic, Michael Schlemmer, and Mark Warnick; summer associate Kara Brotman; senior paralegals Ann Lygas, Ty Tran, and Jane Wilson; senior foreign filing specialist Steven Elliott.

Seaflow

Seaflow is an educational nonprofit organization building an international movement dedicated to protecting whales, dolphins, and all marine life from active sonars and other lethal ocean noise pollution. www.seaflow.org. Kwang Kim, Richard Schachtlii, Michael Schlemmer, and Yukie Tokuda.

Sustainable Conservation


The Natural Step

The Natural Step strives to accelerate global sustainability by guiding companies, communities, and governments onto an ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable path. www.naturalstep.org. Aaron Hendelman and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

Tides Center

The Tides Center supports existing and emerging projects that share its vision of a just, healthy, and sustainable world. www.tidescenter.org. Drew Markham and Ivana Ostojic.
**Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC)**
The coalition protects public health and the environment by eliminating toxic pollution. It promotes alternatives, advocates policies, empowers communities, and educates people to create a healthy environment. [http://www.watoxics.org](http://www.watoxics.org). Drew Markham.

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**Aircraft Casualty Emotional Support Services (ACCESS)**
ACCESS's sole focus is to aid people who have been affected by air crashes and help survivors through the grieving process. By providing emotional understanding and assistance to friends and families of crash victims and survivors, ACCESS helps people cope. [www.accesshelp.org](http://www.accesshelp.org). Reference librarian Christopher Vargas.

**California Adolescent Nutrition & Fitness (CANFit)**
For more than a decade, CANFit has been engaging communities and building their capacity to improve the nutrition and physical activity status of California's low-income, ethnic youth between the ages of 10-14. [www.canfit.org](http://www.canfit.org). Mark Warnick.

**California Institute for Regenerative Medicine**
The institute was established in early 2005 with the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. The ballot measure, which provided $3 billion in funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions, called for the establishment of a new state agency to make grants and provide loans for stem cell research, research facilities, and other vital research opportunities. [www.cirm.ca.gov](http://www.cirm.ca.gov). Russell Boggs; patent agent Lauren Nguyen.

**Community Association for Rehabilitation (CAR)**

**Five Branches Institute**
This professional school trains students in the five branches of Chinese medicine. [www.fivebranches.edu](http://www.fivebranches.edu). Koray Bulut.

**Fogarty Institute for Innovation**
This nonprofit entity, created by The El Camino Hospital Foundation, will work to foster medical innovation through education and other means. Susan Reinstra.

**Future Brain Cancer Institute**
The Institute’s mission is to provide help, information, support, and facilitation for brain cancer patients and their families in the Bay Area. It also strives to increase awareness of brain cancer and raise funds through community programs. [www.saveyourbrain.org](http://www.saveyourbrain.org). Gavin Zee.

**Herban Health**
Herban Health provides holistic health care to low-income people, focusing on the homeless and people in recovery. Derk Lupinek and Rachel Proffitt.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**
This group is dedicated to finding a cure for diabetes. [www.jdrf.org/bay](http://www.jdrf.org/bay). Terry Johnson.

**Myelin Repair Foundation**
The Foundation's vision is to accelerate the rate of medical research in order to more rapidly bring treatments to people with diseases for which there are no effective treatments or cures. [www.myelinrepair.org](http://www.myelinrepair.org). Vern Norviel, Ray Akhavan, Kurt Carlson, John Chase, James Clessuras, Darius Kharabi, Afif Khoury, Jay Lee, Richard Schachtili, and Karen Wong; summer associate Kenisha Dilliard; legal staff Cathy Bachmann, Beth Berg, Abigail Cruz, Lisa Dewitt, Kellie Dowell, Casey Frost, and Susan McManus.
Steven Elliott, Julia Frank, Randy Hembrador, Esther Keppinger, Queenie Ngo, Lauren Nguyen, and Elena Quertermous; reference librarians Betty Howell, Caroline Overby, and Christopher Vargas.

Niroga Institute (Center for Integral Health)
The Institute fosters health and well-being for individuals, families, and communities through the practice of yoga. The Sanskrit word “niroga” means “freedom from disease” or “health of body, mind, and spirit.” www.whitelotusyoga.org. Aaron Hendelman and Rachel Proffitt; senior paralegal Ty Tran; paralegals Victoria Bocek and Crystal Hoang.

Public Library of Science
This library is a nonprofit organization of scientists and physicians committed to making the world’s scientific and medical literature a freely available public resource. www.plos.org. Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Farah Gerdes, Aaron Hendelman, Brian Knapp, Shannon Melville, and Mark Warnick; summer associate Ashley Chuang.

Sunbeam Foundation
The Foundation’s mission is to promote awareness and raise funds to advance the research and treatment of bone cancers that affect children and young adults. www.sunbeamfoundation.org. Peter La Boskey and Christina Hwang; senior paralegal Pamela Alford.

The Bill Wilson Center
This organization’s services include individual and small-group grief support for adults, children, and families experiencing life-threatening illness or the death of a loved one. www.billwilsoncenter.org/thecentre. Tamara Fisher and Michael Nader.

Until There’s A Cure Foundation
This organization is dedicated to eradicating HIV/AIDS by raising awareness and funds to combat this pandemic. www.utac.org. John Slafsky, Jonna Anderson, Aaron Hendelman, Rachel Proffitt, Troy Valdez, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegals David Eberle, Christian Larsen, and Teresa Zirlen; paralegals Adrienne Jones and Reeta Sharma.

Utah Life Science Association
This group’s mission is to promote the growth and quality of the life science industry in the state of Utah and ensure that it achieves its full economic and social potential. www.utahlifescience.com. Robert O’Connor.

INDIGENT REPRESENTATION

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Foundation

Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legal Outreach
Founded in 1975, API Legal Outreach promotes culturally and linguistically appropriate services for the most marginalized segments of the API community. Its work is currently focused on the areas of domestic violence, violence against women, immigration and immigrant rights, senior law and elder abuse, human trafficking, public benefits, and social justice issues. www.apilegaloutreach.org. Jennifer Ochs, Maura Rees, Jordan Elias, Tamara Fisher, Huang Nguyen, and Anthony Weibell; summer associate Elise Miller; senior paralegal Vince McGautha; paralegals Frances Borromeo, Hazel McDaniel, and Pat Skinner; reference librarians Penny Greene, Betty Howell, Cella Mitchell, and Christopher Vargas.
Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA)
The Center is an international human rights organization dedicated to ending torture and other severe human rights abuses around the world and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice, and redress. The CJA uses litigation to hold perpetrators individually accountable for human rights abuses, develop human rights law, and advance the rule of law in countries transitioning from periods of abuse. www.cja.org. Leo Cunningham; senior paralegal Kristina Baldwin.

Federal Pro Bono Program San Jose
Matthew Reed.

Kenneth Hahn
Bart Volkmer.

Diane Hardin
Laura Merritt.

Maria Hunkin
Vicki Norton, John Lotfi, and Uale Taotafa; reference librarian Jana Cassel.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
The ILRC works with immigrants and citizens to make critical legal assistance and social services accessible to all, regardless of income, and to build a society that values diversity and respects the dignity and rights of all people. http://www.ilrc.org. Olga Kotlyarevska; reference librarian Penny Greene.

La Raza Centro Legal, Inc.
La Raza provides direct legal services, education, leadership development, and opportunities to organize around community issues. www.lrcl.org. Fred Alvarez.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Bono Program
The goal of the program is to provide pro bono counsel to pro se parties in all civil appeals in which briefing and argument by counsel would benefit the court's review. http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov. Daniel Amador, Christina Costley, Randolph Gaw, Pamela Glazner, and Erin Holland; senior paralegal Mariko Gjovig; paralegals Beverly Federigi and George Perez; reference librarian Penny Greene.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
The Project advances the legal rights and dignity of low-income immigrants in Washington state by pursuing and preserving their legal status through legal representation, education, and public policy. www.nwirp.org. Natalie Bridgeman, Erin Holland, Elizabeth Kane, Jason Kinn, and Tenaya Scheinman.

William Smith

The Bernardo Kohler Center, Inc.
The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights

The Committee is devoted to advancing the rights of people of color, poor people, and immigrants and refugees, while maintaining its historical commitment to provide legal advocacy for African-Americans. www.lccr.com, Leo Cunningham, Jared Kopel, Elizabeth Saunders, Dominique Alepin, Natalie Bridgeman, Lisa Byerly, Susan Callender, Peter Chang, Christina Costley, Alyson Dinsmore, Jordan Elias, Crystal Gaudette, Laura Grant, Eleanor Hicks, Erin Holland, Milana Homsi, Christopher Howald, Julie Hwang, Michael Jones, Krishna Juvvadi, Alison Keegan, Jason Kinn, Olga Kotlyarevskaya, Elena Kouvabina, Ivana Lee, Alda Leu, Freeda Lugo, Merav Magen, David Malveaux, Evelina Manukyan, Brandon Mary, Christopher Meade, Jimmy Nguyen, Kenny Nguyen, William O’Callaghan, Alieen Ocon, Archana Ojha, Chris Parry, Steve Recchia, Christopher Rodi, Frederick Saal, Bart Volkmer, Alex Vorobiov, Mark Warnick, Caroline Wilson, and Lucy Yen; summer associates Clark Asay, Robin Brewer, Ashley Chuang, An-Yen Hu, Jennifer Martinez, and Nema Milaninia; legal staff Mary Aspegren, Kristina Baldwin, Christopher Belmes, Sonja Bender, Bruce Chiang, Judy Day, Beverly Federigi, Marc Fortunato, Elena Gamica, Nancy Heaney, Aaron Jorgensen, Derek Lee, Stacy Love, Chris Lubawy, Candida Malferrari, Vince McCaughtha, Rodolfo Muñoz, Melissa Oswald, George Perez, Mai Pham, Juancho Poblete, Moira Rueda, Luis Samson, Pamela Sandillo, Fred Saulo, Kazuko Shintani, Pat Skinner, John Smith, Shea Spangenberg, Michelle Sundheimer, and Mary Wolf; reference librarians Penny Greene, Betty Howell, Caroline Overby, and Christopher Vargas.

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

The program has a dual mission: to recruit and train attorneys in the fledgling field of veterans’ law; and to provide assistance to unrepresented appellants at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. http://www.vetsprobono.org. Christopher Meade.

The W. Haywood Burns Institute

The Institute works intensively with local jurisdictions to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color in the juvenile justice systems by leading a group of traditional and non-traditional stakeholders through a data-driven, consensus-based process. http://www.burnsinstitute.org. Jessica Bliss, Marvin Dunson III, and Alicia Farquhar.

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

This group helps low-income clients access the civil justice system by providing volunteer attorneys who donate free legal advice and representation and by supporting and training those attorneys. http://www.vlsoct.org. Edward Marshall and Brian Range.

Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP)


John Walker

Darin Donovan, Elena Kouvabina, and Evelina Manukyan; case assistant Monika Nowakowski; reference librarians Jana Cassel, Penny Greene, and Betty Howell.

Donald Welchko

Robert Feldman, Leo Cunningham, Dominique Alepin, Alieen Ocon, Jeff Palmer, and Gregory Watts; senior paralegals Anthony DeNatale and Stacy Love; paralegals Aaron Jorgensen and Jocelyn Vila; case assistant Christine Mutto; reference librarians Penny Greene, Betty Howell, Caroline Overby, and Christopher Vargas.
INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS

Acumen Fund
This is a nonprofit global venture fund that uses entrepreneurial approaches to solve the problems of global poverty. www.acumenfund.org. Ivan Humphreys, Eileen Marshall, Lara Payne, and Vijaya Gadde.

Association of International Students
This nonprofit organization assists foreign students, scholars, and visiting scientists while they are in the United States. Darin Donovan and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

Association of Space Explorers (ASE)
The ASE is an international nonprofit professional and educational organization of more than 300 individuals from 30 nations who have flown in space. www.space-explorers.org. Senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

Dalai Lama Foundation
The Foundation’s mission is the development of our shared global capacity for ethics and peace, based on a non-dogmatic ethic of compassion. www.dalailamafoundation.org. David Gerson, Sara Harrington, Julia Reigel, Lia Alioto, Phuong Phillips, Richard Schachtili, Stephen Taesch, Daniel Xu, and Jenny Yeh; summer associate Russell Wong.

Doctors Outreach Clinics, Inc.
Doctors Outreach Clinics is a public-benefit corporation dedicated to improving the health of rural communities worldwide through international partnerships and education. www.doctorsoutreachclinics.org. Darin Donovan.

eCANDLE
eCANDLE is a not-for-profit organization focused on providing educational content and career training to developing countries around the world.

www.ecandlefoundation.org. Catherine Kirkman, Christina Bye, and Karl Israelson; summer associate Alison Gorczyca; paralegal Kristine Sayer.

Exchange Scholar Foundation
The Foundation is dedicated to providing scholarships to students from less-developed countries who hope to study in the United States. Richard Schachtili.

Facing the Future
This organization develops young people’s capacity and commitment to create thriving, sustainable, and peaceful local and global communities. http://www.facingthefuture.org. Aaron Hendelman.

Global Peace Networks
Global Peace Networks, a sister organization to the international Young Presidents’ Organization (YPO), encourages and facilitates business leaders from the YPO to work together on regional and international peace issues. Michael Danaher and Richard Schachtili.

Relief International (RI)
RI is a humanitarian nonprofit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation, development assistance, and program services to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI is solely dedicated to reducing human suffering and is non-political and non-sectarian in its mission. www.ri.org. Alicia Farquhar and Tamara Fisher.

The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Foundation, Inc.
The Share Fund

The Fund was created to promote the understanding of indigenous cultures and support collaborative educational, cultural, and sustainable development projects in the indigenous communities of Ecuador, Kenya, and other countries. Richard Schachtli.

SENIOR ISSUES

Civic Ventures

Civic Ventures is reframing the debate about aging in America and redefining the second half of life as a source of social and individual renewal. Through programs and consulting, the group brings together older adults with a passion for service and helps stimulate opportunities for using their talents to advance the greater good. www.civicventures.org. John Slafsky, Erin Doyle, Marvin Dunson III, Tamara Fisher, Laura Merritt, Rachel Proffitt, Troy Valdez, Alex Vorobiov, and Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Ty Tran; paralegal Victoria Bocek.

Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.

The purpose of Peninsula Volunteers is to help create—through high-quality, nurturing programs for the aging—a community in which seniors are engaged, cared for, and respected as vital members of the community. www.penvol.org. Alicia Farquhar.

Senior Coastsiders, Inc.


Young at Heart Project

The Project aims to provide the entertainment and therapeutic benefits of live professional music to senior populations confined by age and infirmity in convalescent and residential care facilities throughout the Central Coast and South Bay Communities. http://www.young-at-heart.org. Jonathan Tanner.

SPRITUAL

Palo Alto Community Eruv, Inc.

Ignacio Salceda, Clayton Basser-Wall, Douglas Krohn, and Merav Magen.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that leads people to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering. www.svdp-alameda.org. Tamara Fisher and Michael Nader.

Sunday Friends Foundation

This group provides a supportive environment for low-income families to learn and practice social and economic life skills. Children and parents work together with volunteers to improve self-confidence, pride, work ethic, and family unity. Sunday Friends strives to build a mutual understanding between—and respect for—all people. http://www.sundayfriends.org. Jin Han and Aaron Hendelman.

TECHNOLOGY

Creative Commons Corporation

A single goal unites Creative Commons’ current and future projects: to build a layer of reasonable, flexible copyright guidelines in the face of increasingly restrictive default rules. www.creativecommons.org. Catherine Kirkman, John Slafsky, Catalin Cosovanu, and Richard Schachtli; senior paralegal Keith Uyeda; reference librarian Caroline Overby.

GNOME Foundation

The Foundation strives to further the goal of the GNOME project: to create a computing platform for use by the general public that is completely free software. http://foundation.gnome.org. Darin Donovan and Aaron Hendelman; senior paralegal Jane Wilson; paralegal Victoria Bocek.
Joint Commission on Technology and Science
The Commission was created by the 1997 Virginia General Assembly as a permanent legislative commission charged to study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies. http://jcots.state.va.us. Gerard Stegmaier and Nathan Wildermann.

Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network
Joint Venture is a neutral forum bringing together leaders from business, labor, government, the universities, and the nonprofit sector to think outside the box and build creative solutions to issues affecting the region’s economy and quality of life. www.jointventure.org. David Kramer.

The MIT Club of Northern California (MITCNC)
The Club offers graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who are currently based in the Bay Area numerous resources in entrepreneurship, career development, and professional networking. www.mitcnc.org. Darin Donovan, Gregory Grove, Brian Knapp, Jung-Chull Lee, Gavin McCraley, Chingwin Pei, Richard Schachtlili, and Albert Sheu; paralegal Adrienne Jones; corporate assistant John Briscoe.

Software Development Forum (SDForum)
SDForum is the leading Silicon Valley nonprofit organization providing an unbiased source of information and insight to the technology community. For the past 23 years, SDForum has provided a venue for engineers, executives, researchers, technology leaders, and venture capitalists to exchange information on emerging technologies and best practices. www.sdforum.org. Derk Lupinik, Rachel Proffitt, Gerard Stegmaier, and Troy Valdez; corporate assistant Minh-Chau Nguyen.

TinyOS Alliance
The group’s charter is to formulate a legal and organizational framework for an alliance to facilitate the continued advancement of the open embedded network ecosystem around TinyOS, and support the activities, interactions, and development of the worldwide academic and industrial TinyOS community. http://www.tinyos.net/scoop/special/tinyos_alliance. Matthew Sonsini, Sean Butler, Darin Donovan, and Jennifer Fan; summer associate Elaine Kim; senior paralegal Christine Marion; reference librarian Caroline Overby.

Voice Over IP (VoIP) Security Alliance
This organization’s goal is to drive adoption of VoIP by promoting the current state of VoIP security research, VoIP security education and awareness, and free VoIP testing methodologies and tools. www.voipsa.org. Josh Hollem, summer associate Shan Sivalingam.

WOMEN
Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI)
The Institute’s mission is two-fold: to increase the impact of women on all aspects of technology and to increase the positive impact of technology on the world’s women. www.anitaborg.org. Catherine Kirkman, Christina Bye, Aaron Hendelman, Sharmila Kassam, Michael Nader, Richard Schachtlili, Jenifer Smith, and Elizabeth Tippett; summer associate Kimya Lashgari; senior paralegals Jane Wilson and Sharon Schor.

Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives
This forum is where women come together to accelerate one another’s success in business. www.fwe.org. Suzanne Bell and Suzanne White.

Girls to Women
The purpose of this organization is to provide youth development for girls between the ages of 6 and 16 in East Palo Alto and surrounding areas. John Slafsky, Jishnu Menon, Mark Warnick, and Junie Yoon; senior paralegal Lisa Carmody; paralegal Victoria Bocek.

International Museum of Women
The mission of the International Museum of Women is to value the lives of women around the world. www.imow.org. Catherine Kirkman, Susan Reinstra, Marisa Brutoco, Leslie Cheng, Chandra Claycamp, Danielle Donaldson, Darin Donovan,
Aaron Hendelman, Laurie-Ann Look, Shannon Melville, Nicole Moscini, Michael Nader, Manja Sachet, Heather Srimal, Gerard Stegmaier, Stephen Taeusch, and Nathan Wildermann; summer associates Kristen Harrer and Raghu Seshadri; senior paralegal Jessie Couch.

Junior League of Seattle
This is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. www.jrleagueseattle.org. Parag Gheewala, Manja Sachet, Gerard Stegmaier, and Nathan Wildermann; senior paralegal Cheryl Claeys.

Mothers’ Milk Bank
The mission of the Mothers’ Milk Bank at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is to meet an important national health need by collecting, processing, and distributing donor human milk. www.milkbanksj.org. John Slafsky, Farah Gerdes, and Mark Warnick; summer associate Emily Fenner.

MoxFox Women’s Center
The purpose of the Center is to connect women and girls to other women and girls through access to resources and contacts. Mark Warnick; senior paralegal David Eberle.

National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)
The NCLR is a national legal organization committed to advancing the legal and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. www.nclrights.org. Tamara Fisher and Amy Todd; senior paralegal Gail McFall.

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
The organization’s goal is ending domestic violence. www.nextdoor.org. Jennifer Bucha, Erin Doyle, Tamara Fisher, Eleanor Hicks, Erin Holland, Melissa Hollatz, Olga Kotlyarevskaya, Hao Li, Evelina Manukyan, Michael Nader, Michael Schlemmer, Antonio Sistos, Stephen Taeusch, Amy Todd, and Anne Wu; summer associates Emily Fenner and Riya Kuo; reference librarian Penny Greene.

Sanctuary for Families
Sanctuary for Families envisions a society in which freedom from domestic violence is a basic human right. It is dedicated to the safety, healing, and self-sufficiency of battered women and their children. http://www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org. David Pashman.

SHEVentures
SHEVentures’ vision is a world where young women from all backgrounds are valued and encouraged to create social and environmental change. www.sheventures.org. Senior paralegal Sharon Schor.

Spark
Spark seeks to engage people in our community to support and promote women around the world whose initiative and courage have inspired positive change in the face of challenges. http://sparksf.org. Emily Gavin; corporate assistant William Edwards.

Women’s Action to Gain Economic Security (WAGES)
The mission of WAGES is to promote the social and economic empowerment of low-income women through cooperative business ownership. www.wagescooperatives.org. Tamara Fisher, Tracey Luttrell, Michael Nader, and Junie Yoon; corporate summer assistant Katherine Dally.

Women’s Funding Network
A worldwide partnership of women’s funds, donors, and allies committed to social justice, the Women’s Funding Network seeks to ensure that women’s funds are recognized as the “investment of choice” for people who value the full participation of women and girls as key to strong, equitable, and sustainable communities and societies. www.wfnet.org. Mark Warnick; senior paralegal Sharon Schor.
Community Activities

WILSON SONsINI GOODRICH & ROSATi
COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Community Service Committee was established to enhance the firm’s community involvement by organizing numerous charity and community events throughout the year for the firm’s employees. Members of the committee are Kim Armstrong, Ray Badilla, Lannél Bowman, Christina Brondos, Natalie Burgin, Claire Davis, Nancy Dearborn, Joanna Delaney, Heather Dowling, Nancy Farestveit, Darla Hall, Kim Hessler, Aleks Lopez, Ann Lygas, Joyce Maguire, Candida Malferrari, Gay Massarsky, Gail McFall (chair), Karen Novak, Manja Sachet, Lisa Sims, Christine Speight-Roberts, and Stacy Trzesniewski.

Activities

Many Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati attorneys and staff participated in firm-wide community events in fiscal year 2007.

The first firm-wide events were the “Light the Night” (LTN) walks sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). On various dates between September and November 2006, employees from the Austin, DC, New York, Palo Alto, San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle offices walked two miles to promote awareness of blood cancers and raise funds for their cures. The WSGR Foundation donated $7,000 to the LLS in addition to the more than $18,700 raised by employees firm-wide.

In lieu of the LTN walk in Salt Lake City, which was cancelled by LLS, the Salt Lake City office participated in the American Cancer Society’s “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” in October. Firm employees raised $900 for the event in addition to the WSGR Foundation’s $1,000 donation.

Volunteers from different offices who walked and/or raised funds for these worthy causes were:

Joanne Altman, Sue Bennett, Elin Bolt, Christi Brondos (San Diego team captain), Natalie Burgin, Rosanna Carter, Michelle Carty, Jeff Cislini, Pat Civiletti, Yvonne Corbin, Jaime Daniels, Anthony DeNatale, Michelle Drucker, Misty Elam, Griselle Estrada, Chris Fennell, Tami Fisher, Monica Franklin (DC team captain), Cynthia Fulinara, Grace Herrera, Megan Jamroz, Debra Jones, Pete LaBoskey, Aleksandra Lopez (SF team captain), Ann Lygas, Gay Massarsky, Gail McFall, Dion Messer, Anna Miller, Leland Nichols, Karen Novak (Seattle team captain), Michael Occhiolini, Kristen Olson, Lara Payne (NY co-team captain), Nakita Peterson, Yisell Sanchez, Lisa Sims (Palo Alto team captain), Nat Shah, Jason Smith (NY co-team captain), Vivian Soto, Christine Speight-Roberts (Austin team captain), Dan Stevenson, Nicole Tanenbaum, Catherine Tenner, Stacy Trzesniewski, Jocelyn Vila, Janice Weekes, Diana Woodruff, Doris Zimmermann, and Connie Zink.

Volunteers from the Salt Lake City office who participated in the American Cancer Society’s “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” were:

Lannél Bowman, Laura Condie, Carrie Ellis, Charlene Harris, Tracey Jackson, Justin Judd, Kristy Sayer, Lily Langen, Amie Larson, David McCraigh, Chris Shoff, James Thomson, and Matt Wells

Other charitable programs popular with attorneys and staff firm-wide were various Adopt-a-Family programs. The firm’s employees adopted a total of 46 families during the holiday season. Participants provided monetary contributions and items designated on the holiday wish lists of children and families in need. The WSGR Foundation joined in the employees’ efforts by making an overall donation of $7,000 to seven nonprofits nationwide, including a $5,500 donation to the Child Abuse Prevention Center to support an additional 100 children in its Adopt-a-Family program.
Volunteer team captains who led this event were:
Christine Speight-Roberts (Austin); Gay Massarsky (DC); Tonia Klausner and Patricia Masiello (New York); Debbie Bellinger, Rosemarie Dean, Nancy Dearborn, Joanna Delaney, Darin Donovan, Nancy Faresteveit, Jo Farrell, Lynda Gill, Karin Grimble, Deborah Grubbs, Roberta Harris, Heather Hunt, Ginny Kennedy, Jennifer Kercher, Mary King, Paul Lucero, Donna Magnano, Michele Magowan, Gail McFall, Yvette McMillian, Nancy Munroe, Susie Sbrigia, Maria Sanchez, Kelli Shanahan, Rachel Taylor, along with the special delivery team of Dan Carrier and Juan Riguera (Palo Alto); Terry Hooper (San Diego); Barbara Mery (Seattle); and Mark Bonham, Lannél Bowman, Charlene Harris, Aaron Murdock, and Sara Oborn (Salt Lake City).

In addition to the firm-wide events, employees from the national offices also contributed their time and provided supplies to various nonprofit organizations in the communities where they live.

Keep Austin Beautiful
This organization strives to empower citizens of the greater Austin area to take personal responsibility for enhancing their community environment. www.KEEPAUSTINBEAUTIFUL.ORG

AUSTIN
Volunteers: Jorge Alva, Kelly Barker, Sue Bennett, Michelle Carty, Stephanie Deal, Mariann Fields, Sheila Gray, Iliana Guerrero, Dawn Hagen, Darla Hall, Grace Herrera, Woo Kim, Jason Ladewig, Margaret LaMore, Laura Merritt, Dion Messer, Scott Morris, Brian Range, Jon Rich, Sandra Rodriguez, Dan Sharp, Tim Shelhammer, Jenifer Smith, Christine Speight-Roberts, Nicole Stafford, Rob Suffoletta, Le Tran, and Suzanne Wallace.

Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas’s Annual Fall Service Day
Austin employees volunteered for painting, putting together science and math projects, landscaping, and otherwise helping create a place for inspired learning and academic success at the SIMS elementary school. www.GIVETOaUSTIN.ORG

Capital Area Food Bank
A group that aims to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger. www.AUSTINFOODBANK.ORG

Meals on Wheels
A program dedicated to nourishing and enriching the lives of the homebound and other people in need through programs that promote dignity and independent living. www.MEALSONWHEELSANDMORE.ORG
DC

Volunteers: Monica Franklin and Gay Massarsky.

Reston Interfaith Holiday Drive
This nonprofit organization serves Northern Virginia, promoting self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality child care, and other human services. www.restoninterfaith.org

NEW YORK

Volunteers: Leila Ahlstrom-Guerrero, Joanne Altman, Sara Ciarelli, Frances Cookenboo, Michelle Drucker, Tonia Klausner, Patricia Masiello, Lara Payne, Yisell Sanchez, Vivian Soto, Jason Smith, Nicole Tanenbaum, Stacy Trezesniewski, and Denise Wu.

New York Cares
This organization’s mission is to meet pressing community needs by mobilizing caring New Yorkers into volunteer service. www.nycares.org

Publicolor
This group uses color, collaboration, design, and the painting process to empower students to transform themselves, their schools, and their communities. www.publicolor.org

Animal Care and Control of New York Pet Supply Drive
This group promotes and protects the health, safety, and welfare of pets and people in New York City. www.nycacc.org

Trees New York
A group that aims to preserve, protect, and care for New York’s trees through education and action. www.treesny.com
Palo Alto


Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties (Platinum Award)

This group provides food for people in need in the local community. www.2ndharvest.net

Courageous Kids Day and Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to bring together those in our community who have been touched by cancer. The Courageous Kids Day “Day Off From Cancer” gives children 18 years and under who are undergoing treatment for cancer a chance to gather with their families and enjoy a picnic lunch, entertainment, celebrity visits, and a day of fun at Great America Park. www.cancer.org

Habitat for Humanity

The Peninsula’s local Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low-income families in San Mateo County through volunteer and community support. www.peninsulahabitat.org

Hands on Bay Area

This organization serves the needs of Bay Area nonprofits by inspiring and increasing volunteerism and community leadership. www.handsonbayarea.org

National Rebuilding Day (Rebuilding Together Peninsula)

A nonprofit organization that builds volunteer partnerships to rehabilitate the homes and community facilities of low-income people, including the elderly and the disabled, so they can live in warmth, safety, and independence. www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org

The Children’s Health Council

This group makes a measurable difference in the lives of children who face developmental, behavioral, emotional, and learning challenges. It also offers support and insight to their families. www.chconline.org
SALT LAKE CITY

Volunteers: Lannél Bowman, Carrie Ellis, Charlene Harris, Tracey Jackson, Amie Larson, David McCraigh, and James Thomson.

Project Cover Up

Volunteers from the Salt Lake City office collected coats and other outerwear for needy children in conjunction with the Cottonwood Heights Unified Fire Department.

SAN DIEGO

Volunteers: Renee Bement, Christi Brondos, Norm Green, Megan Jamroz, Ann Lygas, Sheri Martin, Rebecca McElroy, Anna Miller, Peter Munson, Yoon Nam, Vicki Norton, Dave Stevens, Wendy Ward, and Karen Watson; summer associates Kara Brotman and Joshua Mack.

SAN FRANCISCO

Volunteer: Aleks Lopez

One Warm Coat (OWC)

OWC’s goal is to provide any person in need with a warm coat, free of charge. www.onewarmcoat.org

Love a Clean San Diego (Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup)

An event that aims to lead and educate the community to actively conserve and enhance the environment. www.ilacsd.org

The Carlsbad Senior Center

The center offers a wide variety of services and activities for seniors. www.carlsbadca.gov/recreation/sencent.html

American Heart Association San Diego Heart Walk

The walk supported the association’s goal to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. www.americanheart.org

Ronald McDonald House

This is a “home away from home” in San Diego for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. To support that worthy cause, many San Diego employees donate pop-top tabs throughout the year. www.rmhcasd.org
The Green Team

Formed in 1998, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati’s Green Team is a volunteer group of employees who share concerns about the firm’s impact on the environment. The team grew out of an awareness of the quantity of paper used for conflicts reports, prospectuses, and internal memos. As employees began discussing these issues, recycling bottles and plastic became another area of concern.

The Green Team’s objectives are: (1) promote waste reduction for both environmental and financial reasons through the responsible use of firm resources and supplies, (2) reduce the use of plastic and Styrofoam throughout the firm, and (3) enhance employee awareness of recycling and purchasing recycled products.

Ongoing projects of the Green Team include dead-battery recycling, reduction of energy use at the firm, recycling holiday waste, the celebration of Earth Day, and the Green Team Speaker Series.

The members of the Green Team are: Dominique Alepin, Julie Beley, Ben Carbonell, Dan Carrier, Steve Corrales, Nancy Dearborn, Jack Doyle, Nancy Farestveit, Marc Gottschalk, Maria Hamilton, Marie Larsen, Stacey Layzell, Joyce Maguire, Geoffrey Moore, Jean Nolan, Sheridan Pauker, Cristina Suarez, and Barbara Vold. Individuals interested in joining the Green Team should e-mail greenteam@wsgr.com.

In recognition of the Green Team’s efforts in keeping WSGR eco-friendly, Office Depot presented the firm with its Green Customer Award. The award is designed to recognize U.S. customers with the highest “green-spend” percentage among million-dollar-plus customers. Green-spend is a new metric used by Office Depot to determine which of its customers are focused on buying environmentally preferable products. WSGR had a green-spend percentage of 43 percent in 2006, topping the list of Office Depot’s contract customers.
The Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation (WSGR Foundation)

Established in November 1990, the WSGR Foundation provides a vehicle for the firm’s members to make financial contributions to the community. Since that time, the WSGR Foundation has donated more than $6.8 million to more than 440 charitable organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and out-of-state locations near the firm’s national offices. Members of the WSGR Foundation are David Steuer (chair), Harry Bremond, Chris Compton, Ivan Humphreys, Terry Johnson, Katharine Martin, Donna Petkanics, Robert Sanchez, and Patrick Schultheis. Senior paralegal Gail McFall serves as administrator of the foundation.

The Pro Bono Committee and the WSGR Foundation overlap and reinforce each other in numerous areas. Since January 2006, for example, the WSGR Foundation provided substantial funding for the following law-related organizations: AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Anti-Defamation League, Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, Bay Area Legal Aid, Campaign for Equal Justice, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund, East Bay Community Law Center, Equal Justice Society, Fairfax Bar Foundation, Foundation of the State Bar of California, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center, King County Bar Foundation, La Raza Centro Legal, La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Fund, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Center for Youth Law, San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program, BASF’s Volunteer Legal Services Program, Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services, the Stanford Community Law Clinic, and the Vera Institute of Justice.

Furthermore, the WSGR Foundation contributed to many pro bono clients, including the following: Adolescent Counseling Services, Asian Pacific Fund, Child Advocates, Community Association for Rehabilitation, Community Foundation Silicon Valley, Community School of Music & Arts, Each One Reach One, East Palo Alto Boxing Club, Eastside College Preparatory School, Forever Young Foundation, Hands On Bay Area, International Museum of Women, Jeremiah’s Promise, Legal Community Against Violence, Little Kids Rock, Ronald McDonald House, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Next Door Solutions, Support Network for Battered Women, The Tech Museum of Innovation, and TheatreWorks.

WSGR Foundation’s Law School Fellowship Program

Yara Lomeli-Loibl and Jessica Brown are the latest recipients of the Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation’s fellowships at Stanford Law School and the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The program, which began in 2005, awards a three-year fellowship to one student entering each school with an exceptional academic record, with preference given to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or under-represented communities.

Yara, who started Stanford Law School in the fall of 2006, is a 2005 graduate of Mount Holyoke College with a dual major in psychology and Spanish. She considered different career possibilities, including social work, but decided that going into public-interest law would be the best way to make a difference in the areas she’s passionate about. “I’m interested in finding a way to create fair, just, and humane immigration laws and policies,” explains Yara, whose background is German, Mexican, and Peruvian. “I’d also like to improve the lives of immigrants once they’re established in the country through better labor laws, workers’ rights, and better access to education and healthcare.” Practicing what she preaches, Yara served as an Americorps volunteer in Woodland, California, a small town near her family’s home in Davis. Her work focused on educating families on their healthcare options and helping children gain access to low-cost healthcare programs such as Medi-Cal.

Jessica, the 2006 fellowship recipient at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, is also keenly interested in social justice and helping others. “I wanted a law school program that has a strong focus on human rights, and Berkeley has that,” Jessica says. “It’s my dream school, but it’s expensive, and being from out of state doesn’t help. The fellowship relieves me of much of my financial burden, and I’m very grateful for that.”

Originally from Boston, Jessica overcame a difficult family background to graduate from Georgetown University with a dual major in psychology and women’s studies. “My women’s studies degree propelled me into studying law,” she explains. “I decided during my senior year in college that I wanted to do something about what’s happening to women in the world. I really want to have a positive effect on people’s lives, and getting a law degree seems like the best way to do that.”
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