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# Pro Bono Practice

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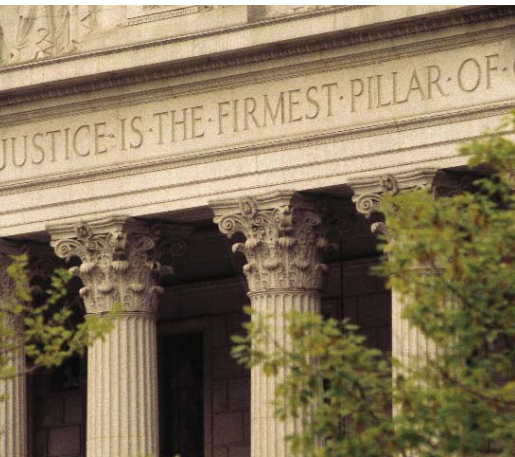
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# Introduction

In 2006, approximately two-thirds of all Cleary Gottlieb lawyers worldwide were active in pro bono and public service programs. On average, 54 hours of pro bono and public service time were billed per lawyer worldwide. In the U.S. offices, lawyers devoted an average of 88 hours per year; with 88 partners, 21 counsel, 443 associates and 92 summer associates taking part in various firm initiatives.



In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb ranked #8 on *The American Lawyer's* A-List—a weighted ranking of the 200 highest-grossing U.S. firms based on revenue per lawyer, pro bono performance, treatment and development of young lawyers and workplace diversity. Cleary Gottlieb is one of the only eight firms to have made this top-20 list in all four years that the magazine conducted the ranking. The firm also ranked in the top 20 on *The American Lawyer's* annual pro bono honor roll of the 200 highest-grossing U.S.-based firms.

In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers continued to dedicate a significant amount of time and energy to the firm's pro bono practice. As a result, the firm once again surpassed its pledge of devoting at least 3 percent of all billable hours to pro bono clients. This steadfast effort reflects the firm's longstanding philosophy on pro bono work – that it is a privilege to practice law and a duty to give back to the community.

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers worked on a broad spectrum of pro bono projects last year. A sampling includes: representing those in search of political asylum, offering educational opportunities for students in underserved school districts, representing Hurricane Katrina survivors with appeals to FEMA, fighting for affordable housing for tenants, protecting the rights of domestic violence survivors, assisting the immigrant and the homeless communities, and partnering with not-for-profit organizations on community development and affordable housing projects. Lawyers in both the firm's corporate and litigation practices were equally involved in these pro bono efforts.

In 2006, the Legal Aid Society, as well as Immigration Equality, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs honored Cleary Gottlieb's pro bono program for its outstanding services.

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### January

Cleary Gottlieb designed and hosted the Legal Aid Society-sponsored CLE seminar on How to Draft a Will for Low-Income Elderly. Catherine Borneo, Heide Ilgenfritz and Taylor Custis instructed approximately 40 lawyers on how to interview the client, assess the information collected and prepare the appropriate documents for seniors with small estates.

Cleary Gottlieb hosted the annual Washington Irving High School (WIHS) Financial Aid Night. Volunteers from the firm assisted seniors and their parents in completing financial aid forms and answered questions concerning scholarships, grants and other types of funding assistance for college.



Cleary Gottlieb continued its trend of working with other law firms to increase the overall provision of legal services to those in need. In New York, the firm worked with Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP; Shearman & Sterling LLP; Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP; and White & Case LLP to organize and sponsor the fourth New York City Law Firm Pro Bono Coordinators meeting. Cleary Gottlieb also collaborated with several law firms and public interest law groups, as well as with Citigroup, to pioneer the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) Program, in New York City. The program, which was conceived by Federal Judge Jay Zainey, involves law firms volunteering to staff legal clinics at homeless shelters for one month out of a year.

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers met regularly with not-for-profit legal service providers, public interest law groups and longstanding pro bono clients to discuss the latest trends in pro bono service provision and to determine how the firm's vast and varied legal talent could be best used to continue to assist communities in need.

Cleary Gottlieb worked to secure the release of a man detained at Guantánamo Bay for more than four years. The firm has also advised the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria with "Product RED," a marketing program trumpeted by U2's Bono that involves several large corporate sponsors. Cleary Gottlieb also represented Grameen Foundation USA, whose affiliate organization received the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, in an innovative financing program for microfinance institutions involved in rural and community development globally. In addition, Cleary Gottlieb successfully concluded several arts, not-for-profit, microfinance, land use and affordable housing deals this year.

In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb's pro bono work received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Immigration & Refugee Rights from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, as well as recognition from the federal judiciary of the District of Columbia. The Legal Aid Society of New York presented awards to a group of Cleary Gottlieb associates for their work representing an immigration client, and a separate set of Cleary Gottlieb associates received Safe Haven Awards from Immigration Equality for their asylum work representing a gay man from Uzbekistan. Retired partner Jerry Hyman received the Segal-Tweed Founders Award from Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law.

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### February

Cleary Gottlieb organized and participated in the fourth annual NYC Law Firm Pro Bono Coordinators Meeting, which was attended by more than 70 representatives from over 50 area firms. Discussion topics included international pro bono opportunities, the methods of measuring the success of a pro bono practice and ways to foster pro bono participation within firms.

The WIHS SAT preparatory course given by the firm every year was launched this month, with classes held every Saturday morning through May. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers and staff joined together to prepare students for both the math and verbal sections of the SAT.

# Courtroom Advocates Project and Sanctuary for Families

Understanding both the importance of family courts within the legal system and how underserved they often are, Cleary Gottlieb has long participated in the Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) to help fill the existing gap in advocacy, education and services in New York City's Family Courts. Through CAP, law students and non-admitted lawyers are trained, supervised and mentored in the intake and processing of legal matters that come through these courts.

## STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS

Melissa Negron succeeded Anna Friedman as the firm's Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) paralegal coordinator. Negron assists Carrie Grimm, the firm's pro bono administrator, and the SFF staff in arranging the CAP trainings and also maintaining information about past and present participants.



During 2006, Cleary Gottlieb hosted two CAP trainings: one for summer associates and the other for first-year associates. CAP's creator, Jennifer Friedman of Sanctuary for Families (SFF), an organization committed to preventing and treating domestic violence, and SFF staff attorney Elizabeth Brownback conducted the trainings. After attending the training, law clerks participated in the CAP program by spending a day in family court interviewing domestic violence survivors and assisting them in drafting Orders of Protection.

In the summer, Cleary Gottlieb hosted a luncheon with SFF, which included a presentation reviewing the evolution of family law, as well as the challenges that domestic violence survivors face in the justice system today.

At the end of 2006, the firm had 13 active cases referred by SFF, three of which were opened that calendar year – a civil rights litigation, a gender-based asylum matter and a trust and estates matter. In other efforts, Cleary Gottlieb staff donated more than 50 bags of clothing and books to benefit SFF during the Women's Working Group's fourth annual winter donation drive.

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### February (continued)

Tom Moloney and Lisa Schweitzer hosted an introductory meeting regarding opportunities to work with the New York City Bankruptcy Assistance Project of Legal Services of New York City in assisting low income chapter 7 bankruptcy filers. This meeting was followed by training sessions to teach participants to prepare chapter 7 petitions for individuals contemplating bankruptcy and advise debtors in bankruptcy. Lawyers participating in this program help save New York's most vulnerable residents from wage garnishments, property seizures and foreclosures.

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a luncheon with MFY Legal Services. The executive director Lynn Kelly, Cleary Gottlieb alumnus Erik Grafe and Cleary Gottlieb MFY extern Jennifer Kennedy joined the firm's associates for a lively discussion about MFY's legal work, pro bono opportunities and the externship program.

# ACCIÓN NY

ACCIÓN NY is a not-for-profit organization offering loans to self-employed individuals who do not have access to traditional forms of business credit. With these loans, ACCIÓN NY increases business and family incomes, creates jobs and revitalizes economically disenfranchised neighborhoods in New York City. Cleary Gottlieb works in partnership with ACCIÓN NY to provide financial and educational tools that build and foster economic independence in the organization's clients.

Since 1998, Cleary Gottlieb has offered pro bono legal services to approximately 147 ACCIÓN NY clients. In 2006, lawyers at the firm provided counsel to 25 microentrepreneurs in the incorporation and structuring of businesses, navigating tax matters, attaining commercial leases, negotiating and drafting contracts and leases and in the forming of partnerships. ACCIÓN NY clients include a jewelry designer, a shoe storeowner, a marketing consultant, a film distributor, a barber and a bakery owner, among others. The majority of their clients are Spanish speakers.

By providing pro bono services, Cleary Gottlieb helps establish successful individual ACCIÓN NY businesses and also contributes to the greater development of the community as a whole. The firm's partnership with ACCIÓN NY provides Cleary Gottlieb lawyers with the opportunity to work with microenterprises at a stage where business and legal advice is crucial to the businesses' success. The collaboration between Cleary Gottlieb and ACCIÓN NY has been and will continue to be a rewarding experience for the lawyers and clients alike.

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### March

The Community Legal Assistance Committee (CLAC) of Cleary Gottlieb hosted the 2006 Pro Bono Appreciation Event. Managing partner Mark Walker made the opening remarks, and Barbara Olshansky, the Deputy Legal Director and Director Counsel of the Global Justice Initiative at the Center for Constitutional Rights, was the keynote speaker. Olshansky's docket at the Center for Constitutional Rights included class action lawsuits concerning international human rights; immigrants rights; discrimination in employment, education, the environment, and public health; and prisoners rights. All lawyers who billed 100 or more hours to pro bono and/or public service projects were honored.



## STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS:

**William Dau** and **Ryan Hubert** succeeded Soledad Sklate and joined **Rocio Arlette Garza** as paralegal coordinators of the ACCIÓN NY partnership. Dau, Hubert and Garza process ACCIÓN client in-take, maintain the program database and assist ACCIÓN lawyers in staffing new matters.

*“My colleagues and I have found that our ACCIÓN matters often involve business and personal issues that we usually do not face during our regular work. As a result, we have found that our involvement in the ACCIÓN program has positively affected both our personal and professional development.”*

– Dalmau Garcia, Cleary Gottlieb associate

*“My experience working with ACCIÓN has been not only incredibly rewarding but also an invaluable source of training”*

– Lisa Coyle, Cleary Gottlieb associate

# Human Rights and Immigration



## STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS:

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers **David Rush** and **Justyna Gudzowska** joined **Tanisha Massie** as coordinators of the firm's immigration practice group. As coordinators, Rush, Gudzowska and Massie assist other firm lawyers with legal and procedural questions on immigration matters, keeping them abreast of recent legal and procedural developments and organizing the in-house immigration CLE training.

In 2006, the firm opened 31 new matters relating to international human rights, several of which involve immigration or asylum issues – and in some cases both. This year the firm's associates won nine immigration victories for clients from around the world, including the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Central and Latin America.

The firm is handling many additional cases pending resolution by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and immigration courts. As post-9/11 developments increasingly narrow the prospects for aliens seeking to remain within U.S. boundaries, Cleary Gottlieb has taken on more cases at the appellate level, briefing and arguing before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the federal circuit courts, as well.

Throughout 2006, Cleary Gottlieb continued its partnership with The Door's Legal Services Center, which advises undocumented youth between the ages of 12 and 21 with their applications to the USCIS. Volunteer lawyers assist Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) referrals with their immigration status petitions. Young people who qualify for SIJ status, which may lead to permanent legal residency, have been abused, neglected or abandoned by their parents and often arrive in the United States unaccompanied.

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### March (continued)

Cleary Gottlieb's bankruptcy group and The New York City Bankruptcy Project of Legal Services of New York City hosted a pro bono bankruptcy training. Attendees received an orientation to bankruptcy law from the consumer debtor's perspective and were trained in how to assess, advise and prepare a Chapter 7 petition for consumer debtors. The training included a hands-on exercise in which the attendees prepared a bankruptcy petition and supporting documents.

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a college fair for all WIHS juniors, where more than 40 college representatives offered recruiting materials and answered questions about the admissions process for students.



In an attempt to protect the disenfranchised, Cleary Gottlieb is working on a research project with Africare to help address the legal needs of orphans in Mozambique suffering from HIV or AIDS, the most pressing of which is access to and protection of their inheritance rights. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers have helped research how to safeguard these rights and create a legal guide in accordance with guidelines set forth by the United Nations.

The firm's international human rights docket also includes the representation of two Guantánamo Bay detainees, assistance to various United Nations programs, successful representation of pro se indigent litigants in cases before the U.S. Court of International Trade, providing counsel to Nobel Prize winner Grameen Foundation and assisting the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

#### STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS:

**Mariangela Anzalone** succeeded Lakshmi Mohandas as the firm's immigration practice paralegal coordinator. Anzalone assists the immigration practice coordinators and maintains the Cleary Gottlieb database of immigration cases.



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##### April

Representatives from New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) joined Cleary Gottlieb lawyers for an informational luncheon. NYLPI has worked for more than 30 years to address unmet legal needs in New York City. NYLPI not only refers cases to law firms but also provides three in-house legal programs focusing on disability law, health care and environmental justice.

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a training session on Federal Emergency Management Agency appeals for Hurricane Katrina survivors. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project conducted the training.

The federal judiciary of the District of Columbia honored Cleary Gottlieb's Washington office for its pro bono work on April 24, 2006. Cleary Gottlieb was one of just 14 Washington, D.C. law firms in which at least 40 percent of its lawyers devoted at least 50 hours or more to pro bono legal services in calendar year 2005.

# Externships



*“The MFY externship is an amazing experience. Every day brings a new challenge – it might be counseling a person who just received an eviction notice or arguing a dispositive motion in Housing Court – and with each challenge comes great professional and personal growth. Thanks to the Cleary Gottlieb externship program, approximately twenty New Yorkers (plus their families) at any given time have free legal representation and a fighting chance to keep their homes.”*

– Lisa Colone, Cleary Gottlieb associate

*“Through its externship program at Lawyers Alliance, Cleary Gottlieb provides an invaluable experience to its associates: the ability to develop important and universally applicable lawyering skills while at the same time serving the public interest. Since the clients are among the most important charities in New York City, the work is both challenging and fulfilling.”*

– Brett Dakin, Cleary Gottlieb associate

Testament to the firm’s deep-rooted commitment to pro bono and the importance of giving back to the communities in which it serves, Cleary Gottlieb became the first law firm to provide an externship in 1968 and has continued to do so for nearly 40 years. In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb sponsored two public-interest externship programs, whereby on a rotating basis Cleary Gottlieb associates are placed for four months in a full-time position at one of two legal service organizations in New York City.

## **MFY Legal Services, Inc.**

Since 1969, Cleary Gottlieb has sponsored an externship at MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY). MFY provides civil legal representation and community education to nearly 5,000 households each year. The organization’s effectiveness over the years has been rooted in community participation and in its collaborative delivery of services that address the multiple and interrelated problems affecting low income families and individuals. Approximately 156,000 eligible low-income people reside in MFY’s Manhattan service areas of Chinatown, Lower East Side, Manhattan Valley, East Harlem and Clinton. Cleary Gottlieb externs generally work in MFY’s housing department and represent indigent New Yorkers in housing court.

## **Lawyers Alliance for New York**

Created in 1989, Cleary Gottlieb’s externship with Lawyers Alliance for New York (LANY) continues to provide the firm’s corporate lawyers first-hand experience in the world of not-for-profit law. LANY is New York City’s largest provider of business law services to the not-for-profit community and provides pro bono opportunities for law firms.

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### **May**

Cleary Gottlieb’s annual summer associate pro bono luncheon was held to introduce summer associates to the diverse range of pro bono opportunities at the firm.

The firm also hosted a luncheon with representatives from Sanctuary for Families (SFF), a legal services provider for domestic violence survivors. Guest speaker Elizabeth Brownback, deputy director of the Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP), discussed opportunities for not-yet-admitted lawyers to provide legal counsel to SFF clients in family court.

# Not-For-Profit Clients

At Cleary Gottlieb, pro bono encompasses a diverse range of projects and draws on lawyers from various practice areas throughout the firm. Lawyers in the firm's corporate practice are involved in pro bono activities through Cleary Gottlieb's extensive relationships with not-for-profit organizations. Start-up entities need assistance incorporating, securing tax-exempt status and understanding how corporate governance laws affect them. Mature clients have diverse business law needs and often partner with the firm to conduct legal research on a variety of poverty law issues. A sampling of organizations for which Cleary Gottlieb has done work in 2006 is included below.

**Africare:** In a collaboration with Lawyers Without Borders, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers worked with four other law firms on a research project with Africare ([www.africare.org](http://www.africare.org)) on addressing the legal needs of HIV/AIDS orphans in four African countries.

**Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy:** Cleary Gottlieb provided legal counsel with regard to permit and land use issues related to the creation of a new park and facilities in Brooklyn. The firm also advised on internal governance issues related to this group's name and status in the community.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

Chris Fanelli, Igor Edelstien and Cleary Gottlieb's IT Department further enhanced the time-saving pro bono reporting system to include automated status update reminders. The system also enables the firm to issue reports on pro bono work for surveys conducted by the American Bar Association and publications such as *The American Lawyer* at the click of a button.

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### June

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a citywide training on the 2006 Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) for summer associates and lawyers not yet admitted to practice. The CAP program, which trains future lawyers in assisting women with filing Orders of Protection against their batterers, is organized by Sanctuary for Families (SFF).

Cleary Gottlieb continued its sponsorship of a summer fellowship with Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic, which enables a law student to work as a fellow assisting refugees and immigrants in search of human rights and immigration-based protections.

Cleary Gottlieb organized its traditional, end-of-the-year "Cleary Day" at Washington Irving High School, whereby volunteers from the firm meet students and teachers on their own turf and participate in enriching team-building activities.





**Bureau for International Reporting:** The firm assisted with the incorporation of Bureau for International Reporting, as well as in its filing for tax-exempt status and in the creation of the organization’s by-laws. Bureau for International Reporting is an independent, not-for-profit production company dedicated to the public service of bringing under-reported international news stories to an American audience.

**Classical Café:** The firm assisted in incorporating the “Classical Café” as a non-profit organization. The Classical Cafe is an organization located on Manhattan’s Upper West Side that brings classical musicians into intimate settings.

**Gia de Vida:** Cleary Gottlieb lawyers assisted Gia de Vida, an organization helping other nonprofits express their missions through innovative multimedia photographic presentations, in its incorporation as a not-for-profit as well as in its application for tax-exempt status.

**Independent Diplomat:** Cleary Gottlieb helped Independent Diplomat, an organization dedicated to advising inexperienced and marginalized groups on how to have their voices heard in diplomatic and international affairs, in gaining not-for-profit status. The firm also provided legal advice on human resources and substantive legal advice on issues of public international law.

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### June (continued)

Cleary Gottlieb held a joint Women’s Working Group/Pro Bono Practice Luncheon with The Global Justice Center (GJC). The GJC’s mission is to use human rights law to redefine democracy for the 21st Century. To further this mission, the organization provides women leaders with timely and strategic legal assistance on enforcing their right to equality in all aspects of the formation of new democracies. The firm was joined by Andi Friedman, counsel to the GJC, who spoke about current projects in Iraq and Burma.

**One Bright World:** Cleary Gottlieb assisted with the incorporation of this charitable organization and provided additional tax and corporate advice. The group's primary mission is to provide educational opportunities for children and mothers in developing countries who do not have the means to pay for it themselves.

**The Global Justice Center:** The firm helped this organization incorporate as a not-for-profit and apply for tax-exempt status. The Global Justice Center is an international human rights organization with a mission to enforce the rights of women to equal political representation by providing legal assistance to women leaders in emerging democracies.



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### July

Representatives from Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB) joined Cleary Gottlieb for a luncheon to discuss the organization and ways of expanding the firm's participation in LWOB's pro bono practice. LWOB was founded in 2000 and is committed to providing pro bono legal services to Rule of Law initiatives, Human Rights work and NGOs from around the world.

Cleary Gottlieb associates John Fisher, Paul Kim, Katherine Miller and Tracey Parr received Safe Haven Awards from Immigration Equality for their asylum work representing a gay man from Uzbekistan. Safe Haven Awards recognize Immigration Equality's pro bono lawyers who have helped win asylum for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV-positive people fleeing persecution from around the world.

# New Projects

At Cleary Gottlieb, pro bono is not a static set of programs. The firm encourages its lawyers to take the initiative on new projects, which helps keep everyone at the firm excited about the many pro bono opportunities available to them. Some of the larger new programs the firm began in 2006 are listed below.

## Hurricane Katrina

As the nation struggled to recover from one of its worst national disasters of all time, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers looked for ways to help victims understand their legal rights. The firm hosted a citywide training session in New York that was videoconferenced to Washington on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appeals for Hurricane Katrina survivors, and Cleary Gottlieb lawyers in New York and Washington have assisted 21 Hurricane Katrina survivors with appealing FEMA benefit claim denials. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project conducted the FEMA appeals training.

## Homeless Experience Legal Protection Program

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a training session for the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) Program in October 2006. This program was created by Federal Judge Jay Zainey and pioneered in New Orleans in 2000 to assist the homeless population by addressing their legal needs.



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### August

Lawyers from Cleary Gottlieb were joined by representatives of Volunteers of Legal Services (VOLS) for a luncheon. VOLS seeks to increase the availability of pro bono civil legal services to the poor in New York City, serving children, the elderly, incarcerated mothers, persons with AIDS and low-income entrepreneurs.

The program consists of weekly clinics at three homeless shelters and support groups in New York City – Common Ground, Project Renewal and CEO Works. Lawyers working in both the litigation and corporate practices spent time at these clinics, advising and answering questions of those whose only home is the shelter. The homeless face diverse legal issues, including immigration, custody rights, indebtedness and access to public benefits.

### **Grameen Foundation USA**

Cleary Gottlieb recently represented Grameen Foundation USA (GFUSA) in connection with its Growth Guarantees program, an innovative financing program for microfinance institutions whereby guarantees, in the form of a major international bank’s Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC), are leveraged at the local level through a variety of local financings including direct loans, securitizations and private placements. The firm worked with GFUSA in the extension of a \$1 million SBLC to the Bank of the Philippine Islands in connection with a credit line of 100 million Philippine pesos for the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development and in a \$2 million SBLC to BNP Paribas Egypt in connection with a loan of 14.25 million Egyptian pounds to the Dakahlya Businessman’s Association for Community Development.



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#### **September**

Representatives from Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA) joined Cleary Gottlieb lawyers for an informational luncheon to discuss their programs and pro bono opportunities. VLA provides legal assistance to artists and arts organizations unable to afford private counsel.

# Pro Bono in Washington, D.C.

The federal judiciary of the District of Columbia honored Cleary Gottlieb's Washington office for its pro bono work. Cleary Gottlieb was one of just 14 Washington, D.C. law firms in which 40 percent or more of both its partners/counsel and its associates devoted at least 50 hours or more to pro bono legal services in calendar year 2005. The firm's Washington, D.C. office has a long-standing commitment to pro bono legal services and is proud to be among this elite group within the Washington legal community.

The lawyers in Cleary Gottlieb's Washington, D.C. office bring a sense of purpose and true conviction to their pro bono efforts. As is true throughout the firm, lawyers are encouraged to follow their interests and suggest new projects and representations. As a result, Cleary Gottlieb's Washington, D.C. office handled a wide array of matters in 2006, including corporate work for not-for-profits, representation of the homeless and asylum cases, among others. This year, the firm's Washington office won an Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Immigration & Refugee Rights for its years of work on asylum cases in numerous jurisdictions worldwide from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.

## United States Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development

Cleary Gottlieb assisted the United States Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development (USPESD) in its incorporation as a non-profit in the District of Columbia. The USPESD collaborates with individuals, organizations and institutions from non-profit, academic, faith, government and business communities to promote education about the principles of sustainable development, including the need to protect the natural environment, alleviate poverty and improve human health and social welfare. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers worked closely with USPESD to develop a workable corporate governance structure and to plan for the organization's future operations.



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### October

Cleary Gottlieb hosted a training session for the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) Program on October 5th. This program was created by Federal Judge Jay Zainey and pioneered in New Orleans in 2000 to assist the homeless population by addressing its legal needs. Volunteers dedicated time once a week to address legal questions and provide advice to homeless persons at three New York shelters – Common Ground, Project Renewal and CEO Works.

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers met with Lawyers Alliance for New York (LANY), the largest provider of business law services to the not-for-profit community in New York City, to discuss pro bono opportunities. LANY legal director Liz Guggenheimer, LANY pro bono coordinator Jolynda Burton and then-Cleary Gottlieb extern Katya Pischalnikova were in attendance. Cleary Gottlieb has had an externship program with LANY, whereby associates work full-time at the LANY office for four months on a rotating basis, since 1989.



### Defending the Rights of the Homeless

When Cleary Gottlieb associate Lee Berger read a local story about an eviction company hiring homeless people at below minimum wage, he brought the matter to the firm. Eager to take on new cases that are socially relevant, Cleary Gottlieb filed suit against the company, seeking back wages, a court order barring the company from illegally paying rates below minimum wage and damages for antitrust violations. The firm's work on this case received press coverage in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Times*.



### Asylum Cases

In 2006, the firm's lawyers in Washington, D.C. represented an asylum seeker from the Central African Republic who had been persecuted based on possible past female genital mutilation ("FGM"). The woman also feared future mutilation if she returned to her village where there is a 91 percent rate of FGM.

### Guantánamo Bay Detainees

In 2006, lawyers from Cleary Gottlieb's Washington, D.C. and New York offices represented an individual facing trial before the U.S. Military Commission. The man is a Canadian national who was taken into custody in Afghanistan in 2002, when he was 15 years old, and is currently being held in Guantánamo Bay.

*"When the issue [of Street Sense, a Washington publication for the homeless] hit the streets, Cleary Gottlieb attorney Lee Berger picked up a copy from a homeless vendor and read it on the subway ride to work. By the time he arrived, he says he was so angry about the allegations that he rounded up fellow lawyers."*

– The Wall Street Journal, June 30, 2006

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#### October (continued)

The 2006 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Grameen Bank founder and Grameen Foundation board member Muhammad Yunus, as well as to the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh. Cleary Gottlieb represents the Grameen Foundation USA (GFUSA) in connection with its Growth Guarantees program, which is an innovative financing program for microfinance institutions whereby guarantees, in the form of a major international bank's Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC), are leveraged at the local level through a variety of local financings including direct loans, securitizations and private placements.

Cleary Gottlieb volunteers begin mentoring Washington Irving High School students in a Big Brother/Big Sister – style relationship.

# Pro Bono in London



Lawyers in Cleary Gottlieb's London office also have a tradition of providing diverse legal advice to a variety of not-for-profit and charitable organizations on pro bono basis. Cleary Gottlieb was the second American firm to sign the Joint Protocol for Pro Bono Legal Work and is also active with LawWorks (formerly the Solicitors Pro Bono Group). LawWorks is the leading pro bono resource for legal volunteers in the United Kingdom and promotes pro bono work among the legal profession, acts as a referral agency for pro bono matters and provides free legal training on a variety of topics to members. Following the expansion in 2005 of the London office's pro bono practice to include human rights law and intellectual property law, the London office expanded its pro bono practice, in 2006, to include litigation work.

## **Holocaust Reclamations**

In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb's London office worked with the New York Legal Assistance Group, an organization providing free legal services to individual New Yorkers in need, by taking on the pro bono representation of one of its clients. The firm represented the grandson of a Holocaust victim in his appeal to the London-based Appeals Tribunal of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC). The ICHEIC was established in 1998 to settle claims by Holocaust survivors and their heirs to insurance policies that have remained unpaid since the Second World War. Cleary Gottlieb's client was the grandson of a businessman from Krakow, Poland, who perished at the Auschwitz concentration camps and who had held life insurance for the benefit of his wife, which had remained unpaid prior to the grandson's claim to ICHEIC.

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### **November**

Cleary Gottlieb strengthened its disability claims partnership program with Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A), by hosting a training this month. Since beginning the partnership in 2005, Cleary Gottlieb has won all six of the disability appeals referred to the firm by Brooklyn A, enabling the provision of social security/disability income to our indigent clients.

Cleary Gottlieb hosted the Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) training. CAP enables lawyers not yet admitted to the bar to assist domestic violence survivors in navigating their way through the legal system and obtaining orders of protection against their batterers.

### **Fight for Peace**

Cleary Gottlieb's London office has played an integral role in helping the organization "Fight for Peace" set up its corporate structure and apply for registration as a charity in the United Kingdom. Fight for Peace started in Rio de Janeiro in 2000 and uses an integrated prevention and rehabilitation model to reduce child and youth participation in criminal activity and violence by offering alternatives such as boxing and other martial arts, educational programs, access to the formal work market and the promotion of a culture of peace. In particular, Cleary Gottlieb has provided legal assistance to Fight for Peace regarding the opening of a commercial gym in Canary Wharf. Cleary Gottlieb has also helped the organization register certain trademarks and intellectual property in the United States and European Community.

### **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb's London office provided advice to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in connection with its private sector resource mobilization campaign, which includes Product (RED), on the U.K. tax treatment of certain types of donations and the impact these tax issues have on whether to work with a U.K. charity. The Global Fund is a Swiss/multilateral hybrid (a private Swiss foundation with Member States) that seeks to generate funds worldwide to finance the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. The firm also advised the Global Fund on its eligibility for charitable status in the United Kingdom and the related registration processes and obligations. The firm's New York office has advised the Global Fund on the (RED) campaign, the Stamp Out AIDS campaign and on internal managerial issues.

### **Calendar of Events**

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#### **November (continued)**

Joined by representatives from the New York public interest law community, incoming associates learned about the firm's pro bono practice at Cleary Gottlieb's New Associates Pro Bono Reception.

The Legal Aid Society presented awards to Cleary Gottlieb associates Katherine Carroll, Evan Criddle, Tanisha Massie, David Rush and Daniel Zipp at the Legal Aid Society's Annual Pro Bono Awards and Law Firm Recognition Ceremony, for their work representing an immigration client.



### Emerging Markets

In 2006, the London office worked with New York-based emerging markets foundation EMpower on the establishment of a registered charity in the United Kingdom. By providing funding and guidance to local organizations, EMpower supports community-based education and health and development initiatives in emerging markets. The new U.K. entity intends to pursue similar aims and to join together with EMpower in implementing projects, while also expanding fundraising and outreach activities into the United Kingdom.



### Calendar of Events

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#### December

During the Women's Working Group's third annual winter donation drive, Cleary Gottlieb staff donated more than 50 bags of clothing and books to benefit pro bono partner Sanctuary for Families, which provides integrated services to domestic violence survivors in New York City.

Cleary Gottlieb's Washington, D.C. office hosted a pro bono group lunch with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Da'aga Hill Bowman, the Committee's outreach director, spoke about the current cases available from their office.

# Washington Irving High School Partnership

In 1991, Cleary Gottlieb initiated a business “partnership” with Washington Irving High School (WIHS), a New York City public school, in order to assist with the major challenge of revitalizing the perceived failure of the NYC public school system. The partnership allows the firm, as a whole, to participate in community service in an area where there is dramatic need. Major partnership programs include mentoring students one-on-one, providing college advising, offering SAT preparation courses, and sponsoring annual events that promote the various academic and cultural talents of the students.

All personnel at the firm, legal and non-legal, are invited to share their time and talents with WIHS students through participation in these programs and events. A partnership coordinator and a committee composed of lawyers, paralegals and non-legal employees administer the program from the New York office.

In 2006, more than 70 lawyers and staff from all of Cleary Gottlieb’s departments participated in the WIHS partnership, helping more than 300 students.

## WIHS Program Opportunities

**Next Steps:** In 2006, Cleary Gottlieb was initiated into the Next Steps program, which helps prepare students for life after high school. Cleary Gottlieb volunteers helped Next Steps seniors prepare their college applications, and former college admissions officers held office hours to field the students’ questions. Next Steps juniors have also benefited from the help of Cleary Gottlieb volunteers who led workshops on public speaking, computer research and planning for the future.

**Mentoring:** Each September, a new set of Cleary Gottlieb volunteers “adopts” WIHS students in a Big Brother/Big Sister – type relationship. Mentors meet with their mentees for approximately four to six hours per month to help them set goals, identify interests and explore New York City. Cleary Gottlieb’s mentoring program doubled this year to thirty active mentee-mentor pairs.

**Moot Court:** Cleary Gottlieb volunteers helped train the Moot Court team at WIHS, leading the practices twice a week and escorting the team to competition, where they fared well against the ultimate champion, The Bronx High School of Science.



## STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS

*WIHS:* Sarah Winchell succeeded Julia Riches as Cleary Gottlieb’s Washington Irving High School Partnership Coordinator.

**SAT Preparation Classes:** Cleary Gottlieb also organized two SAT programs in 2006, one for juniors in the spring and one for seniors in the fall. Volunteers from all departments in the firm use practice tests, textbooks, vocabulary lists, math handouts and games to review the basic areas of the exams.

**College Fair:** Each spring, Cleary Gottlieb hosts more than 40 college representatives to spend the evening speaking to WIHS students and parents about their institutions and assisting WIHS students in making decisions about college applications.



**Emerging Artists:** Each fall and spring, Cleary Gottlieb celebrates the artistic efforts of WIHS students by sponsoring a reception featuring their work in the firm cafeteria.

**Legal Outreach:** Each summer, Cleary Gottlieb's New York office participates in Legal Outreach, a summer legal internship for public high school students. As part of the program, Cleary Gottlieb, as well as other New York law firms, welcomes select students as summer interns for one week. WIHS students with summer jobs at Cleary Gottlieb are also invited to participate for a week of legal research, mock contract negotiation, brief writing and litigation.

For more than 15 years, Cleary Gottlieb has maintained a partnership with Washington Irving High School, through which lawyers and staff at the firm provide educational, professional and personal advice to students at this New York City public school.

**Cleary Gottlieb's Day of Service at WIHS:** This community service day affords all Cleary Gottlieb employees the opportunity to mingle with WIHS students and staff for a morning of activities, including a treasure hunt of public monuments and buildings in the Union Square area, a college essay-writing workshop, and roundtable discussions on topics such as college life, the college application process and multicultural diversity.

# Success Stories

## Disability Claim Successfully Appealed

Cleary Gottlieb successfully represented pro bono client Mr. S. in obtaining Social Security disability benefits after the Social Security Administration denied his initial benefits application. On January 9, 2006, the Social Security Administration ruled in favor of Mr. S. without a hearing, strictly on the basis of Cleary Gottlieb's written argument.

According to his claim, Mr. S. suffers from bipolar syndrome, anxiety disorders and intermittent explosive disorder, which make it very difficult for him engage with or relate to other people. In preparing the appeal, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers researched Mr. S.'s medical condition and the applicable Social Security regulations. The team worked closely with Brooklyn Legal Services in preparing the appeal.

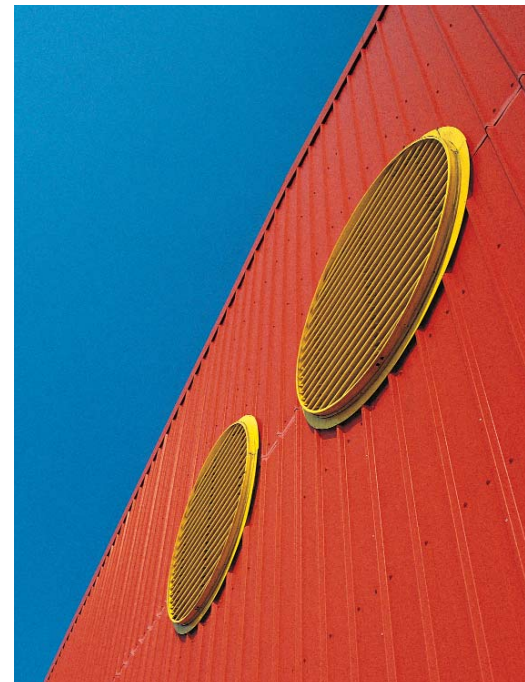
## Project RED Campaign Launch Aids Global Fund

Cleary Gottlieb is advising the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria on regulatory and other issues in its agreements with companies participating in the "Product RED" common marketing program, unveiled January 26, 2006, by U2's Bono at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland. Under the program, companies including American Express, Gap, Converse and Giorgio Armani donate a percentage of profits from all RED-marketed products to the Global Fund's programs benefiting African women and children living with the three preventable infections targeted by the Global Fund.

The Global Fund was created in 2002 by the G8 to finance a dramatic turn-around in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. To date, the Global Fund has committed \$4.4 billion to 128 countries fighting these three infections.

## Criminal Appeal Victory in Second Circuit

On January 26, 2006, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit released its decision in *U.S. v. Awadallah*, a criminal appeal in which Cleary Gottlieb (working in collaboration with Latham & Watkins) submitted an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers (NYCDL), supporting defendant-appellee Osama Awadallah. In an important victory for both the defendant and the NYCDL, the Second Circuit ruled in favor of Mr. Awadallah on all points and specifically cited the amicus curiae brief in its decision. The government moved to remand the case to a different district judge, but the Court agreed with, and made specific reference to, the NYCDL argument that the extraordinary measure of removing the case to a different judge was not warranted in this case.



### **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Obtained for Two Sierra Leonean Teenagers**

Cleary Gottlieb has successfully represented A.S. and M.T., both from Sierra Leone, in their application for permanent residency in the United States as Special Immigrant Juveniles.

A.S. and M.T. were brought to the United States as minors by a Sierra Leonean diplomat at the United Nations, who fraudulently held them out as his children for

financial gain. In the United States, he often deprived the children of food, shelter and other necessities and was, at times, physically abuse. After A.S. was hospitalized with severe burns, the Administration for Children’s Services removed the children and placed them in foster care. A.S. and M.T. needed assistance in obtaining legal status in the United States.

Cleary Gottlieb lawyers helped A.S. and M.T. apply for permanent residency under the Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) category, specifically carved out by Congress for minors under the age of 21 determined to be dependent on the family court and eligible for long-term foster care where it is not in the children’s best interest to return to their country of nationality. Cleary Gottlieb submitted SIJ applications on behalf of both teenagers, who were then separately interviewed by an adjudications officer, approved for SIJ status and granted permanent residency in the United States.

### **Domestic Violence Survivor Wins Lawful Permanent Residency**

Cleary Gottlieb has successfully represented Ms. L. in her application for permanent residency in the United States as a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitioner. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted Ms. L. lawful permanent residency on July 28, 2006.

Ms. L. was born in Seoul, Korea and came to the United States in 1996 with her boyfriend, a U.S. citizen, whom she married in 1997. In 2002, Ms. L. divorced her husband on grounds of spousal abuse. The Violence Against Woman Act allows abused spouses and children to apply for lawful permanent residence in the United States on their own without the participation of their abuser. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers filed a VAWA petition on Ms. L.’s behalf, which was granted in May 2004, and appeared with Ms. L. at her interview for permanent residence before USCIS.

The case was referred to Cleary Gottlieb by Sanctuary for Families, which provides legal assistance, shelter and counseling to battered women and their children.



Successfully fighting for their clients’ rights in and out of the courtroom, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers received nine immigration victories, won two SSI appeals and a dismissal of discrimination claims against a not-for-profit client in 2006.



### **Social Security Disability Claim Successfully Appealed**

Cleary Gottlieb won a disability claim appeal for pro bono client Mr. N., obtaining Social Security disability benefits after the Social Security Administration (SSA) had denied his initial benefits application. This triumph extended Cleary Gottlieb's unbroken streak of victories since 2005. Following a hearing before an administrative law judge on December 12, 2006, the SSA ruled in Mr. N.'s favor in a written decision issued on December 18, 2006. Cleary Gottlieb represents individual clients on referral from Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A.

### **Congolese Mother and FGM Survivor Granted Asylum**

Cleary Gottlieb pro bono client Ms. G. and her four children were granted political asylum on April 26, 2006. Ms. G. came to the United States from the Republic of Congo via France in 1999 and suffered persecution on account of her social group. Ms. G.'s husband physically and mentally abused her and their children for many years in the Republic of Congo, France and the United States, and two of Ms. G.'s daughters were subjected to female genital mutilation (FGM) against Ms. G.'s wishes.

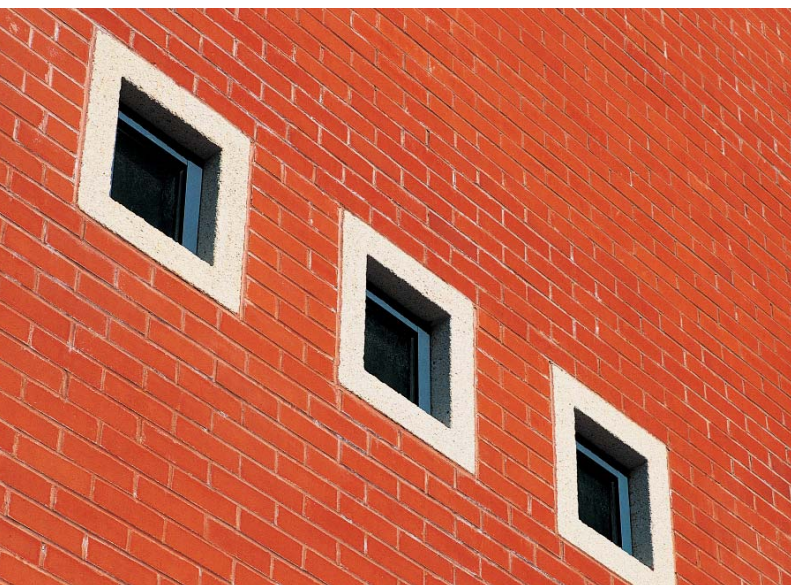
Cleary Gottlieb lawyers prepared Ms. G.'s affidavit, Ms. G.'s daughter's affidavit, extensive country conditions documentation as well as documentation on the practice of FGM in Africa and coordinated a psychiatric evaluation and affidavit from a physician affiliated with Doctors of the World in support of Ms. G.'s petition.

### **Disability Claim Successfully Appealed**

Cleary Gottlieb won a disability claim appeal for pro bono client Ms. B., obtaining Social Security disability benefits after the Social Security Administration (SSA) denied her initial benefits application. The SSA initially ruled in Ms. B.'s favor at a January 26, 2006 hearing, during which an SSA medical expert questioned Ms. B. However, new evidence discovered shortly thereafter held up a final favorable decision until May 19, 2006.



According to her claim, Ms. B. was unable to work due to conditions related to depression with psychotic features. In preparing Ms. B.'s appeal, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers researched Ms. B.'s medical condition and the applicable Social Security regulations and prepared Ms. B. to testify and answer questions posed by the judge and medical expert. In addition, the post-hearing investigation involved numerous phone calls with the Internal Revenue Service, local banks and the SSA. The Cleary Gottlieb team worked closely with Brooklyn Legal Services on this appeal.



### **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Obtained for Teenager from St. Lucia**

Cleary Gottlieb has successfully represented C.T. in her application for permanent residency in the United States as a Special Immigrant Juvenile.

C.T. was born in St. Lucia and came to the United States in 1999 to live with her mother and older sister. Soon after C.T. arrived, her mother began to date a man who then moved in with the family and was abusive towards her mother and tried to rape both C.T. and her sister. After realizing her mother could not protect her, C.T. ran away from home and lived in a shelter for several days. C.T. shared her story with a friend at school, who then took C.T. home with her, and the friend's mother filed for guardianship of C.T.

C.T. was eligible to apply for permanent residency under the Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) category, specifically carved out by Congress for minors under the age of 21 determined to be dependent on the family court and eligible for long-term foster care where it is not in the children's best interest to return to their country of nationality. Cleary Gottlieb helped C.T. receive SIJ status as well as permanent residency in the United States. C.T. currently attends City College (pre-med), which she helps pay for through a part-time job.

### **Two New York City Not-For-Profits Finance Harlem Lanes**

Cleary Gottlieb represented the New York City Investment Fund and the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Corporation, both firm pro bono clients, in their financing of Harlem Lanes. The first Harlem-based bowling center in 30 years, Harlem Lanes opened in April 2006. The financing was completed on July 5, 2006.

The New York City Investment Fund seeks to mobilize the city's financial and business leaders to help build a stronger and more diversified local economy in New York City by investing in the most promising entrepreneurs in both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. The mission of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone is to sustain the economic revitalization of all communities of Upper Manhattan through job creation, corporate alliances, strategic investments and small business assistance.

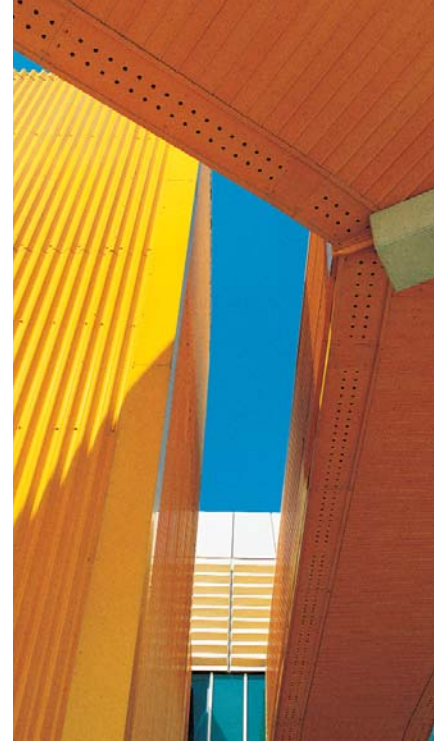
### **Colombian Citizen Wins Political Asylum**

Cleary Gottlieb won political asylum for Mr. R., a Colombian citizen who came to the United States in 2001 to escape death threats by the ELN, a violent guerilla group. Mr. R. first applied for asylum in December 2001, and Cleary Gottlieb took over the case shortly thereafter. The firm argued that Mr. R. was eligible for asylum and/or withholding of removal because of persecution in Colombia by the ELN. In January 2003, the immigration judge denied asylum but granted Mr. R. withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), based on his view that Mr. R. would surely suffer death if he were returned to Colombia and that the Colombian government was unwilling or unable to protect Mr. R.

In January 2005, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) upheld the judge's ruling on asylum and reversed its grant of relief under CAT, leaving Mr. R. vulnerable to removal. Cleary Gottlieb immediately appealed the BIA's ruling to the Second Circuit, arguing that both the immigration judge and the BIA had erred in denying asylum, and that the BIA had erred in reversing the judge's grant of CAT relief. Shortly after receiving Cleary Gottlieb's appellate brief, the government informed the firm that, contrary to its former position, it agreed with Cleary Gottlieb's argument that Mr. R. qualifies for asylum. The government remanded the case to the immigration judge, recommending he grant Mr. R. political asylum. After a successful security and background check, the Immigration Court granted asylum to Mr. R. on July 14, 2006.

### **Rwandan Citizens Win Political Asylum**

Cleary Gottlieb won political asylum for pro bono clients R.R. and his wife A.N. who fled Rwanda in November 2005 after allegedly suffering persecution at the hands of the Paul Kagame regime because of R.R.'s political opinion against Kagame's treatment of ethnic minorities in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. The immigration judge granted R.R. asylum and A.N. derivative asylum on August 18, 2006.





At Cleary Gottlieb, lawyers successfully represent their pro bono clients in and out of the courtroom – a victory can mean asylum is granted for a political refugee or that a not-for-profit is able to finance its business operations.

The firm began representing R.R. and A.N. after Human Rights First, the organization that referred the matter, won their release from the Department of Homeland Security, which had detained them upon arrival in the United States. The Cleary Gottlieb team filed a substantial document submission on R.R. and A.N.'s behalf, which included a legal brief, affidavits by R.R., A.N., seven witnesses, a country conditions expert and an expert research librarian, as well as numerous other supporting materials that documented the oppression of journalists and the persecution of ethnic minorities by the Kagame regime. At the beginning of the trial, the Court encouraged the Department to concede asylum based on the document submission. When the Department did not concede, the court held a two-day trial with an intervening two-month hiatus and granted asylum. A key issue, which the Department raised for the first time during opening arguments, was whether the firm's clients, who were born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) but who held only Rwandan citizenship, were dual nationals having to prove persecution in both Rwanda and the DRC.

A former Cleary Gottlieb associate and his colleague from the Portland, Maine law firm Verrill Dana, LLP acted as co-counsel.

### **Domestic Violence Survivor Wins Lawful Permanent Residency**

Cleary Gottlieb won approval of pro bono client Ms. G.'s Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petition, which allowed her to apply for lawful permanent residence without the participation of her allegedly abusive husband. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted Ms. G. lawful permanent residency on August 10, 2006.

In her petition, Ms. G. alleges that her husband, a U.S. citizen, became abusive several years after they married and interfered with her efforts to become a legal permanent resident. The Violence Against Woman Act was passed by Congress in 1994 and allows abused spouses and children to apply for lawful permanent residence on their own without needing to rely on their abuser for permanent residency in the United States. Cleary Gottlieb lawyers filed a VAWA petition on Ms. G.'s behalf, which was granted, and appeared with Ms. G. at her interview before USCIS for permanent residence.

The case was referred to the firm by the Tahirih Justice Center, whose mission it is to enable women and girls who face gender-based violence to access justice.

### **Cameroonian Pro Bono Client Wins Withholding of Removal**

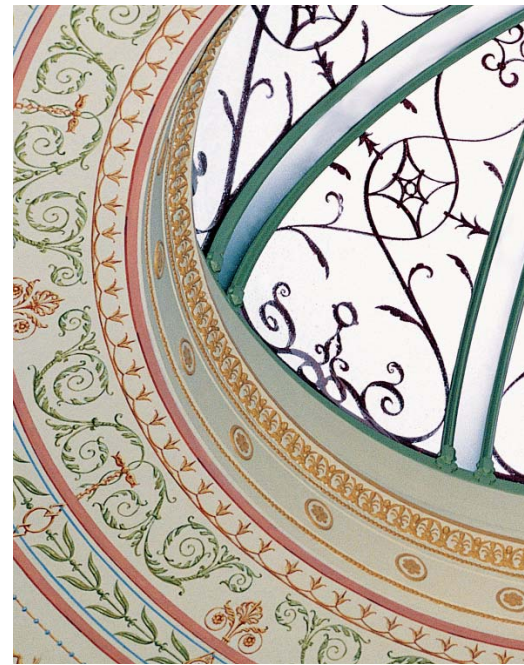
Cleary Gottlieb won withholding of removal for pro bono client Ms. A., who fled Cameroon in January 2003 after suffering persecution at the hands of Cameroonian authorities due to her involvement with the Social Democratic Front, a dissident political party, and her opposition to fraudulent elections in Cameroon. On October 11, 2006, the immigration judge approved a settlement negotiated by Cleary Gottlieb with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement branch of the Department of Homeland Security under which Ms. A. received withholding of removal to Cameroon.

Cleary Gottlieb filed a brief and numerous supporting documents, including an amended application for asylum, country conditions materials, affidavits from medical experts and an affidavit from Ms. A.'s son in Paris, with the Immigration Court and represented Ms. A. in a hearing before the Immigration Court.

The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs referred Ms. A.'s case to Cleary Gottlieb.

### **Guardianship Granted to Caregiver Aunt**

Cleary Gottlieb won permanent letters of guardianship for Ms. G., a pro bono client seeking to be made the guardian of her two nieces and one nephew, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years old, after the tragic death of their mother in a car accident. Ms. G. was Cleary Gottlieb's first client under the firm's participation in MFY Legal Services' Kinship Caregiver Law Project, a multi-firm pro bono initiative to represent individuals seeking guardianship of family members. The project's goal is to provide the type of legal support and services for kinship caregivers that are currently provided by the state to foster parents seeking guardianship of children with whom they do not have a pre-existing relationship. The guardianship allows Ms. G. to continue to provide for the education, health care and other needs of the children, with the security of knowing that the state has entrusted their care to her. The Brooklyn Family Court granted Ms. G. the letters of guardianship on November 9, 2006.





### **Guantánamo Detainee Client Freed**

Cleary Gottlieb secured the release of Mr. H., an ethnic Uzbek born in the former Soviet Union, who had been detained at Guantánamo Bay for more than four years. Mr. H. was sold to U.S. forces for a \$5,000 bounty in early 2002 in Afghanistan and sent to Guantánamo, where he was imprisoned for approximately three years before the government determined that Mr. H. was not an enemy combatant and should be released. Despite this determination, Mr. H. remained imprisoned at Guantánamo.

Cleary Gottlieb filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus on Mr. H.'s behalf on October 19, 2005, and pressed the government to release Mr. H. through litigation in both the Washington, D.C. circuit and district courts. Mr. H. was released to the government of Albania on November 18, 2006 and has received political asylum there with Cleary Gottlieb's help.

### **Former Employees of Green Tree Win Trade Benefits**

On December 6, 2006, Cleary Gottlieb won certification under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act ("TAAA") for its pro bono clients who worked at the now-closed Green Tree nitrocellulose facility in Parlin, New Jersey. Under the TAAA, workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports may receive benefits such as training, job search and relocation allowances, income support and other re-employment services.

The case came to Cleary Gottlieb through the Court of International Trade ("CIT"), which hears appeals from TAAA certification decisions of the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL"). While exhaustively researching the case for appellate briefing to the CIT, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers uncovered key evidence demonstrating that the DOL had made a material error in its factual investigation into the closing of the Green Tree facility. In short, the team uncovered proof that the firm's clients were directly employed by Green Tree (the company that went out of business), and that a second company that had been operating the plant was doing so in Green Tree's name; therefore, the DOL's "secondarily affected workers" analysis was flawed. As primarily affected workers, the firm's clients were entitled to TAAA benefits. The Cleary Gottlieb team persuaded the Department of Justice to join a request to suspend briefing in the CIT and convinced the DOL to move for voluntary remand. The DOL's further investigation determined TAAA certification should be awarded.

# Awards

## **Cleary Gottlieb Wins Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Awards**

Cleary Gottlieb associates Katherine Carroll, Evan Criddle, Tanisha Massie, David Rush, and Daniel Zipp received an award at the Legal Aid Society's Annual Pro Bono Awards and Law Firm Recognition Ceremony on November 6, 2006, recognizing their work representing an immigration client referred to Cleary Gottlieb by Legal Aid.

## **Cleary Gottlieb Associates Receive Immigration Equality Safe Haven Awards**

Cleary Gottlieb associates John Fisher, Paul Kim, Katherine Miller and Tracey Parr received Safe Haven Awards from Immigration Equality for their asylum work representing a gay man from Uzbekistan. Safe Haven Awards recognize Immigration Equality's pro bono lawyers who have helped win asylum for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV-positive people fleeing persecution from around the world.

## **Jerry Hyman Receives Founders Pro Bono Award**

Retired Cleary Gottlieb partner Jerry Hyman received the Segal-Tweed Founders Award from Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law.

## **Cleary Gottlieb's Washington Office Honored for Pro Bono Work**

The federal judiciary of the District of Columbia honored Cleary Gottlieb's Washington office for its pro bono work on April 24, 2006. Cleary Gottlieb was one of just 14 Washington, D.C. law firms in which 40 percent or more of both its partners/counsel and its associates devoted at least 50 hours or more to pro bono legal services in calendar year 2005. The Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of the D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference recognized the firms at a breakfast hosted by Chief Judge Douglas Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Chief Judge Thomas Hogan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and attended by Circuit Judges Sentelle and Griffith and District Judges Lamberth, Friedman, Robertson, Kollar-Kotelly, Roberts, Huvelle, Bates and Collyer. The firm has a long-standing commitment to pro bono legal services and is proud to be among this elite group within the Washington legal community.



### **Cleary Gottlieb's Washington Office Wins Pro Bono Award for Immigration Practice**

On June 13, 2006, Cleary Gottlieb's Washington Office won an Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Immigration & Refugee Rights from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. The Washington Lawyers' Committee honored the Washington Office for its years of work dedicated to asylum cases in numerous jurisdictions. Since 2003, lawyers from the Washington office have gained asylum for twelve refugees and derivative asylum for three more refugees from Ethiopia, Guinea, Haiti, Liberia, Cameroon, Colombia, Somalia and Nepal. Lawyers in Cleary Gottlieb's Washington office currently represent eight other refugees before immigration judges, the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Fourth Circuit and other jurisdictions. Overall, since 2003, Cleary Gottlieb's Washington office has devoted more than 10,000 hours to pro bono immigration matters.





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