

Hanson Bridgett Pro Bono Legal Service

Hanson Bridgett is dedicated to providing pro bono services to individuals, organizations and businesses that cannot afford the cost of high-quality legal representation. Our attorneys handle a wide range of pro bono litigation and transactional matters with the same drive and commitment we bring to all of our client work.

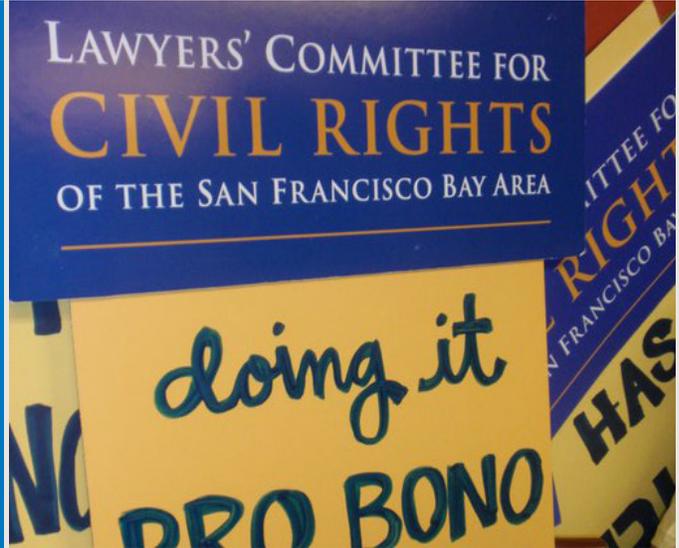
We believe pro bono work benefits our firm as well as the deserving clients we serve. Our associates may receive credit toward their annual billable-hour requirements for up to 150 hours of pro bono work. In 2019 our attorneys contributed 6,500 hours of pro bono work.

Hanson Bridgett's pro bono contributions are made possible by the hard work of the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Pro Bono Partnerships

Some of the most rewarding work we do is born out of Hanson Bridgett's ongoing partnerships with nonprofit legal service organizations. We are proud to support these groups and the important issues on which they focus.

- **Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence** assists individuals, public agencies, advocates and lawmakers through researching, writing, enacting and defending laws, policies and programs aimed to save lives from gun violence.
- **Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco** provides services to clients including children and homeless people.



- **Centro Legal de la Raza** provides immigration-related legal services and support to families living in poverty, youth, victims of violent crimes, asylum seekers, and detained individuals in removal proceedings.
- **Swords to Plowshares** is a community-based, not-for-profit veteran service organization that provides wrap-around care to more than 3,000 veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area each year.
- **AIDS Legal Referral Panel** serves the legal needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **The Asylum Program of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights** helps indigent asylum seekers from more than 30 countries obtain permission to live in the U.S.
- **Legal Aid of Marin** handles a wide range of legal matters for low income and senior residents of Marin County.
- **Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County**, one of California's most respected public interest law firms, is a vital voice for San Mateo County's underserved populations.
- The first nonprofit law firm for children and youth in the country, **Legal Services for Children** provides free services to individuals under 18 years old in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Legal Services for Entrepreneurs of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights** assists low-income individuals open businesses in distressed neighborhoods.

Highlights:

- Secured asylum for a Muslim woman who defied traditional cultural, social, and religious norms because she believes that women should be able to move freely about her society.
- Secured asylum for a young Christian woman from Kenya who was persecuted because she refused to undergo the traditional ritual of female circumcision.
- Helped a group of artists and one merchant purchase a sizable commercial building, preserving a valuable resource for the San Francisco arts community by saving 6 beautiful artist studios and a local bakery that have together been serving the community for more than 30 years.
- Defended a disabled man against untruthful assertions in two debt collection proceedings, which resulted in sanctions against the debt collector's attorneys.
- Helped a mentally disabled, HIV positive Burmese refugee, who had been tortured in Burmese prison camps, gain U.S. Citizenship. Enabling him to continue to receive critical medical care and essential medications.
- Represented client at Mandatory Settlement Conference and successfully negotiated forgiveness of back rent due to habitability issues, and extended move-out time to a new residence where the client's situation would be improved.

Pro Bono Committee

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