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For decades, we have delivered value to communities around the country and brought about positive change in the places we call home. Last year, we reflected on this impactful work, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Deinard Legal Clinic, which continues to serve individuals hailing from countries worldwide who are now living in Minneapolis. We expanded our Kansas City and Minneapolis community economic development work to our St. Louis office through our partnership with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative. We gave back to veterans, advocating on behalf of their health, defending their rights and honoring their service.

During the 2018 ABA National Pro Bono celebration, we took time to reflect on the work of the firm’s many pro bono volunteers. We are proud of the thousands of hours donated to the betterment of our communities, and yet we recognize the immense work left to be done to close the justice gap for many.

As a signatory to the Pro Bono Institute (PBI) Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®, we are resolved to be a firm of great value to our clients, our communities and each other.

This report demonstrates the value of our efforts and the impact we make together. Throughout this report, you will notice symbols of the Ashanti tribe of Ghana. These symbols, known as adinkra, represent the diverse communities we serve and the numerous peoples we touch.

They tell a story of justice, hope, safety and harmony, much like the stories included in these pages. Thank you for taking a moment to learn about the ways Stinson commits to PBI’s Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge and ensures a valuable experience for every client.

Mark Hinderks, Managing Partner
Deinard Legal Clinic

FIRM CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR OF SERVICE

This year, the Deinard Legal Clinic donated its 25th year of pro bono service to the patients of the Community University Health Care Center (CUHCC). The partnership, founded in 1993 in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, is the oldest medical-legal partnership in the nation and serves as a model for other medical-legal partnerships in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Close to 40 percent of the Minneapolis office’s pro bono hours are donated to clinic patients through this longstanding collaborative, in areas including family law, housing, public benefits and immigration. In 2018, the firm donated 3,795 hours of legal time to 116 patients at a value of $1.3 million.

On October 15, over 100 people came together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Deinard Legal Clinic. During the last two years, over 100 billers in the Minneapolis office have donated legal time to represent patients on clinic matters. At the celebration, Deputy Managing Partner Allison Murdock and Managing Partner of the Minneapolis office Jill Radloff presented awards to pro bono volunteers at the firm and accepted an award from CUHCC as thanks for the firm’s service. The keynote speaker, Dr. Jakub Tolar, Dean of the Medical School and Vice President for Clinical Affairs at the University of Minnesota’s Academic Health Center, spoke about the importance of holistic service when treating patients, including legal services.

DEINARD LEGAL CLINIC AWARD

This firm award is given to a timekeeper who has devoted substantial time and effort to clinic clients. Tim Kelley, partner in the firm’s Financial Services and Class Action Litigation division, has regularly contributed 50 to 100 hours each year to the Deinard Legal Clinic, primarily in the family law area, since joining the firm in 2004. In addition, he has served on the firm’s Clinic Screening Committee for the last 12 years and on the firm’s Pro Bono Committee. When discussing Tim’s representation of a client in her divorce proceedings, Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Allison Woodbury said, “Tim changed her life. I am certain Tim has changed a lot of lives for the better; this was simply the one I witnessed.”

CUHCC staff posing for a photo together at the Deinard Legal Clinic’s 25th anniversary celebration.

Muna Khalif, CUHCC case manager, sharing her thoughts on the benefits of a medical-legal partnership for her behavioral health patients.

Deputy Managing Partner Allison Murdock, left, and Minneapolis Managing Partner Jill Radloff receive 25th anniversary plaque celebrating the Deinard Legal Clinic’s partnership with the Community-University Health Care Center.
Deinard Legal Clinic Continued

A DRAMATIC TURN OF EVENTS
This Deinard Legal Clinic immigration case involved a Somali man who came to the U.S. as a refugee in his teens after his family was massacred in front of him. As a teenager with mental illness, he was arrested for violating his probation and placed in removal proceedings. In December 2017, ICE attempted to deport him, along with 91 other people, back to Somalia, but his plane got held up in Dakar and ultimately returned to Miami.

The deportees were forced to remain shackled for 48 hours, not permitted to stand or use the restroom, and verbally and physically abused by ICE agents, leading to a class action lawsuit on behalf of the “Somali 92.” Through a referral to the Deinard Legal Clinic, Brittany Michael and Andy Davis filed a successful motion to reopen his case on the grounds that his mental illness prevented a timely appeal of his removal order, and changes in country conditions in Somalia qualified him for asylum. He is now back in Minneapolis, his home for many years, where he has access to medical care and medication.

A FRESH START
A 50-year-old Anishinaabe clinic patient was referred to the Deinard Legal Clinic due to some old misdemeanor charges that prevented her from securing housing. The woman came to the clinic homeless, in poor health and desperate for a place to live. Minneapolis partner David Axtell helped the client file for criminal expungement, which was successfully granted.

Several months later, the woman came back to the clinic with her daughter and granddaughter, she had been totally transformed. She was well groomed, rested and exuberantly shared that she now had an apartment. The criminal expungement had helped her find a safe place to live and had completely changed her life.

QUALITY PRO BONO REPRESENTATION BRINGS JOY AND RELIEF
Three attorneys in the Minneapolis office—Dan Scott, Brittany Michael and Jon Woodruff—represented a Deinard Legal Clinic client in protracted divorce proceedings. She had been living in a cultural marriage where she had no financial rights or personal standing, but through her volunteer attorneys, she was able to have a voice in the process and receive a fair financial settlement.
Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Stinson values the importance of human rights both here at home and around the world.

We recognize that human rights are afforded to all individuals based on the fundamentals of their human existence, and these rights naturally flow into the civil rights and liberties afforded to all under the rule of law. As lawyers, we understand our responsibility to safeguard these rights in the areas of disability, voting, women’s and LGBTQ+ rights, the criminal justice system, education, First Amendment law, housing and immigration. Partnering with many human rights and civil liberties groups, 180 firm attorneys and paralegals donated more than 7,300 hours to these issues in 2018. Below are a few examples of our work.

**IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS**

**Stability Through Naturalization** - Kansas City attorneys Molly Keppler, Bryce Langford and Christina Arnone, along with paralegals Cheri Diaz and Debbie King, helped a pro bono client apply for naturalization. As a survivor of domestic abuse, the client was granted permanent residence in the U.S. after assisting state authorities in arresting and prosecuting her abuser, but she wanted to apply for citizenship to avoid any danger of being separated from her children, all of whom are U.S. citizens. The legal team prepared the application and represented the client in a naturalization interview. In April 2018, a few members of her legal team accompanied the client as she took her oath of allegiance and became a naturalized U.S. citizen, prompting Bryce to note, “You’re not really human if you can sit through a Natz ceremony with completely dry eyes.”

**Oh Say Does That Star Spangled Banner Yet Wave** - In 2016, the firm accepted an asylum referral from The Advocates for Human Rights for a man who fled Ethiopia after repeated imprisonment and torture for his membership in a separatist group designated a terrorist organization by the Ethiopian government. In March 2018, ICE detained the client and put him in jail, and then moved his asylum hearing up a year from June 2019 to June 2018. In less than two months, Minneapolis attorneys Jonathan Vessey, Kristin Berger Parker, Brian Pitko and Carrol Wright collectively accrued 347 hours to the matter—making seven visits to the jail to explain the asylum proceedings and prepare supporting documents. After almost two hours of client testimony at the hearing, the immigration judge granted the client asylum and said “Welcome to the United States, sir!” As the group exited the courtroom, the Star Spangled Banner began to play, signaling the end of the business day—but also the beginning of the client’s new life in America.

Photo credit: CUHCC.
Deportation Defense Legal Network – Following a summer 2018 training, Kansas City attorneys Brad Yeretsky, Ethan Sanders and Bryce Langford accepted the firm’s first referral from the newly formed Deportation Defense Legal Network KC, an organization committed to providing pro bono representation to detained immigrants eligible for release on bond. The legal team successfully argued for the detainee’s release, allowing for reunification with his family in Colorado. The client wrote to say, “If it had not been for your great work, I would probably still be detained. It is something I will never forget. Thank you for all the time you dedicated to my case. You are an excellent attorney. I do not have a way to repay you. I hope that God will bless you and your family greatly and illuminate your path wherever you may go.”

Survivors of Human Trafficking

Permanency Achieved - Since 2015, Kansas City attorneys Winston Wang and Bryce Langford have assisted a Mandarin-speaking T-visa holder and survivor of sex trafficking in pursuing legal permanent residence for herself and her son. In 2018, that relief was finally granted, and the client, who has since relocated to another state, made a special trip to our Kansas City office to thank the legal team whose work opened so many doors for her and her family.

Improving Laws for Human Trafficking Survivors - Over the summer, 12 paralegals in five offices—Tanya Hailey, Cathy Huntley (Kansas City), Michelle Brodin, Valerie Jones, Lee Sanford (Minneapolis), Kay Francisco, Karen Graves, Lidia Terrazas, Catherine Zamora (Phoenix), Kecia LiCausi (St. Louis), and Carol Landen, Jaclyn McCaleb (Wichita)—contributed more than 220 hours transcribing interviews with human trafficking survivors and advocates for a project for The Advocates for Human Rights that is looking at ways to improve human trafficking laws in Minnesota.

A Clean Slate – A young woman was referred to the firm by the ABA Survivor Reentry Project after she had been emotionally and physically abused, trafficked throughout the U.S., and forced to engage in solicitation, all of which had resulted in numerous arrests and charges for solicitation-related crimes. Washington, DC attorneys Brandon Nagy and Eric Liebeler worked with the client over the course of a year to gather and understand her records, verify her eligibility for relief in DC, and ultimately seal her criminal history on the grounds that she was “actually innocent” of the charged conduct due to her status as a coerced minor.
Election Protection - In 2018, the firm took an active role in Election Protection work, volunteering to run nonpartisan call centers and answer calls to 1-866-OUR-VOTE. The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition was formed to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process.

In August, in partnership with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (LCCRL) and the ACLU of KS, Stinson’s Kansas City office hosted the state of Kansas’ first on-the-ground call center for primary voters throughout the state. The call center was open from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, with three shifts of six volunteers each. The call center fielded 133 calls from Kansas voters and volunteers; in previous elections, 50 was the maximum number of callers from Kansas.

For the November Midterms, the Kansas City office expanded its efforts, hosting call centers for the entire states of Kansas and Missouri, adding the Advancement Project to its list of partners. The Midterm call center was open from 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with four shifts of 10-14 volunteers per shift. By day’s end, the call center responded to 1,008 calls from voters and election observers.

In Minneapolis, 11 Stinson attorneys and staff participated in a local Election Protection call center the day before and the day of the midterm election, fielding questions and helping problem solve with voters from six states.

Election Official Guides - Starting in 2017, the Association of Pro Bono Counsel, the Brennan Center for Justice, the LCCRL, and a small group of law firms teamed up to create guides on the process for becoming an election official.

Volunteers in the Kansas City office answer calls to 1-866-OUR-VOTE from voters across Missouri and Kansas.
official in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Fifteen of those guides are now published on the Election Protection website, with the other 36 guides under final review. A group of summer associates, associates and partners at the firm worked on this project, with St. Louis associate Amanda Rapp leading the charge.

**Protection of First Amendment Rights** – Washington, DC partners Roy Goldberg, David Rifkind and Harvey Reiter attended a Families Belong Together rally in June to serve as legal observers for the LCCRL. The legal observers were trained in advance how to record incidents, ensure that protestors would be able to demonstrate safely and within their First Amendment rights and, if necessary, provide support to arrested protestors through jail and precinct visits.

**PROTECTING PRISONER’S RIGHTS**

> In 2018, 27 attorneys and paralegals across the firm’s Missouri and Denver offices contributed more than 1,650 hours to seven different prisoners’ civil rights cases involving failure to protect inmates’ safety and civil liberties and failure to provide adequate health care.

> Successful Jury Verdict Leads to Access to Adequate Health Care - Denver partner Zane Gilmer and associate Ryan Sugden obtained a jury verdict in the U.S. District Court of Colorado based on cruel and unusual punishment in violation of their client’s constitutional rights. The Colorado inmate had originally filed a pro se complaint alleging denial of medical care for a series of fractures he suffered to his left foot. When he sought treatment from the prison’s medical staff, he was denied crutches and given nothing more than Tylenol, requiring him to walk on his fractured foot for weeks. The District Court appointed Zane and Ryan as pro bono counsel, and Stinson paralegal Bridget Duggan provided critical litigation support. Eventually ending up in trial, a jury returned a verdict in the client’s favor, agreeing he was wrongfully denied medical care in violation of his constitutional rights. Soon after the verdict, the District Court recognized the firm for its participation in its Civil Pro Bono Panel and its successful outcome in this case.

**Partnering with the Public Defender**

> Lawyers and paralegals in our St. Louis and Kansas City offices, including Jamie Boyer, Rob Harry, Julie Scheipeter, Judy Bradley, Dianna Rodenberg, Emmett Logan, Erick Orantes, Erin Naeger and Lisa Parks worked with The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel to provide free representation to indigent criminal defendants referred by the Missouri Public Defender System. Attorneys and staff donated 382 hours on five different felony and gross misdemeanor cases.
MPATAPO
“Knot of Reconciliation” Symbol of reconciliation and peacemaking. Mpatapo represents the bond or knot that binds parties in a dispute to a peaceful, harmonious reconciliation. It is a symbol of peacemaking after strife.

Work with Veterans

This year, Stinson attorneys across the firm dedicated nearly 700 hours to a variety of veterans’ causes. Here’s a sample of our work in this area:

> The firm regularly accepts full representation matters from long-time partner Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), with partner Steve Schemenauer, an Army Colonel with more than 27 years of service, chairing the organization’s board. Stinson attorneys and staff volunteered at MACV’s August StandDown event at the Target Center, where veterans received assistance with housing, family law, employment and tax issues while community partners provided meals, haircuts and clothing. On Patriots’ Day on September 11, the firm sponsored a free drop-in legal clinic for MACV participants, providing homeless veterans with legal advice and brief service.

> Last year, Phoenix partner Tom Salerno provided nearly 250 hours of pro bono representation to the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team (ADT) Foundation, an organization that was formed to remember, honor and serve the memory of men and women who fought and died to preserve America’s freedom during WWII and other conflicts. ADT has a museum and puts on jump demonstrations in the style of WWII airborne soldiers. Tom is not just a lawyer for the Foundation; he is also a graduate of ADT’s jump school!

> The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMB) Military Matters program offers veterans and active duty military personnel direct access to pro bono legal assistance and provides KCMB member attorneys the opportunity to serve those who have served their country. Attorneys in our Kansas City and St. Louis offices donated nearly 200 hours to this important program on veterans’ municipal court and consumer matters.

> Through Tigers for Troops, the Veterans Clinic at the University of Missouri School of Law has partnered with the private bar to increase the number of attorneys qualified to help Missouri veterans. In partnership with this program, attorneys in our Kansas City and St. Louis offices have represented veterans in their applications for discharge upgrades. Partner Emmett Logan (Kansas City) has worked with the MU Veterans Clinic and the National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium to prepare amicus briefs on matters of importance to veterans in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

> On 9/11, attorneys and staff in our Wichita office participated in a local StandDown event for homeless veterans in tribute to a former colleague and proud veteran who recently passed away. At the event, our team of attorneys and paralegals spoke to veterans about a range of issues, including outstanding warrants, the unlawful sale of an impounded vehicle and other legal matters.
The Kansas City office’s partnership with the Marlborough neighborhood, now in its ninth year, is going strong. This project is led by litigation partner Jere Sellers and real estate partner Rich Cook.

In 2018, the firm donated 672 pro bono hours to the Marlborough Community Coalition (MCC) and individual residents and nonprofit entities in the Marlborough neighborhood. The firm assisted the MCC with an update to the organization’s bylaws and seven Abandoned Housing Act cases. Judd Treeman, Nate Van Emon, Brett Shanks and Katie Bechina worked on habitability lawsuits for two different Marlborough tenants, all working under the supervision of Stewart Stein. After extended, contentious negotiations, both teams successfully reached settlements for their respective clients to compensate for loss of property in abhorrent apartment conditions.

Marlborough Award - The winner of the firm’s 2018 Marlborough Award was Rich Cook. This award is given to a timekeeper who has devoted substantial time and effort to legal work for the MCC and/or the residents of the Marlborough neighborhood over the last year. Rich oversees the transactional work completed by the firm in its role as general counsel for the MCC. Since assuming co-leadership of this project three years ago, Rich has devoted more than 350 hours to our Marlborough partnership.

Each summer, the Kansas City summer associates visit the Marlborough neighborhood to learn about Stinson’s work there. This year, they toured MCC’s Catalyst Center, a rehabbed home, and saw the sights of many other park and community developments made possible through the work of the MCC and the firm.

Investing in Kansas City’s Urban Core - On August 15, nearly three years and more than 340 hours of pro bono work came to fruition with the launch of the Kansas City Home Rehabber Loan Fund, a first-of-its-kind collaboration that will provide title clearing services and loans to rehabbers restoring abandoned homes in neighborhoods in the urban core of Kansas City, like Marlborough. AltCap, a local Community Development Financial Institution, will manage and administer the fund, underwriting and servicing loans made to small contractor home rehabbers. The fund was capitalized in part by local, civic-minded investors’ contributions to the KC Social Investment Pool (KCSIP). Stinson provided the pro bono legal work used to create KCSIP, under the leadership of partner Eric Mikkelson, and with the assistance of Matt Brincks, Michael Donohue, Charley Jensen, Jim Selle, Scott Claassen, Derek Grutsch and Becky Bryan.
Community Economic Development Continued

along with the provision of legal services for neighborhood residents in the landlord tenant area. Additionally, the firm participated in a criminal expungement clinic with attorneys from MMLA and the Volunteer Lawyers Network in April 2018 where over 90 individuals attended. Finally, the firm, in conjunction with MMLA, hosted an estate planning clinic in June where residents learned about transfer on death deeds in order to ensure home ownership from one generation to the next.

ST. LOUIS
> Building on our neighborhood work with Marlborough in Kansas City and NRRC in Minneapolis, our St. Louis office was eager to partner with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) as they launched a new Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative (NVI) in 2018. The NVI identified the Hyde Park neighborhood as a high-need neighborhood with strong leadership where pro bono support could make a real impact on the community.

> In May, LSEM hosted a beneficiary deed clinic in Hyde Park, through which Stinson’s Jenna Hueneger and Lindsey Lang assisted a combined nine residents in preparing beneficiary deeds for their homes. Beneficiary deeds are simple forms that allow a home owner to designate to whom ownership of their property should be transferred to upon death, allowing a transfer of real estate without probate. As eligible properties are identified, the firm will assist LSEM and Hyde Park with nuisance and Abandoned Housing Act cases.
Case Highlights

Stinson attorneys, paralegals and staff are involved in a broad range of both litigation and transactional pro bono legal work that benefits the communities where we live and work. The following is a small sampling of the over 800 pro bono matters that the firm handled in 2018.

For distribution to Hurricane Harvey victims was disseminated in a racially and geographically neutral manner. This precedent-setting work involved Freedom of Information Act requests and negotiations with FEMA and other Department of Homeland Security representatives to obtain necessary data, with results that could be applied to the processes for fund distributions to Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria victims.

Holistic Representation for Longtime Pro Bono Client – Following release from prison, one of the firm’s longtime pro bono habeas clients filed for and was denied SSDI, despite severe back injuries. Kansas City corporate finance partner Pat Calland successfully appealed the decision, resulting in monthly SSDI payments of $682, a two-year back payment and state health insurance for the client. The client was overjoyed to establish some guaranteed monthly income.

Victory For a Mother and Her Son – St. Louis associate Ben Woodard recently represented a mother in a family court matter referred by the Family Defense Center, an organization that advocates for justice for families in the child welfare system. Ben argued that the state of Illinois was incorrect in its claims that the environment his client provided for her son were injurious to his health and welfare. Thanks to Ben’s advocacy, the judge ruled in favor of the client across the board. The client wrote to Ben, “Thank you so very much for all your hard work and determination for justice. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking this case and fighting this fight with me. My son is my world!”

A Roof Over Your Head – Washington, DC litigation associate Brandon Nagy handled a landlord-tenant matter referred by the DC Bar Advocacy & Justice Clinic. His client was caring for her husband who had been moved home on hospice, while holding down a job and raising a son. With so much going on, the client fell five months behind on her rent. Brandon negotiated a settlement that allowed her to pay only $50/week while she got back on her feet, and he also convinced the Veteran’s Administration to pay two months of her back rent. As a result, the client and her family were able to keep their home.

Relief for Hurricane Harvey Victims – Kansas City energy partner Brittany Barrientos partnered with the LCCRL to advise nonprofit Texas Housers in their efforts to ensure that more than $5 billion allocated by Congress for distribution to Hurricane Harvey victims was disseminated in a racially and geographically neutral manner. This precedent-setting work involved Freedom of Information Act requests and negotiations with FEMA and other Department of Homeland Security representatives to obtain necessary data, with results that could be applied to the processes for fund distributions to Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria victims.

Stinson partner Calvin Hoffman, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Pro Bono Director Theresa Hughes at the Mayor’s Housing Initiative meeting.

A Mazie’s Mission veterinarian holds a puppy who was recovering from anesthesia after being spayed.

Mazie’s Mission - Michael Aigen and other Stinson attorneys in the Dallas office provide pro bono legal services to Mazie’s Mission, a nonprofit veterinary clinic in Carrollton, Texas. Mazie’s Mission is the only clinic of its kind in the country, providing veterinary
services exclusively to animal rescue organizations, not privately owned pets. The firm has represented Mazie’s Mission in various matters, including representing the clinic in litigation and providing advice and analysis of various contracts and leases.

**Escape from the Cold** - For over 33 years, the Listening House operated as a daytime drop-in center for the homeless in downtown St. Paul. When the shelter had to move in 2017, the city approved its relocation to a church in another area of the city. But after Listening House began operations in its new location, some of its neighbors lodged a complaint with the city. Partner Eric Galatz stepped in to represent the center through city-directed negotiations with the objecting neighbors. A final city council resolution allowed Listening House to remain at the church, but restricted it to serving 20 people per day—instead of the over 100 per day they historically served. Eric enlisted Stinson partner Keith Moheban, a seasoned litigator, to appeal the city resolution to the District Court. In November, the court issued its order accepting a settlement that established a set of conditions on the drop-in center. Most significantly, Listening House continued its operations without interruption, serving the indigent, homeless and lonely every day throughout a cold Minnesota winter.

**An Onerous Contract for Deed** - A pro bono client executed a contract for deed on property in southern Minnesota and made considerable payments before discovering lead paint and previously unknown damage to the roof uncovered after minor flooding following a storm. Minneapolis attorneys Nick Lyden and Marc Simpson conducted preliminary research on the owners, which uncovered an extensive history of swindling low-income individuals across the country. After two years of negotiations, our lawyers reached an agreement that allowed for a refund of $12,573, the full amount the client had paid under the contract for deed, along with a full release of the client related to the property.

**The Rabbit hOle: The World’s First Explor-a-Storium** – Kansas City partners Allen Blair, Brian Sobczyk, and Tim Feathers helped nonprofit The Rabbit hOle acquire a warehouse in North Kansas City, review construction documents, and overcome intellectual property challenges as they create the world’s first Explor-a-Storium, a new museum experience where children’s books will come to life and visitors can become explorers of the books. The Rabbit hOle is the brainchild of Pete Cowdin and Debbie Pettid, artists and owners of the Reading Reptile, a celebrated Kansas City children’s bookstore and cultural center for 27 years. Several hundred thousand visitors are expected each year once the museum is complete.

**Project 34** – Phoenix bankruptcy and creditor’s rights partner Alisa Lacey helped to incorporate Project 34, a charitable foundation that aims to positively impact the lives of those living with a spinal cord injury. Cory Hahn and other Arizona State University baseball players were motivated to start the foundation after Cory was paralyzed from the chest down while sliding into second base during his very first game as a freshman member of the ASU baseball team. Number 34 was the number Cory wore for his only game. Although he is still wheelchair-bound, Cory is an active and outgoing guy, now working for the Arizona Diamondbacks and motivating others by sharing his story.
Recognition and Honors

PRO BONO HONOR ROLLS

> The Minnesota State Bar Association recognizes as North Star Lawyers members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services. Sixty-nine Stinson attorneys will be included as 2018 North Star Lawyers.

> The Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame recognizes attorneys who perform 40 or more hours of pro bono work in a year for their generous commitment of time, professional skill and legal knowledge. Sixty-eight Stinson attorneys will be included on the 2018 MO Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame.

> The District of Columbia Courts’ Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll recognizes attorneys who have provided 50 hours or more of pro bono work for the Honor Roll to DC residents. Ten Stinson attorneys were included on the 2018 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, and our Washington, DC office earned Silver Standard Participant status from the DC Bar’s Advocacy and Justice Clinic.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

> The Minnesota Business Community Impact Awards honor businesses, social enterprise organizations, nonprofits, initiatives and individuals making a significant impact on communities in Minnesota. Each year, the Pro Bono Maximus Award is given to a company with superlative pro bono efforts. 2018 winners were announced at a celebratory event in February, with Stinson winning the Pro Bono Maximus Award for its work with the Deinard Legal Clinic.

> DC Bar Attitude of Gratitude Award - During 2018 Pro Bono Week, the DC Bar awarded Washington, DC attorney Tracey Ohm its Pro Bono Attitude of Gratitude Award for her unwavering commitment to DC Bar Advocacy & Justice Clinic clients. Since 2013, Tracey has balanced an active bankruptcy practice with representation of nine DC Bar Clinic clients.

> Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) President’s Award – Kansas City real estate and public finance partner Karl Phares received a 2018 KCMBA President’s Award for, among other things, the pro bono work he did to help the KCMBA negotiate a new lease on their space. Karl is active in pro bono and community service, donating pro bono time to Global FC, a nonprofit that uses soccer to provide refugee youth and families with the tools to overcome obstacles to success, and has successfully represented a victim of labor trafficking in a complex T-visa application that took more than 100 hours to prepare.

> Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) President’s Award – In December 2018, St. Louis litigation partner David Everson was recognized as Pro Bono Volunteer of the Month for a lifetime of pro bono work, often involving claims of innocence on behalf of prison inmates.

FIRM AWARDS

> The firm’s Pro Bono Service Award is given to a timekeeper(s) who has devoted substantial time and effort to more than one case involving “everyday” legal services for those in need. This year’s award was given to the six associates in the Denver office—Anna Day, Angie Fletcher, Donna Gonzales, Hailey Perkins, Sharena Smith and Ryan Sugden—who each donated in excess of 100 hours of pro bono legal work over the last year.

> The firm’s Pro Bono Impact Award is given to a timekeeper who has devoted substantial time and effort to a large matter for a single client, multiple clients, or a matter involving public policy or community improvement. This year’s recipient, Kansas City litigation partner Tom Davis, met each of these criteria for his work on multiple lawsuits filed on behalf of tenants whose landlord failed to remedy a bed bugs problem that spread to most of their apartment complex, causing property damage and physical injury. Tom has devoted more than 550 hours to these cases, nearly 400 hours of which were accrued just in 2018. His representation has put landlords on notice that bed bugs are not a problem that can be ignored without risking serious legal and financial repercussions.
Our 2018 Pro Bono Partners

FIRMWIDE
The Advocates for Human Rights
American Bar Association Survivor Reentry Project
American Civil Liberties Union (national and local chapters in Arizona, Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri)
Brennan Center for Justice
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium

MISSOURI
Innovation Law Lab/Deportation Defense Legal Network
Kansas Appleseed
Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Military Matters
KU School of Law Medical-Legal Partnership
Legal Aid of Western Missouri
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Midwest Innocence Project
Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel
MU Veterans Clinic
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office’s Patent Pro Bono Program
Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts

DENVER
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.
Mazie’s Mission

OMAHA
Nebraska Appleseed
Strands from the Heart

PHOENIX
Community Legal Services, Inc.
Federal Court Self-Service Clinic

WASHINGTON, DC
DC Bar Advocacy and Justice Center
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington
Tahirih Justice Center

WICHITA
The Arc of Sedgwick County
Kansas Legal Services
Passageways, Ltd.
Saint Francis Community Services

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“Help Me and Let Me Help You” Symbol of cooperation and interdependence.

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