



WASHINGTON OFFICE HELPS YOUTH GET TO THE "ART" OF THE MATTER

The Foundation awarded a Community Grant to New Community for Children in Washington, D.C. This long-standing organization provides a safe harbor for youth and families in a troubled neighborhood of the District. Our grant will help to create an intergenerational community art garden.



GRANTEE UPDATE: WRITERS EXPRESS BECOMES SUMMER INK, INC.

Writers Express, a well regarded inner-city educational non-profit which has been formed and operated with pro bono legal support from Brown Rudnick, has split into for- and non-profit entities. Partners Mark Leonardo and Jessica



Collins led the legal team. The new nonprofit entity, Summer Ink, Inc. will continue to operate a summer writing class in Boston for students of middle school age. The Foundation will continue to provide a grant to support scholarships for lower income students to attend.

Charitable Giving is at Our Center

BREAKING NEWS: BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INVITES LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR 2010-11 RELATIONSHIP GRANTS.

At its May 11 Board meeting, the Directors of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation authorized the issuance of an invitation for letters of interest in applying for this year's Relationship Grants from potential applicants. Relationship Grants must be focused on improving inner city education in one of the cities served by the Foundation. Letters of not more than two pages must be received by 4:00 p.m. EDT on May 25, 2010. Please see the Center's website for more information.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS IN BOSTON

The Foundation awarded a Community Grant to Friends of the Children-Boston to support a mentoring program that services at-risk children from neighborhoods in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain and South Boston. Specifically, the grant will be used to purchase maps, puzzles, academic computer and board games, and art supplies.

According to Zeeba Khalili, Friends of the Children-Boston Mentoring Program Coordinator and grant applicant, "Our goal is to build on the academic skills of at-risk children while improving their creativity, hand-eye coordination, and love of learning. The addition of the educational supplies will have a profound effect on our ability to offer students individualized, creative and intellectually stimulating projects. We are grateful for the generosity of organizations such as the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation."

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Pro Bono is at Our Center



WE CONTINUE OUR WORK THROUGH THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION'S LAWYERS CLEARINGHOUSE, SOME OF WHICH ARISES FROM OUR STAFFING OF LEGAL CLINICS FOR THE HOMELESS.

We are advising the nonprofit organization DALLS, Inc. as they seek zoning relief from Brockton Zoning Board of Appeals to approve a transitional home at rental property and review of lease. Attorneys Kevin Joyce and Christian Rivera lead this effort.

We are advising an indigent individual in connection with a foreclosure on their property in Massachusetts. This effort is led by attorneys Kevin Joyce, Raisa Litmanovich and Rachel Rosen.

We are advising an indigent individual regarding correcting and sealing his CORI records. This effort is led by attorneys Ed Hershfield, Raisa Litmanovich, and Christian Rivera.

We are advising an indigent individual regarding issues related to their credit history and tax return filings. This effort is led by attorneys Mary Bucci, Raisa Litmanovich, and Jennifer Recht.

BROWN RUDNICK EXPANDS LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS

The homeless in Boston have received legal support from Brown Rudnick for well over a decade through a program operated by the Boston Bar Association's Lawyers Clearinghouse.

This Spring, through our Center for the Public Interest, a fresh initiative commenced in the Hartford office to serve the city's homeless population. Organized by



partners Douglas Cohen and Michael Camilleri, every Tuesday in April Brown Rudnick's Hartford attorneys staffed legal clinics for the homeless at local shelters through a program organized by the Appleseed Foundation and Hartford HELP (Hartford

Homeless Experience Legal Protection). Every paralegal in the Hartford office participated and law students from the University of Connecticut assisted with the logistics and advice.

In recognition of this new and extraordinary effort, the Hartford team has been awarded a Brown Rudnick "Pro Bono Accolade" which was presented by Center Executive Director Al Wallis

in the Hartford office on May 5th. Recipients included Douglas Cohen, Michael Camilleri, Jeffery Matrullo, Jennifer Herz, Kathryn Hinton, Scott Muska, John Blair, Jennifer Mullen St. Hilaire, Naomi Lynch; Dylan Kletter, Michael Kozlik, and Carlene Mercier.

Hartford Homeless Work

To the U.Conn Student Coordinator

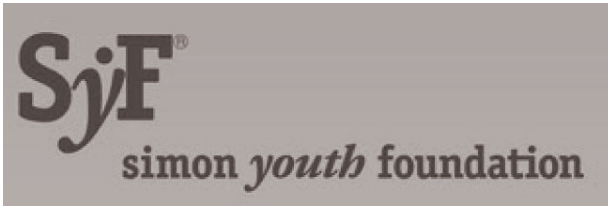
"I just wanted to let you know that the HELP clinic at Mercy went really well today! The attorneys from Brown Rudnick were very committed and pro active! I really think that their level of involvement and efficiency should be the HELP standard! We were able to see everyone who needed our assistance and resolved most of the issues right then and there - by making phone calls and through online research.

Definitely the smoothest HELP experience I've had all year."

University of Connecticut School of Law '12
Public Interest Law Group - H.E.L.P.

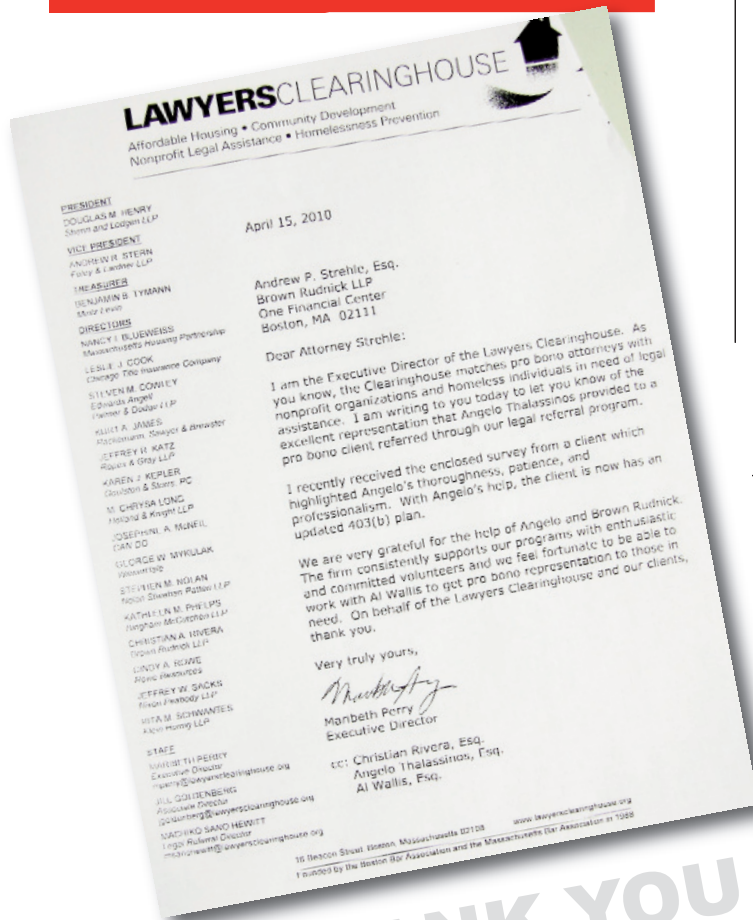
JOINING THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT BANKRUPTCY PROJECT

Through a program initiated by the Boston Bar Association, Brown Rudnick will join with other Boston firms to provide assistance to individual debtor clients in the bankruptcy court. Cases are screened and referred by the BBA Volunteer Lawyers Project. Brown Rudnick attorneys Steven Pohl, Andrew Sroka, and Saul De La Guardia in the Boston office Capital Markets department took the first case in April.



The “Simon Youth Foundation® helps at-risk kids in Simon mall communities nationwide earn high school diplomas and scholarships to realize hopes of going to college.” www.syf.org/index.aspx?pgID=408

Their schools are located nationwide in some of the Simon Properties shopping malls. Brown Rudnick is representing the Simon Youth Foundation as they seek to open their first school in Massachusetts. Attorneys Tom Phillips and Al Wallis are leading this effort.



THANK YOU

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT APPEALS PROJECT

We continue to represent indigent individuals in Boston and New York City in appealing denials of their unemployment benefits. This project, which has been ongoing for several years, is done in conjunction with Manhattan Legal Services and the Boston Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project. Attorneys Diane Nardi and Ben Welch supervise and coordinate this project.

A POTENTIALLY PRECEDENT SETTING CASE: KANAI V. SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

We represent a military academy student who is seeking conscientious objector status.

We prevailed in District Court in our representation of this military academy student and are now responding to the Army's appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals (Fourth Circuit). The legal team is led by Daniel Abrahams and includes Amy Walborn, Tammy Hopkins, and Howard Wolf-Rodda.

FORMING A NONPROFIT WORKING GROUP

Brown Rudnick's Corporate Department and the Center for the Public Interest are forming a Nonprofit Working Group to provide training, guidance and coordination of the firm's pro bono and billable nonprofit work in the U.S. Patrick Cox, Ed Pease and Al Wallis will lead this effort.

“We are very grateful for the help of Brown Rudnick. The firm consistently supports our programs with enthusiastic and committed volunteers and we feel fortunate to be able to work with Al Wallis to get pro bono representation to those in need. On behalf of the Lawyers Clearinghouse and our clients, thank you.”

- Maribeth Perry
Executive Director
Lawyers Clearinghouse

Community Service is at Our Center

BROWN RUDNICK SPONSORED MOCK TRIAL FINALS HELD IN FANEUIL HALL.

At the end of March, the state-wide finals of the Massachusetts Bar Association's high school mock trial were held in Boston's Faneuil Hall before Massachusetts state court judges. Cheryl Pinarchick, President of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation,

welcomed judges, bar leaders, the participants, their teachers and families on behalf of Brown Rudnick. For the first time, the all-female Winsor School won, advancing to the national finals. Since 1998, Brown Rudnick has been the exclusive sponsor of this state-wide high school competition.



United
Way



POVERTY SIMULATION.

Brown Rudnick has been working with the Massachusetts United Way as they seek to offer "poverty simulation" programs in the Boston region. Recently, half a dozen Brown Rudnick staff participated with several dozen others from the business community in a two hour simulation in which they role played an interactive month in the life of a poor family. All participants reported that it was a profound and interesting experience. Plans are underway to offer the program more broadly, including to some Boston law firm summer students.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN LEADS TO BOSTON OFFICE SUPPORT FOR BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS.

As a result of this year's Brown Rudnick United Way Campaign, a Boston office effort was coordinated by the Library staff to support this social service agency which provides help to troubled youth. The Library collected books and games to stock three common areas at the organization. Librarian Kathleen Gerwatowski and partner Nancy Wilsker's family visited the organization on a weekend to deliver the donations and help set up the book shelves.

HARTFORD SITE VISIT TO FOUNDATION-FUNDED TRUANCY PROGRAM.

Foundation Director Michael Camilleri and Executive Director Al Wallis in April visited a program for truant teenage students held at Hartford's Burr Elementary School. A Foundation Relationship Grant awarded to the Capital Region Education Council, assists this after-school program which teaches these students about finances, job searches and careers.



Hartford office hosts career day for Grey Lodge Shelter for Women.

In April, five teenage girls from the Grey Lodge Shelter for Women in Hartford visited the Brown Rudnick Hartford office for a lunch. They were joined by lawyers, paralegals and staff for a conversation about law careers and then toured the office. Grey Lodge Shelter for Women is a Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation 2009-10 Relationship Grant Recipient.

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Please contact Al Wallis or Kym Patrico to discuss any matters regarding the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest. Thanks especially to Kym Patrico, Lisa Murray, Connie Kelly and Kristin Cicerone for their assistance with this newsletter. And finally, apologies for any errors or unintentional omissions, which may from time-to-time occur in the Center Quarterly – maybe even this one.

- Al Wallis

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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- May 11** All Charitable Foundation Board Meeting 2pm
- All Charitable Foundation request for Letters of Interest issued
- May 25** All Charitable Foundation Letters of Interest due 4pm EDT
- Bos Boston Bar Association Law Day Dinner 5:30pm Westin Copley

- June 8** All Charitable Foundation Board Meeting 2pm
- June 10** Bos Volunteer Lawyers Project Unemployment Benefits Appeals Training

- July 7** Bos Rosie's Place Volunteer Visit 10:30am
- July 8** Bos Boston Housing Court Lawyer for a Day Program 9am
- July 9** Bos Rosie's Place Volunteer Visit 10:30am
- July 13** All Charitable Foundation Board Meeting 2pm
- July 14** Bos Summer Associate SAILS Lunch 12pm
- July 15** NY Summer Associate SAILS Lunch 12pm
- July 16** NY BELL Mural Painting 9am

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