Epic Fair Housing Battle Finally Tried in Baltimore

A class of African-American public housing residents finally had their day in court last December when U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis heard three weeks of testimony in the trial of a closely watched discrimination case that pits the residents against Baltimore’s Housing Authority and the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

The tenants, represented since 1995 by Jenner & Block and the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland (ACLU), allege that local and federal officials have propagated a system of racial segregation through the unfair administration of public housing.

Partner Susan R. Podolsky argued the case pro bono on behalf of the ACLU. “As a result of governmental segregative public housing policies and practices, and a failure by local and federal government forces to desegregate public housing, our clients have always been confined to a certain kind of neighborhood — that is, a poor, black and socio-economically distressed neighborhood.

“This case forces these governmental entities to face up to this reality,” says Ms. Podolsky.

The Baltimore Sun called the case as “one of the most important housing cases in 20 years.” Judge Garbis was expected to decide the case in early 2004.

The tenants argue that the practice of racially isolating public housing residents not only violates the Constitution but also several federal fair housing laws. The tenants contend that the city and HUD have exacerbated the racial segregation that has characterized this system since the 1930s and earlier by continuing to build public housing exclusively in poor, predominantly African-American neighborhoods.

In 1996, the parties agreed to a partial consent decree that settled the plaintiffs’ claims as to several housing projects, but the broader issue of systemic discrimination had never been tried — until now.

Ms. Podolsky concludes, “If we can succeed, we hope to obtain a remedy that gives these residents opportunities — for the first time in history — to live in neighborhoods that are racially diverse and that present decent access to good jobs, better schools, and safer streets.”

The Firm handled a similar case in Miami, Florida in 1998 in which Jenner & Block reached a settlement with HUD and Dade County that provided substantial relief to the class including housing opportunities in better developments, priority assignment of Section 8 vouchers, and a fair housing center to counsel people on how best to use the vouchers.

In 1997, the Firm also negotiated with the town of Addison, Illinois, what was at the time the largest settlement ever of a federal civil rights fair housing lawsuit in favor of a racially discriminated class.

Jenner & Block Associate Brian P. Hauck is currently assisting Ms. Podolsky in the Baltimore litigation in concert with the ACLU of Maryland. Many other Jenner & Block attorneys have also worked on this case over the years, including Partners Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Marc A. Goldman and Katherine A. Fallow, and Associates Nicole G. Berner and David Fagundes. Former Associate Olivier Sylvain continues to assist on the case as well.

Vault Names Firm Third for Diversity for Women

Vault, one of the most influential career guides in the legal industry, recently released its 2004 rankings in which Jenner & Block was ranked number one in the country or was within the top ten firms in the nation in many critical areas, especially in areas pertaining to diversity and pro bono work. Out of these firms, Jenner & Block was ranked third for diversity for women. For its 2004 rankings, Vault surveyed nearly 12,000 associates from 150 law firms around the country.
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Scharf Installed as President-Elect of NAWL

Partner Stephanie A. Scharf was installed last summer as President-Elect of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) for the 2003-2004 term. Founded in 1899, NAWL is a national voluntary legal professional organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers. Ms. Scharf is Co-Chair of the Firm’s Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense Practice and specializes in complex litigation. She received a law degree and doctorate in behavioral sciences from the University of Chicago.

Ms. Scharf says her vision for NAWL includes a heightened focus on programs that assist women lawyers to reach leadership positions in the places they practice, including law firms, corporate law departments and government.

According to Ms. Scharf, “it has become the norm for women to graduate from law school and start up the ladder of legal practice; but the steps up to a leadership role are still hard to climb, for a variety of reasons. Part of NAWL’s programming focus over the next year will be on identifying the factors that move women into leadership positions, and the structures, skills and assistance that could be given to women lawyers the help they need.”

In addition to her leadership role with NAWL, Ms. Scharf serves as Co-Chair of the American Bar Association’s Subcommittee on Experts of the Product Liability Committee in the Section on Litigation, and as Editor of the ABA Mass Tort Committee’s Mass Torts Newsletter.

Grayson Serves as Co-Vice Chair of CBA’s Alliance for Women

Partner E. Lynn Grayson was recently appointed Co-Vice Chair and Co-Chair Elect of the Chicago Bar Association’s (CBA) Alliance For Women. With 22,000 members, the CBA is one of the oldest and most active bar associations in the nation.

Ms. Grayson also serves as a member of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Women in the Law, and as Co-Editor of Women in the Law newsletter. In addition, she is the former Chair of the American Bar Association’s Section on Business Law, Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law Committee. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Associates Coleman and Fallow Elevated to Partner

Elizabeth Abbené Coleman and Katherine A. Fallow were elevated to the partnership of Jenner & Block as of January 1, 2004.

Ms. Coleman is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Practice. She graduated cum laude from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1996, where she was a member of the Loyola University Chicago Law Journal.

Ms. Coleman’s recent mass tort experience includes the successful representation of owners of a natural gas pipeline in defense of class action toxic tort litigation based upon alleged human exposure to releases of contaminants into the environment via ingestion, inhalation and dermal contact. This work included substantial motion practice including the successful defeat of all claims on summary judgment based upon the failure of plaintiffs to satisfy the U.S. Supreme Court’s Daubert standard for expert witnesses.

While in law school, Ms. Coleman served as an extern for the Honorable Wayne R. Andersen, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Katherine A. Fallow

Ms. Fallow practices in the Firm’s Appellate and Supreme Court, Media and First Amendment, and Telecommunications Practices.

Ms. Fallow has been involved in litigation before many federal and state appellate courts, most recently on a briefing before the United States Supreme Court in the American Library Association’s First Amendment challenge to the federal Children’s Internet Protection Act. Working on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union on a pro bono basis, she has also filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court arguing that a local nudity ordinance violated the First Amendment.

Ms. Fallow received her J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1996, where she was the editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. Ms. Fallow served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert E. Keeton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Honorable Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Other Jenner & Block Attorneys in Bar Leadership Roles

Associate Teresa Faherty Blomquist is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Employee Benefits Section Council.

Associate Kaili N. Bracey serves as Co-Chair of the Young Litigators Section of the District of Columbia Bar’s Litigation Section and as Co-Chair of the American Bar Association’s Subcommittee on Commercial General Liability.

Associate Claudia Gallo serves as Co-Chair of the Family Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section.

Associate Sarah H. Halpin is a Volunteer Attorney of the Day for the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing.

Associate Joanne T. Hannaway is an Instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Partner Teri A. Lindquist is a member of the ABA’s Commercial Financial Services Subcommittee, Legal Opinion Subcommittee and Aircraft Finance Subcommittee.

Partner Linda L. Listrom serves as Co-Chair of the ABA’s Trial Practice Committee Section on Litigation and as a
‘The Right Stuff’

Partners are “Top Litigators” In Clients’ Book

Uncommon business acumen as well as delivering consistently favorable results in complex business litigation are among the “key ingredients” recently cited by three general counsels for having recommended three Jenner & Block senior partners for the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s (MCCA) “Top Women Litigators” Special Report.

In a profession that is still largely dominated at the top by male partners, it is “a tribute to these three senior women partners that their clients have sponsored them for such a special recognition,” says Jenner & Block’s Managing Partner Robert L. Graham. The MCCA’s Top Women Litigators Issue will be published this Spring in Diversity & The Bar magazine.

Linda L. Listrom was recommended by David A. Savner, General Counsel of General Dynamics Corporation. “Smart, articulate, tenacious and thorough,” wrote Mr. Savner about Ms. Listrom’s skill sets he has witnessed over a 15 year period.

Stephanie A. Scharf was recommended by Pfizer Inc’s Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Jeffrey B. Kindler, partly because of her demonstrated ability to “understand the hard science underlying our matters and communicate the key issues to non-scientists.” According to Mr. Kindler, “Stephanie’s work also reflects a tremendous commitment to the company. She has invested time and energy into getting to know our businesses…and our goals.”

Likewise, the Firm’s third MCCA recommended Partner, Barbara S. Steiner, has been entrusted with some of General Electric’s highest stakes litigation because she has understood the need for providing service “far beyond expectations,” wrote Barbara E. Daniele, Senior Vice President and General Counsel at GE Commercial Equipment Finance Co.

“There is a ‘seamless team dynamic’ that exists between GE and the Firm,” adds Ms. Steiner. “Both parties get so immersed in a given case that they operate as a unified team.”

Ms. Listrom explained last year in a special Chicago Daily Law Bulletin report that one of the reasons so many women attorneys at Jenner & Block have traditionally succeeded with their corporate clients like General Dynamics, Pfizer and General Electric is the Firm’s culture that “encourages and rewards creative thought, exceptional legal skill and client-centered legal service…from the outset, the highest of standards have always applied to the Firm’s attorneys, be they male or female. And, frankly, neither I nor my female colleagues here would have it any other way.”

“Leadership is another common characteristic of these particular trial lawyers, as well as one of the secrets to their career success,” observes Mr. Graham.

Ms. Listrom serves on the Firm’s Policy Committee, which represents the highest level of leadership and executive management at the Firm. Ms. Scharf co-chairs the Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense Practice and is the President-Elect of the National Association of Women Lawyers. And, Ms. Steiner chairs Jenner & Block’s Litigation Committee and is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee. She has also chaired the Firm’s Finance Committee and Hiring Committee.

Results Count

The chief legal officers from the three leading Fortune 100 companies agree that these recipes for success invariably fit Jenner & Block’s national reputation for producing courtroom mega-victories in some of the toughest cases.

For instance, Mr. Kindler wrote that “Ms. Scharf has never lost a case for Pfizer Inc, including dozens of complex product liability, commercial contract and insurance coverage cases — whether those successes are manifested by judgments for the company or far better-than-expected settlements.”

In another illustrative instance, Ms. Scharf was lead counsel on an insurance coverage dispute involving thousands of underlying personal injuries and 50-year-old lost policies. She won at trial, and when the case was appealed to the California Supreme Court, it resulted in a landmark decision for corporate policyholders and her client, Dart Industries.

“I truly identify with my clients and want to get them the best possible result,” notes Ms. Scharf.

Ms. Listrom continues to work as lead trial counsel on “perhaps the largest government contracts litigation matter in history,” stated Mr. Savner, referring to the company’s $2 billion dispute with the United States over the cancellation of the A-12 stealth aircraft program. General Dynamics Corp. v. McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. United States (United States Court of Claims, 2001). As that epic legal battle was taking shape, Ms. Listrom was also lead trial counsel for General Dynamics in a suit brought by various syndicates of Lloyd’s of London to rescind four excess workers’ compensation policies providing $120 million in insurance coverage.

Meanwhile, Ms. Steiner was co-lead trial counsel in one of the biggest matters GE Capital has ever taken to trial, GE Capital v. DirecTV, Hughes Electronics and General Motors, No. 3:97cv1901 (PCD) (D. CT. [New Haven] 2000). This six-week jury trial involved a breach of contract claim relating to a private label financing program for direct satellite television equipment. In this case, the jury entered a verdict in GE Capital’s favor in the amount of $133 million, which the court increased to a judgment of $181 million. Both the verdict and judgment were the largest in Connecticut history at the time.

Ms. Daniele, then Senior Vice President and Litigation Counsel for GE Capital, wrote that Ms. Steiner, “did an exceptional job of strategically thinking through both the discovery and motions so that by the time the trial began, we were positioned for success.”

In addition, Ms. Steiner directly examined some of GE Capital’s most senior executives, all of whom she had personally prepared for their testimony at trial. As the case progressed, Ms. Daniele concluded, “Barbara’s sterling trial advocacy skills were also showcased in the cross-examination of the most senior executives of DirecTV and Hughes.”

Ms. Steiner defended the jury award on the opponent’s appeal in the Second Circuit. However, the case settled while the appeal was pending. Ms. Daniele noted, on terms “very favorable” to GE Capital.

Ms. Listrom, Ms. Scharf and Ms. Steiner stress that they have been fortunate to have strong advocates and mentors, support of senior lawyers in and outside the Firm, and unusually supportive families.

They also generously praise their fellow

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Reflections from a Lateral Partner

Partner Catherine A. Abbott, an experienced M&A and securities lawyer, joined Jenner & Block just over a year ago as a key addition to the Firm’s growing corporate practice. According to Ms. Abbott this career move has already had a positive impact on her professional growth and career development.

“It’s been different from my previous professional experience,” she explains. Being part of a relatively small, but growing, practice, affords me the opportunity to be much more involved in the decision-making processes with respect to the shape of the department. I also welcome the opportunity to work with different kinds of clients. For example, I have done a great deal of work with government contracting agencies since coming to Jenner & Block, which I’ve found to be fascinating. The opportunity to work on government contracts is rare, and quite unique to this firm.”

Ms. Abbott’s most recent M&A transaction, featured in The Daily Deal on January 23, 2004, involved the acquisition of Science & Engineering Associates Inc. by Firm client ITS Services Inc., a federal government technology contractor. The deal will raise ITS’ annual revenues to more than $200 million. Ms. Abbott worked with Partner Leslie H. Lepow on this deal.

While Ms. Abbott has been the lead partner on many multimillion dollar transactions for public and private companies, she was involved last fall in General Dynamics’ acquisition of privately-owned Digital System Resources (DSR) of Fairfax, VA. DSR is a provider of surveillance and combat systems for submarines and surface ships.

Ms. Abbott, of course, is no stranger to such high stakes transactions. Before joining the Firm, she was on a team that represented General Motors Corporation in the proposed spin-off of Hughes Electronics from GM and its subsequent merger with EchoStar Communications. The value of this planned transaction was estimated at $26 million.

“I hope to expand partnerships with clients for whom Jenner does government contract work, and maximize the Firm’s existing contacts to grow the corporate practice,” Ms. Abbott says.

Ms. Abbott’s professional growth at the Firm has coincided with exciting developments in her personal life, as she had her first child on February 6. “I’m very excited and grateful to be at a Firm that is so flexible with family issues,” she concludes.
AG’s Challenge to Acclaimed Clemency Order “Defied Logic”

By Terri L. Mascherin, Partner

On January 23, 2004 the Illinois Supreme Court rejected the Attorney General's challenge to Governor Ryan's acclaimed clemency orders in People ex rel. Madigan v. Snyder. That decision is rightly being hailed by many as a resounding reaffirmation of the breadth of the governor's clemency power.

In retrospect, however, the Attorney General's curious legal action not only was unnecessary, it was "fatally flawed" much as the mechanism by which the State of Illinois has been imposing the death penalty.

Just about a year ago, on January 11, 2003, former Illinois Governor George Ryan announced that he was issuing sweeping clemency orders which would clear Illinois's death row, commuting the sentences of all prisoners who had been under sentences of death. That decision removed from death row over 160 men and women. It was the culmination of Governor Ryan's in-depth study of problems with the administration of the death penalty in Illinois.

When the Illinois legislature refused to adopt any of the reforms recommended by Governor Ryan's blue ribbon independent commission (co-chaired by Jenner & Block senior partner Thomas P. Sullivan), Mr. Ryan announced that he could not leave office with the knowledge that the prisoners on Illinois’ death row were sentenced by a fundamentally flawed system and that many of those prisoners may be innocent, or at least should not be facing death sentences.


This was not the first time that a Governor decided to empty a state’s death row as he left office. However, for good reason, Governor Ryan removed from death row more prisoners than any Governor before him had.

The clemency powers of a Chief Executive — whether it be a President pardoning political allies or, as here, a Governor ostensibly acting on principle — are generally considered to be beyond challenge. American courts have long held that “the heart of executive clemency . . . is to grant clemency as a matter of justice, thus allowing the executive to consider a wide range of factors not comprehended by earlier judicial proceedings . . . ." Ohio Adult Parole Auth. v. Woodward, 523 U.S. 272, 280-281 (1998).

Thus, it came as a surprise to many that newly-elected Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan took the unusual step of filing a legal action challenging some of Governor Ryan’s clemency orders. In filing that action, Attorney General Madigan took up the mantle originally championed by her opponent in the 2002 election, DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett, and Ms. Madigan's predecessor, former Attorney General Jim Ryan. Much to my dismay, one of the orders Ms. Madigan decided to challenge was the order issued to my client, Willie Thompkins, Jr.

I have represented Mr. Thompkins since 1990. In 2000, after several years of post-conviction proceedings during which, among other things, the judge refused to stay in the courtroom while some of Mr. Thompkins’ witnesses were testifying, the Illinois Supreme Court held that his death sentence was unconstitutional because Mr. Thompkins' trial lawyer (who himself is now a judge) did not even investigate, much less present, extensive evidence that would have mitigated Mr. Thompkins' sentence. Indeed, the way in which Mr. Thompkins’ trial and sentencing were handled spotlighted many of the fundamental problems that Governor Ryan’s Commission identified and sought to reform.

Attorney General Madigan’s suit was brought as an original action for mandamus in the Illinois Supreme Court — an unusual legal route which can be used only in very limited circumstances. Ms. Madigan sought to persuade the Illinois Supreme Court to prevent the enforcement of the clemency orders issued to two groups of prisoners:

(1) men, like Mr. Thompkins, whose death sentences had been held unconstitutional by either the Illinois Supreme Court or the federal courts, and who were awaiting resentencing at the time Governor Ryan granted them clemency; and

(2) men who refused to sign clemency petitions on their own behalf, but who nevertheless received clemency.

Owing to Mr. Thompkins' presence in the first group, I acted as lead counsel for the group of prisoners who were awaiting resentencing.

With respect to Mr. Thompkins and the others in his situation, Attorney General Madigan argued that Governor Ryan did not have the constitutional power to grant clemency because under the Illinois Constitution the clemency power attaches “after conviction.” She contended that these men were not “convicted” at the time Governor Ryan issued his orders because they were awaiting resentencing.

At a very basic level, it was rather remarkable for Attorney General Madigan to take that view, because Mr. Thompkins in fact stands “convicted” and remains in an Illinois prison to this day. The common meaning of the term “conviction,” as the Illinois Supreme Court reaffirmed in its recent decision, is a verdict or finding of guilt — not a verdict of guilt plus a sentence.

Moreover, it defied logic for Attorney General Madigan — who publicly has stated that she supports reform of Illinois' death penalty system — to have selected for challenge the clemency orders issued to a group of men whose original trials and sentencing hearings were so flawed that the courts had held their death sentences unconstitutional. Ms. Madigan did not challenge the clemency orders

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attorneys at Jenner & Block who are serving on the client service and trial teams they lead, emphasizing that they are hardly alone in representing their corporate clients.

“Collecting the best team of attorneys and giving them access to the necessary resources is one thing,” says Mr. Graham. “It takes remarkable partners with client-centered, service-oriented mindsets, as well as exceptional legal acumen, to consistently exceed their clients’ expectations. And, at the end of the day, it’s what our clients have to say about us that matters most.”

Mr. Graham concludes, “We congratulate Linda, Stephanie and Barbara on receiving such wonderful recognition by their clients.”

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issued to many others whose sentences have been upheld by the courts as constitutional. I could see that this point was not lost on the Supreme Court when I argued the case before the Justices last September.

Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow asked Ms. Madigan’s counsel whether a decision in Ms. Madigan’s favor wouldn’t reward the State for the errors that the State itself committed in these men’s trials. Ms. Madigan’s counsel replied, “I agree that would be a bit ironic.” Justice McMorrow responded, “I think it would be very ironic.”

The Illinois Supreme Court’s unanimous decision rejected every argument that Ms. Madigan raised in challenging the clemency orders. In doing so, the Court made clear that the power to prescribe or second guess how the Governor exercises his or her exclusive discretion to grant clemency: the power is “essentially unreviewable.”

Given the breadth of the Governor’s exclusive powers, it is difficult to divine why Attorney General Madigan elected to challenge Governor Ryan’s exercise of those powers. As the Court recognized, Governor Ryan granted clemency to the prisoners on Illinois’ death row “because he believed that Illinois’ death penalty system was broken.” The Court’s decision rejecting Ms. Madigan’s challenges to his clemency orders is a significant reaffirmation of the importance of clemency as, in the Court’s words, “the historic remedy employed to prevent a miscarriage of justice.”

The Women’s Forum

The Women’s Forum, a Firm-sponsored initiative to foster opportunities for professional, social and personal growth for all of its women attorneys sponsored two well-received roundtable discussions since the last issue of Equal Time – Women in Focus.

“We’ve tried hard to present programs that will help our women attorneys succeed,” said Partner Susan C. Levy, the Women’s Forum Chair.

Female Defense Industry In-House Counsel Offer Advice, Wisdom

Sharing their collective career experience and insight with women attorneys at a Women’s Forum luncheon in June were Del S. Dameron, Vice President and General Counsel for General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems and Maryanne R. Lavan, Vice President and General Counsel for the Systems Integration Business Area of Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Success Strategies For Women at Large Law Firms

The roundtable held in October entitled, “The Rules of the Game,” by Fuse3 Group, LLC addressed success strategies for women in large law firms. Sharon E. Jones and Jane DiRenzo Pigott, both founders and Managing Directors of Fuse3 Group, led the interactive discussion for nearly 70 Partners and Associates of the Firm.

Fuse3 Group provides leadership consulting services and strategies for women and minorities to reach leadership roles. Fuse3 Group’s clients are law firms, corporations, educational institutions and other large organizations. Their presentation, “The Rules of the Game,” focused on the unwritten rules for success that many women are never told, including the importance of networking, finding good mentors and being responsible for your own success.


Meeting the Needs of a Community in Mexico

When Jenner & Block Associate Christine A. Parker first decided to spend a week in October 2003 volunteering at the Foundation for His Ministry orphanage and mission in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico, she had no idea what kind of impact the experience would have on her.

“I went to give a few short days of my life to this small community in Mexico and, in turn, my own life was touched and transformed,” said Ms. Parker. “The tasks that I performed at the orphanage were not highly specialized or profound. What I realized through this experience, however, is that my small contributions can be used by a larger organization to make a dramatic impact on a community.”

Ms. Parker’s assignments at the Foundation for His Ministry ranged from construction projects, to facilities maintenance and grounds keeping (painting, gardening, and cleaning bathrooms), sorting donated supplies and clothing, kitchen duty or helping with the children’s programs.

At Jenner & Block, Ms. Parker is a member of the Firm’s Corporate Practice who handles securities and M&A transactions and provides counsel on corporate governance issues. She holds a J.D. and an M.B.A. from the College of William & Mary.

Ms. Parker says she has always been active in her Christian faith and has worked to integrate it into her professional life. For example, she served as President of the Christian Legal Society while in law school, and currently volunteers with Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship dedicated to helping children of incarcerated adults, and with Kids’ Club, an after school educational and social program serving the children in the Cabrini Green housing projects.

The Foundation for His Ministry began as an orphanage for children who had been abandoned or who were from families so needy that they could not afford to feed their children. From its humble beginnings, the orphanage has grown to provide shelter, food, clothing, education and a place to worship to over 80 children at any given time.

“What most impressed me about the organization is that the leaders did not allow the organization to remain stagnant,” said Ms. Parker. “The organization was founded with the vision that Vicente Guerrero needed an orphanage to meet the town’s many impoverished children, but it has grown to embrace the needs of the entire community.”

Today, the organization has expanded its outreach to the surrounding nearby migrant worker camps with many programs, including a medical clinic, a clothing and supplies distribution center, a soup kitchen, a literacy program, a drug rehabilitation program, a fire department, weekly Christian outreach ministries, a church with capacity for 800 and a day care center for children of migrant worker families.

The Foundation for His Ministry has transformed the lives of hundreds of children through its orphanage care and has provided for the needs of thousands of others through its community service functions and outreach activities.

“It is very difficult for busy professionals to give a substantial amount of time any one organization,” concludes Ms. Parker. “Yet, it is often our time that organizations most covet in order to meet their goals, and it is often in giving of our time that we as individuals are able to see and feel the impact of our contributions.”

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member of the Training the Trial Lawyer Task Force. She is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Corporate Legal Times SuperConference.

Partner Terri L. Mascherin is a member of the Chicago Bar Association’s Board of Managers and Chair of the Steering Committee of the MBA’s Death Penalty Representation Project. She is also an instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Partner Lorelie S. Masters serves as Chair of the MBA’s Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee in the Section of Litigation and as Chair of the Task Force on Insurance & Terrorism Claims. She is also a member of the District of Columbia Bar’s Judicial Evaluations Committee and is a member of its Litigation Section Steering Committee.

Partner Gail H. Morse serves as Chair of the WILPOWER Political Action Committee of the Women’s Bar Association, and is a member of the ABA’s State and Local Tax Committee. She is also a member of the board of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois, a member of the Chicago Bar Association’s State and Local Tax Committee, the CBA’s Alliance for Women, and the ISBA.

Partner Christine A. Picker serves as a member of the Editorial Board of ABA - Business Law Today, and is a member of the CBA’s Environmental Law Committee.

Associate Margaret J. Simpson serves as Vice Chair of the ISBA’s Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section.

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Partner Tanya J. Stanish is a member of the Family Law Section Council of the ISBA and serves as the Co-chair of the Child Representative Committee.

Associate Mary C. Talarico is a member of the CBA’s Executive Subcommittee of the Federal Taxation Committee and the former chair of the Estate and Gift Tax Division of the Federal Taxation Committee, and is a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council. She is also a member of the ISBA’s Trusts & Estates Section and the ABA’s Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section.
Catherine Abbott is a member of the Firm’s Corporate Practice. Catherine represents private and public companies in a variety of transactions, including securities offerings, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, complex corporate reorganizations, leveraged acquisitions and private equity and venture capital investments.

Debbie L. Berman is Co-Chair of the Firm’s Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition Practice. Debbie has substantial experience representing clients in trade secrets and unfair competition matters, and litigated the seminal case involving the inevitable disclosure doctrine for trade secrets both on the trial and appellate level.

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Julie M. Carpenter is a member of the Firm’s Appellate and Supreme Court Practice. Julie counsels clients on a broad range of commercial and constitutional issues, including both domestic and international regulations applying to content on the Internet. As part of this ongoing work, she monitors national and international developments in content regulation and developing issues relating to liability for content on the Internet.

Theresa A. Chmara is a member of the Firm’s Appellate and Supreme Court Practice. She has represented the American Library Association, the Freedom to Read Foundation and the American Booksellers Association on free speech issues. Theresa has participated in matters before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous other federal and state courts related to First Amendment issues.

Elizabeth Abbene Coleman is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Practice. She recently represented an airline in connection with nationwide class actions involving changes to the airline’s frequent flier program. She also recently defended a lease financing company in connection with a nationwide consumer fraud class action involving computer leases, successfully moving to dismiss the case for failure to state a claim.

Jill Sugar Factor is a a member of the Firm’s Corporate Practice. She represented General Motors Corporation in securities and strategic transactions for many years, including the spin off of EDS, the spin off of Hughes Defense and its subsequent merger with Raytheon, the IPO and spin off of Delphi Automotive Systems and many large stock and other securities offerings. She also served as counsel to General Motors Acceptance Corporation in offerings of asset-backed securities with a face value totaling over $15 billion.
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Katherine A. Fallow is a member of the Firm’s Appellate and Supreme Court Practice. Most recently, Katie was involved in a briefing before the U.S. Supreme Court in the American Library Association’s First Amendment challenge to the federal Children’s Internet Protection Act. Katie’s appellate experience includes briefing before the Supreme Court in its current review of the Federal Communication Commission’s implementation of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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Community Involvement

Firm Continues Steadfast Support of Legal Aid Bureau

Since 1931, Jenner & Block has been a leading law firm donor to the Legal Aid Bureau, the oldest legal assistance program in Chicago and the second oldest civil legal services provider in the nation. Partner William D. Heinz served as chair of the Legal Aid Society, the advisory board to the Legal Aid Bureau from September of 1999 through May of 2001. Mr. Heinz, now a member of the Society, continues to provide essential guidance and to help establish best practices to fulfill the staggering unmet legal needs of metropolitan Chicago’s poor families.

The Legal Aid Bureau’s core mission is to protect children by creating economic and social stability for women and children in the greater Chicago community. According to Richard L. Jones, Ph.D., President and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services, “The Legal Aid Bureau continues its mission of protecting children and strengthening families due in large part to Jenner & Block’s leadership and commitment for more than 70 years.”

The Women’s Treatment Center’s Theater Initiative

The women Partners of Jenner & Block collectively contributed to The Women’s Treatment Center’s holiday Lion King initiative in December, 2003. These funds sent six mothers and six children to see the Lion King, and helped to send over 100 women and children from the Center to see the show, as well as help net approximately $35,000 for the Center.

Partner Gail H. Morse has served on the Center’s Board of Directors since 1982.

Young Women’s Leadership Charter School’s Annual Gender Equity Luncheon

Jenner & Block hosted in September the Young Women’s Leadership Charter School’s Fall 2003 Gender Equity Luncheon, “The Impact of Race in the Classroom,” with guest speaker Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President of Spelman College. Six students from the Young Women’s Leadership Charter School (YWLCS) kicked off the luncheon by sharing their summer experiences at various academic camps.

Retired Partner Joan M. Hall is the President of the Board of Directors of the YWLCS, which was founded in 2000.

Women Everywhere

4th Annual Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project

Jenner & Block Partner E. Lynn Grayson and Associate Christine L. Childers are helped by summer associates Suzanne Courtin and Mary LaBrec in taking inventory of household items and clothing at the WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) resale shop in Palatine.

The Firm’s volunteer effort was part of the 4th Annual “Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project” on May 16, 2003, in which hundreds of women attorneys from many law firms dedicated their day to helping women in need.

Women Everywhere: 5th Annual Kick-off Celebration

The Firm is proud to host the Women Everywhere Project’s 5th Annual kick-off celebration on February 26, 2004. Organization representatives, volunteers and friends of Women Everywhere will gather to celebrate five years of helping women’s groups, as well as to honor the Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for Cook County, for his long-standing commitment to the organization.