Jenner & Block Attorneys Step Up for Domestic Violence Clinic

Talk about stepping up for clients. Partner Katherine M. Rahill, Associates Rachel Sandel Morse and Christine M. Bowman, and numerous other Jenner & Block attorneys are making a major impact by providing assistance to individuals seeking orders of protection under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act through a pro bono project in which Jenner & Block and several other firms around the city are partnering with the Circuit Court of Cook County’s Domestic Violence Division to help victims of domestic violence.

Through this program, Jenner & Block attorneys aid clients in obtaining both emergency and plenary orders of protection. Jenner & Block staffs the clinic during the morning sessions every other Friday and one Monday afternoon a month. On clinic intake day, Firm attorneys meet and interview clients who would otherwise be pro se, write up and file a petition for an emergency order of protection, and represent them in an ex parte hearing on that same petition. Three weeks later, the attorneys return with the client for a contested hearing to obtain a plenary order of protection. Jenner & Block attorneys have successfully represented many clients in obtaining emergency orders of protection as well as more long-term plenary orders of protection.

“It really is a great program,” said Ms. Rahill.

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Partner Terri L. Mascherin Answers the Call With CBA Service

Jenner & Block Partner Terri L. Mascherin remembers when, as a young associate, she received a call from a senior partner about getting involved with the Chicago Bar Association.

“He had gotten a call from someone at the CBA – the CBA was trying to inject some new energy into some of its Young Lawyers Section committees,” Ms. Mascherin said. “He was asked to recommend an associate who might be interested in chairing the Young Lawyers Professional Responsibility Committee. I said, “Sure.””

Ms. Mascherin has been injecting energy into the organization ever since. Most recently, she concluded a one-year term as President of the CBA. During her tenure in office, Ms. Mascherin focused on advancing professionalism and the core values of the legal profession, promoting her belief that the practice of law is a “calling” to serve the public.

“So as doctors have an obligation to treat the sick, whether they can afford a doctor or not, I think we have the obligation to provide access to justice and access to legal services to those who don’t have

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Jenner & Block Knocks It Out of the Park for Fox Sports in L.A. Dodgers Lawsuit

Partners Catherine L. Steege, Julie Ann Shepard, Amy M. Gallegos and Associates Kelly M. Morrison and Jennifer L. Wagman were members of the Firm’s team that successfully represented News Corporation’s Fox Sports in a dispute with the Los Angeles Dodgers over the planned sale of the team and its assets, including media rights.

Fox Sports’ regional Prime Ticket sports network has the current contract with the franchise, giving Fox the exclusive right to broadcast the Dodgers’ regular season games through the 2013 season. The contract also grants Fox the exclusive right, through November 2012, to negotiate renewed local-media deals with the team.

However, on November 2, 2011, Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced that the team would be sold by April 30, 2012 to resolve the team’s Chapter 11 reorganization. As part of that sale, the Dodgers attempted to impair Fox’s exclusive rights to negotiate a renewed media rights deal, and asked the Bankruptcy Court to allow the

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Letter from the Co-Chairs

Jenner & Block’s Women’s Forum highlights the Firm’s strong commitment to the advancement and success of its women attorneys.

The Forum was designed to help foster opportunities for professional, social and personal growth for women attorneys, formalize the Firm’s commitment to the advancement of women, and enhance the visibility and recognition of Jenner & Block’s leadership in support of women in the legal profession.

The Forum provides programs that focus on business development skills and self-promotion for women. It allows us to join together to recognize and celebrate women at the Firm through annual events, such as luncheons for our new women partners and welcome receptions for our summer associates and women associates.

Since its inception, the Women’s Forum has launched many innovative programs designed to help women attorneys of all levels hone their business development skills. We have sponsored several events for women attorneys and women summer associates to help them succeed and advance their careers, including a recent Women’s Empowerment Series sponsored in conjunction with Grant Thornton LLP. We have also hosted several accomplished women professionals to discuss strategies for successful business development and topics of special interest to women, especially those focused on women corporate counsel. In November 2011, we hosted a joint program with Mesirow Financial and Deloitte & Touche on “Building Your Personal Brand.”

The Women’s Forum has also continued to promote the very successful “Making Connections” program. “Making Connections” is an informal networking and mentoring program launched and coordinated by associates to provide a more casual setting for women attorneys to get to know each other. The program cuts across departments and levels of seniority and invites women attorneys of different departments and experience levels to socialize and interact in small groups outside the office.

In the coming year, the Women’s Forum plans to expand a new program, launched in 2011, that focuses on business development through involvement in external organizations. These programs are designed to introduce our women attorneys to various organizations that offer opportunities for active, committed leadership on non-profit boards and community organizations. As part of this initiative, several of our women attorneys participated in the Chicago Foundation for Women’s “Board Boot Camp,” a unique program providing hands-on training for women interested in joining non-profit boards.

We take great pride in developing programs and events for the Women’s Forum that will help our women attorneys foster their careers and encourage their professional development. It is important to us that we are always thinking of new ways to strengthen the Women’s Forum and our commitment to advancing the women at our Firm.

Sincerely,

Heather D. McArn
Erin R. Schrantz

Kudos to Past Women’s Forum Chair Debbie L. Berman

Debbie L. Berman was a member of the Inaugural Committee that launched the Women’s Forum in 2003 and has been actively involved ever since, recently completing a two-year term as Chair. As Chair Emeritus, she is still a leader in Forum efforts.

One of the highlights of Ms. Berman’s tenure as Chair was the well-attended event hosted by the Forum, at the Field Museum’s Nature of Diamonds exhibit in October 2009. This was the group’s first significant program focused on providing a networking forum for current and potential women clients. Other achievements of her term included programs focused on helping more junior women in the Firm develop and implement networking and community involvement skills.

Ms. Berman’s current emphasis is two-fold: (1) building relationships and partnerships with women’s groups in other professional firms, including Deloitte, Mesirow Financial and Grant Thornton; and (2) creating business development training and networking opportunities for younger women professionals at the Firm. She has been instrumental in creating the “Women’s Empowerment Series” in Chicago, sponsored by the Forum and the Women at Grant Thornton. The series, which is geared for younger women professionals at both firms, consists of four major events, including programs on Business Development and Community Involvement. She also helped organize a panel presentation with Deloitte’s Women’s Initiative entitled, “Mapping Your Career and Learning From the Navigators,” which provided younger women professionals with career guidance.

In addition to providing leadership within the Firm, Ms. Berman is also involved in the organized bar, serving as Regional Chair of the American Bar Association Women in Communications Law Committee, and in a variety of community and public service activities, including as a member of the boards of Leadership Greater Chicago and the Anti-Defamation League. She holds numerous positions with the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Ms. Berman is Inaugural Chair of the Greater Midwest Region BBYO Chicago Area Friends and Alumni Network and received the first “Alumna of the Year” Award from BBYO, Inc. (the largest transdenominational Jewish youth organization in the world) in January 2012.
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Supreme Court Win in Video Games Case

In a major victory for Jenner & Block’s video game industry clients, the United States Supreme Court struck down a California law that would have restricted the sale or rental to anyone under the age of 18, of video and computer games, based on their content. The Firm’s team included Partner Katherine A. Fallow. In a landmark 7-2 decision, the Court ruled that the law in question, prohibiting the sale or rental of “violent video games” to minors and requiring their packaging to be labeled “18,” is an unconstitutional violation of video gamemakers’ and retailers’ freedom of speech. The ruling, affirmed an earlier Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the case. In writing the Court’s opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia noted that video games are a form of expression protected by the First Amendment. “Like the protected books, plays, and movies that preceded them, video games communicate ideas—and even social messages—through many familiar literary devices (such as characters, dialogue, plot, and music) and through features distinctive to the medium (such as the player’s interaction with the virtual world). That suffices to confer First Amendment protection,” Justice Scalia wrote.

Historic General Motors Transactions

Partners Elizabeth A. Davidson, E. Lynn Grayson, Katherine M. Rahill and Elaine Wolff and Associates Kristen M. Boike, Penelope P. Campbell, Alexandra E. Dowling, Mercedes M. Hill and Anna Barreiro Sutti were members of multi-disciplinary Firm teams representing General Motors in a several-year effort that culminated in the successful remaking of the iconic U.S. automaker—one of the most significant corporate turnaround stories of our time. Ms. Davidson, Ms. Grayson, Ms. Rahill, Ms. Boike, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Dowling, Ms. Hill and Ms. Sutti worked on the complex $50+ billion U.S. Bankruptcy Code “Section 363” sale of substantially all of the old GM’s assets to a new entity sponsored by the U.S. Treasury, in conjunction with GM’s Chapter 11 filing in 2009. Ms. Davidson, Ms. Grayson, Ms. Boike, Ms. Campbell and Ms. Hill were part of the team that then negotiated a five-year $5 billion revolving credit facility, secured several weeks before the newly constituted GM’s historic IPO. Finally, Ms. Grayson, Ms. Rahill, Ms. Wolff, Ms. Dowling, Ms. Hill and Ms. Sutti represented GM as lead issuer’s counsel in the unique and challenging $23.1 billion IPO that took place in November 2010—the largest IPO in global history.

Representation of Lehman Bankruptcy Examiner

Partners Melissa M. Hinds, Katya Jestin, Heather D. McArn, Suzanne J. Prysk, Catherine L. Steege, and Elaine Wolff; Associates Anne M. (Gardner) Alexander, Angela M. Allen, Sofia E. Biller, Kristen M. Boike, Penelope P. Campbell, Erin K. Cannon, Jennifer L. Dlugosz, Irina Y. Dmitrieva, Genevieve J. Essig, Sarah E. Haddy, Kaise K. Hupila, Precious S. Jacobs, Sarah R. McNally, Tarsha A. Philibert, Ashley M. Schumacher, Michele L. Slachetka, and Chelsea L. Warren; and Litigation Counsel Laura E. Pelanek were members of the Firm’s team that represented Chairman Anton R. Valukas as court-appointed Examiner in the Lehman Brothers Holdings bankruptcy matter. The team assisted Mr. Valukas in investigating the events that led to the financial institution’s demise—the largest bankruptcy in history—and in producing the much-acclaimed Examiner’s Report, which was 2,200 pages long, with 4,000 pages of appendices and 3,200 cited documents. In addition to the frenzy of worldwide media attention that accompanied the public release of the Report, The American Lawyer magazine published an in-depth article featuring the Firm team responsible for its production. The AmLaw story detailed the way in which the investigation was conducted, the roles played by various members of the Firm’s team and the way in which the conclusions at the heart of the report were reached. Describing the process as “unique in the history of bankruptcy examinations,” the article quoted presiding U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge James Peck’s statement that the report was “one of the most extraordinary pieces of work product ever produced by an Examiner.” The article particularly highlighted the roles played by Ms. McArn, Ms. Prysk and Ms. Biller. Ms. McArn, a former clerk to Manhattan Bankruptcy Court judges, shepherded Mr. Valukas through the nomination, interview and appointment process; quarterbacked the massive discovery effort required for the investigation and wrote several sections of the Report dealing with bankruptcy issues. Ms. Biller helped ferret out the Repo 105 machinations that became a focal point of the Report and she wrote the first draft of the Repo 105 section. Ms. Prysk led most of the interviews with Lehman outside auditors Ernst & Young, which either ignored or tacitly approved the use of Repo 105; she wrote the section dealing with E&Y.

Firm Achieves Win for Client Equity Lifestyle Properties

Associate Jean M. Doherty was part of a Jenner & Block team that successfully defended client Equity Lifestyle Properties in a class action in San Diego Superior Court. The action, which was filed by the Homeowners Association of Meadowbrook Estates and two named plaintiffs, alleged violations of the Mobilehome Residency Law, local ordinances and California’s Unfair Competition Law. Plaintiffs sought

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compensatory and punitive damages on behalf of the class, as well as declaratory relief. On December 12, 2011, Judge Ronald S. Prager granted Equity Lifestyle Properties’ Motion for Summary Judgment, disposing of the remainder of plaintiffs’ claims.

**Firm Avoids Class Certification in California Wage and Hour Case**

Assistant Kelly M. Morrison was part of a team that successfully defeated class certification in Rodriguez v. Lakin Tire West Inc., a putative meal-and-rest-break class action filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The case is currently pending before the California Court of Appeal.

**Amgen Creates New Washington State Law**

Partner Linda D. Kornfeld represented Amgen in coverage litigation against National Surety regarding coverage for antitrust lawsuits. After five years of denying coverage, National Surety agreed to pay for Amgen’s defense on an interim basis and filed Washington coverage litigation, claiming it had no duty to defend and seeking “reimbursement” of fees paid if the court found against coverage. On an issue of first impression under Washington law, even though the court ruled against coverage, the court denied National Surety’s reimbursement claim. The Washington Appellate court in a published opinion upheld the trial court ruling, establishing favorable precedent for policyholders under Washington law.

**Firm Represents HHI Group Holdings in Successful Recapitalization**

Partner Elizabeth A. Davidson led a Jenner & Block team, including Partner E. Lynn Grayson and Associate Mercedes M. Hill, in its representation of HHI Group Holdings LLC, a portfolio company of KPS Capital Partners LP, in HHI’s successful completion of a $300 million recapitalization that yielded $150 million in cash dividends for stockholders. The company is the largest independent manufacturer of forged parts for various power train and wheel-end applications, a leading manufacturer of wheel bearings for the North American automotive industry and a leading supplier of powdered metal engine and transmission components for automotive and industrial customers worldwide.

**Jenner & Block Named A Finalist for “2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year” Award**

Partners Katherine A. Fallow and Jessica Ring Amunson and Associate Carrie F. Apfel were part of a team that was honored by the Public Justice Foundation as a finalist with its “2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year” award. The team was honored for its work in the nationwide class action lawsuit, Keepseagle v. Vilsack, which alleged longstanding and widespread discrimination against Native American farmers and ranchers in the United States Department of Agriculture’s farm loan program. After a decade of litigation, a settlement of $680 million in monetary relief and $80 million in debt forgiveness was reached. The USDA was also required to implement a number of significant programmatic changes designed to make the farm loan process fairer and more accessible to current Native American farmers and ranchers and provide future generations with equal access to the loan programs.

**Partners Secure Unanimous Supreme Court Ruling in Hui v. Castenada**

Partners Elaine J. Goldenberg and Jessica Ring Amunson secured a unanimous 9-0 victory following an argument before the United States Supreme Court in Hui v. Castenada. In Ms. Goldenberg’s first argument before the Supreme Court, she successfully obtained a ruling that officers and employees of the federal Public Health Service have absolute personal immunity under 42 U.S.C. § 233(a) from constitutional claims arising from the performance of their medical or related duties. The case involved Francisco Castaneda, an immigration detainee who became ill while in the San Diego Corrections Facility and was eventually diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Prior to his death, Mr. Castaneda filed a lawsuit raising medical negligence claims against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act and Bivens claims (asserting violation of the Fifth Amendment) against two Public Health Service workers, including a commissioned PHS officer who is the Firm’s client. The district court denied the defendants’ motion to dismiss the suit against the individuals, holding that under 42 U.S.C. § 233(a) they were not immune from constitutional claims. The Ninth Circuit affirmed and the Supreme Court granted certiorari. Delivering the opinion of the Court, Justice Sotomayor wrote that § 233(a) “grants absolute immunity to PHS officers and employees for actions arising out of the performance of medical or related functions within the scope of their employment by barring all actions against them for such conduct. By its terms, § 233(a) limits recovery for such conduct to suits against the United States.”
team that represented Lonza Group Ltd. in its acquisition of Arch Chemicals, Inc., for approximately $1.2 billion. Lonza is one of the world’s top suppliers of drug ingredients to pharmaceutical companies; Arch is a global biocides company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Firm Represents General Dynamics in Acquisition of Leading Healthcare IT Provider

Associates Kristen M. Boike, Penelope P. Campbell, Roxana A. Davis, Alexandra E. Dowling and Mercedes M. Hill were part of the team that represented General Dynamics Corporation in its deal to buy Vangent Holding Corp., for approximately $960 million. Vangent Holding Corp. is the parent company of Vangent, Inc., a leading provider of healthcare information technology and business systems to federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, State and Defense. The Arlington, Virginia based Vangent will become part of General Dynamics Information Technology, which has been providing healthcare information-technology systems and solutions to federal, commercial and military customers for nearly 30 years.

Firm Represents Fox Sports Net in MLB Joint Venture

Partner Carissa C. Coze and Associate Jolene E. Negre represented Fox Sports Net in connection with an approximately $2 billion transaction with a Major League Baseball team. The parties navigated through a morass of tax, MLB, fiduciary, succession and accounting issues to form a new joint venture for a regional sports network (RSN) that will distribute the MLB team’s games well into the future. Fox Sports Net operates the largest network of RSNs in the country, several of which are owned by joint ventures that these Jenner & Block attorneys helped to establish.

Jenner & Block Defeats All EEOC Title VII Sexual Harassment Claims Against National Trucking Company and Obtains $4.5 Million Fee Award

Partners Sarah Hardgrove-Koleno, Carla J. Rozyczki, Sally K. Sears Coder, Of Counsel Emma J. Sullivan and Associate Ashley M. Schumacher were part of a Jenner & Block team that captured a fee award of $4,560,285.11 for client CRST Van Expedited Inc. against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. This brings to a close all district court proceedings in an alleged Title VII sexual harassment case originally filed by the EEOC against CRST in 2007.

Firm Secures Win for General Dynamics

Managing Partner Susan C. Levy secured a major win for General Dynamics in United States, ex rel. Yannacopoulos v. General Dynamics Corp., a long-running case arising from a General Dynamics contract to sell F-16 fighter jets to Greece. Ms. Levy began representing General Dynamics in connection with the matter in 1989, when Dimitri Yannacopoulos sued GD for a $39 million commission he claimed he was owed from the sale of the jets. After his contract claim was defeated and the loss was upheld by the appellate court, Yannacopoulos filed a qui tam action under the False Claims Act. The Firm team twice won motions for summary judgment in this action and, on July 26, 2011, a unanimous Seventh Circuit panel affirmed the 2009 judgment of Judge Gettleman of the Northern District of Illinois. Associate Irina Y. Dmitrieva also was on the team.

Jenner & Block Successfully Ends Years of Litigation Over Steinbeck Works

Ending years of protracted litigation over the works of John Steinbeck, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit ruled that the heirs of Elaine Steinbeck, the author’s third wife and widow who died in 2003, have complete authority over the exploitation of his works. The decision marked the latest of multiple successes by Jenner & Block in defending Mrs. Steinbeck’s Estate against challenges from the famous author’s surviving son and granddaughter, to the rights to his works that she inherited at his death. Partner Susan J. Kohlmann led the team, including Associate Tarsha A. Phillibert, that represented the Estate in the trial court and appeals of numerous claims brought by Thomas Steinbeck and Blake Smyle.

Big Patent Win for Sara Lee

Associates Jennifer K. Gregory, Sara Tonnies Horton, and Olivia T. Luk were part of the team that successfully defended Sara Lee in a substantial patent infringement case that has been litigated for more than a decade, including a trip up and down to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and a sanctions hearing against the plaintiff that resulted in a serious sanction, as well as a series of twists and turns in similar litigation against other companies. In 2010, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois granted Sara Lee’s motion for summary judgment for noninfringement and ruled that any damages in the case must be limited by the date in which the patent was reissued. On December 9, 2011, a Federal Circuit three-judge panel upheld the lower court’s decision. Partner Elaine J. Goldenberg assisted on the brief in the appeal.

Firm’s Record Breaking FINRA Award for STMicroelectronics Affirmed on Appeal

Associate Elizabeth A. Edmondson worked on a Jenner & Block team that brought home a significant win when the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the District Court’s confirmation of the $431 million FINRA arbitral award won by Jenner & Block for client STMicroelectronics, in compensation for losses arising out of fraudulent investments in auction-rate securities made by Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC. The award is

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the largest arbitration award in the history of FINRA. In a complete victory for STMicroelectronics, in a unanimous decision written by Judge Gerard Lynch, the Second Circuit affirmed the award and rejected Credit Suisse’s claims of arbitral bias and manifest disregard of the law.

Firm Achieves Significant Win for Client UMG Recordings in Copyright Dispute Over Bob Marley Recordings

Partner Carletta F. Higginson played a key role on the Jenner & Block team that achieved a significant victory for client UMG Recordings, Inc., when the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York granted UMG’s motion for partial summary judgment dismissing the claims of the heirs of legendary Jamaican reggae singer Bob Marley that they owned the renewal term copyrights in all of Marley’s recordings created pursuant to exclusive recording agreements between Marley and a predecessor-in-interest to UMG. The plaintiffs asserted that the right to claim the renewal term copyrights in Marley’s recordings reverted to them upon his death. In dismissing the plaintiffs’ claim to the copyrights in question, the Court agreed with arguments made by the Jenner & Block team that, through its predecessor-in-interest, UMG is the statutory “author” of the recordings which were “works for hire” for purposes of the Copyright Act of 1909 and as such, is the owner of the initial and renewal term copyrights in the recordings. The Court also denied the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment on their royalty accounting claims.

Firm Achieves Significant Appellate Victory for Client Ventas, Inc.

Partner Terri L. Mascherin and Associate Rachel Sandel Morse were part of a Firm team that achieved a significant appellate victory for Ventas, Inc., in its lawsuit against competitor HCP, Inc. The Sixth Circuit not only affirmed a $101.6 million compensatory damages award, but also reversed and remanded for trial the district court’s decision precluding Ventas from seeking punitive damages. Following that victory, the punitive damage claim settled, bringing the total recovery to $227 million.

Jenner & Block Helps Truvo Group Restructure Its Debt Loan in Sale

Partner Heather D. McArn and Associate Angela M. Allen served as conflicts counsel to the debtor in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Truvo USA LLC, one of several holding companies for the international group of related companies called The Truvo Group, a publisher of online and printed directories. The reorganization plan reduced The Truvo Group’s debt load from 1 billion Euros to 475 million Euros and allowed senior lenders to end up owning the company.

Firm Secures $61.7 Million Verdict for Dow Chemical Company

Associates Sara Tonnies Horton, Jamie B. Keating and Nangah N. Tabah contributed to the Jenner & Block team that achieved a significant trial victory for client The Dow Chemical Company, when a U.S. District Court jury in Delaware awarded Dow $61.7 million in damages in its suit accusing Nova Chemicals Corporation of infringing two patents related to polyethylene resins. These resins are very strong, thin plastic films used in pallet wraps and heavy-duty shipping sacks. Dow has held the patents in question since 1998. The eight-person jury, which reached its verdict within a few hours after the conclusion of the two-week trial, found in Dow’s favor on every question of infringement and validity, concluding that all of the accused polymers infringed the Dow patents and that Nova did not prove that the patents were invalid. The award represented $57.4 million in lost profits to Dow and $4.3 million in royalties. On January 24, 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the decision holding Nova guilty of infringing the two patents and upheld the damages award in its entirety. Partner Elaine J. Goldenberg assisted on the appellate brief.

Victory for NBC Universal, Inc., et al.

Associates Farnaz M. Alemi and Kirsten C. Jackson were part of the team that achieved a significant victory for NBCUniversal Media, Inc. and 14 of its domestic and foreign affiliates in a breach of contract dispute over the use and distribution of the well-known short story and film, “The Rear Window.” After removing the case, The Sheldon Abend Revocable Trust v. NBC Universal, Inc., et al., from state to federal court on copyright preemption grounds, the team obtained the dismissal of all claims against the defendants.

Fast Action Saves Millions for Television Producers

Partner Mary Craig Calkins and Associate Kate T. Spelman represented the producers of the hit television show “So You Think You Can Dance,” in seeking reinstatement of coverage for an idea misappropriation claim. The insurer issued a denial of coverage on the eve of trial, attempting to avoid payment of millions of dollars in defense fees and contributions to settlement. After a comprehensive letter created after retention, the insurer withdrew the declination and the case resolved right before trial.

Jenner & Block Secures Settlement for New Century

Partner Lorelie S. Masters represented the New Century Liquidating Trust, successor to New Century Financial Corporation and its affiliates, in an arbitration to recover millions in costs incurred in defending an underlying ERISA action seeking to recover for alleged failures to pay under employee benefits plans. The matter settled favorably in December 2011. Ms. Masters has advised the trust on myriad other coverage issues arising in bankruptcy and liquidation proceedings since mid-2007.
WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT SERIES

Jenner & Block’s Women’s Forum and Grant Thornton LLP are co-sponsors of the 2011-2012 Women’s Empowerment Series. The series includes some of the Firm’s women junior partners and associates divided into two groups, junior and senior respectively, with peers from Grant Thornton. The inaugural lunch, which was hosted at the Firm’s Chicago Office in September, focused on networking. Future topics for the lunch series include business development and community involvement. Partner Amanda S. Amert and Associate Penelope P. Campbell are the attorney leads for the program.

“Making Connections” Events

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Chief Talent Officer Charlotte L. Wager and Partner Elizabeth A. Coleman hosted 15 women partners, associates and summer associates for an evening of fitness at The Bar Method followed by nutritious tasty eats at Protein Bar. Everyone enjoyed an intensive, hour-long Bar Method class which combines fat burning, interval training, muscle shaping isometrics and dance conditioning. After the intense work-out, everyone headed to Protein Bar for a high-protein quinoa-based meal along with pure, fresh juices and blended healthy concoctions.

Partner Melissa M. Hinds, Associates Sofia E. Biller, Christine M. Bowman, Jennifer L. Dlugosz, Sandra J. Durkin, Genevieve J. Essig, and Christie L. Starzec and Litigation Counsel Laura E. Pelanek spent the afternoon “flying” at the Women’s Forum “Making Connections” event at the Trapeze School New York (TSNY) in Chicago. There, they practiced knee hangs, flipping dismounts, and flying with a “catcher.”

BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND

The Jenner & Block Women’s Forum sponsored “Building Your Personal Brand” in conjunction with the Mesirow Financial Women’s Network and Deloitte LLP. Panel members included Diane Swonk, chief economist of Mesirow Financial, Ginny Clarke, CEO and president of Talent Optimization Partners, LLC and author of Career Mapping, and Deborah L. DeHaas, vice chairman and central region managing partner of Deloitte LLP. The panel explored strategies to improve your value and leadership skills, career management tips, how to mentor others and how to position yourself for the future, as well as other insights on career challenges and opportunities in today’s market. Managing Partner Susan C. Levy gave welcome remarks at the event.

YW LCS GIRL POWER BENEFIT LUNCHEON

The Girl Power Benefit Luncheon featured keynote speaker Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, internationally-renowned scholar, author, educator, leader and current Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art and former president of Spelman College and Bennett College. Young Women’s Leadership Charter School also proudly presented the Corporate Leadership Award to Jenner & Block, YW LCS’ first corporate supporter more than 11 years ago. Managing Partner Susan C. Levy represented the Firm.
Of Note…

Scruggs Named to Crain’s “40 Under 40” List

Business publication Crain’s Chicago Business named Lisa T. Scruggs to its prestigious “40 Under 40” list. Ms. Scruggs was also honored with the “Commitment to Justice Award” by the Chicago Appleseed Fund.

Grayson Honored with WBAI “Women with Vision” Award

Partner E. Lynn Grayson was honored by the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois as a recipient of the organization’s “Women With Vision” award. The “Women with Vision” awards are presented annually by the WBAI to honor and recognize women who have demonstrated “visionary approaches in their professional endeavors and who have made a contribution to the well-being and empowerment of women.”

The award recognized Ms. Grayson’s work as the inaugural chair of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Task Force on Diversity. Under Ms. Grayson’s leadership, the Task Force created and conducted a first-of-its-kind statewide survey aimed at measuring attorney demographic information, the satisfaction created and conducted a first-of-its-kind statewide survey aimed at measuring attorney demographic information, the satisfaction.

Masters Named A “Champion” by The National Law Journal

In 2011, The National Law Journal honored Partner Lorelie S. Masters in its “Champions and Visionaries” award series. The 10 “Champions” who were selected are described by the NLJ as “heavy hitters whose influence often extends far beyond the Beltway.” In its profile of Ms. Masters, the publication notes that, “When Lorelie Masters isn’t fighting with insurers for her policyholder clients, voting rights and women’s rights pro bono causes dominate her agenda.”

The article highlights Ms. Masters’ work as pro bono counsel to DC Vote and her representation of a special committee of the Council of the District of Columbia in its investigation into irregularities that occurred during the city’s 2008 primary election. Her work with respect to issues pertaining to women in the legal profession was also featured. She is a former President of the Women’s Bar Association of D.C. and a current member of the American Bar Association’s select 12-member Commission on Women in the Profession. In addition to the NLJ honor, Ms. Masters was named to Washingtonian Magazine’s “Stars of the Bar” list. Ms. Masters was noted as an insurance lawyer who “can help work out…differences” when “insurance providers and policyholders sometimes don’t get along,” in the publication’s category “Insurance Assurance.”

Allison A. Torrence honored for Outstanding Committee Service

Associate Allison A. Torrence is Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee for the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association and served as co-chair for the 2010-2011 bar season and will continue on as co-chair through 2012. She was honored by the CBA, along with other co-chairs, with the David C. Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Service for the 2010-2011 year. Ms. Torrence received this award because the chairs successfully revived the dormant Environmental Law Committee, presented interesting and engaging meetings and even organized a park cleanup event to celebrate Earth Day. She was also given the opportunity to serve as a panelist on an environmental law career panel at the Committee’s annual seminar.

Spacapan Elected a National Director of DRI Board

Partner Lise T. Spacapan was elected to a three-year term as a National Director on the DRI Board of Directors during DRI’s Annual Meeting on October 29, in Washington D.C. DRI national directors are elected by the current board members, with significant input from the organization’s National Nominating Committee. Ms. Spacapan has been a member of DRI, the largest international bar association committed to defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation, since 2005, and was Diversity Chair of its 2011 Corporate Counsel Roundtable. She has been actively involved in the leadership of DRI’s 1400-member Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee and served as its Chair from 2008 to 2010. She also has authored several DRI publications and served on numerous planning committees.

Allen Named 2011/2012 “Woman of the Year” by NAPW

Associate Nicole A. Allen has been named the 2011/2012 “Woman of the Year” by the National Association of Professional Women. The National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) is an exclusive network for professional women to connect and develop innovative business relationships. The NAPW also supports and endorses a diverse syndicate of charities and nonprofit organizations focused on women’s issues and child wellness. The “Woman of the Year” is awarded to members who have demonstrated exceptional excellence and dedication within their profession. Ms. Allen is a member of the Chicago chapter of the organization.
Honors, Awards and Appointments

Olivia T. Luk Recognized by American Inns of Court

Associate Olivia T. Luk was awarded the American Inns of Court Sandra Day O’Connor Award for Professional Service and also received the inaugural Linn Inn Alliance Distinguished Service Medal. Ms. Luk has been recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” in Intellectual Property Litigation every year since 2009.

Partner Christine L. Childers currently serves as Chair of the Chicago Network of the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Partner Melissa M. Hinds is the immediate past (ex-officio) Chair of the Chicago IWIRC Network.

Partner Katherine A. Fallow was appointed co-editor of ABA’s Communications Lawyer.

Partner E. Lynn Grayson was named Co-Chair of the Firm’s Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law Practice. Ms. Grayson was recognized among the “Top Ten Leading Women Business Lawyers in Illinois” by Leading Lawyers Magazine and named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyer. She received CREW Chicago’s “2010 Leadership Vision Award” and was named “Chicago Best Lawyers Environmental Lawyer of the Year.” In addition, Ms. Grayson was named a 2010 “International Who’s Who” of Environmental Lawyers.

Partner Lindsay C. Harrison was awarded with the ABA’s Inaugural Rosner & Rosner Young Professionalism Award. The Rosner Award recognized “young lawyer commitment to legal and judicial ethics, lawyer professionalism, client protection and professional regulation.”

Managing Partner Susan C. Levy was recognized in the 2010 and 2011 Crain’s Chicago Business: “Who’s Who” list of “Chicago’s corporate, civic and cultural leaders. Ms. Levy was named Today’s Chicago Women’s “100 Women Making a Difference” and a “Woman of Achievement” by the Chicago Anti-Defamation League.

Partner Gail H. Morse was named to the national Board of Directors for Lambda Legal.

Partner Terri L. Mascherin was honored as First Defense Legal Aid’s (FDLA) 2010 First Defender. Ms. Mascherin was honored by Northwestern University with its Alumni Service Award and was appointed as a member of the search committee for the new law school dean at Northwestern University’s School of Law.

Partner Suzanne J. Prysak was appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations.

Partner Gabrielle Sigel was selected to participate in Harvard University Kennedy School of Government’s “Leadership in Crises” Program.

Partner Charlotte L. Wager currently serves as National Association for Legal Career Professional’s President-elect.

Jenner & Block Attorneys Recognized by Influential Legal Directories

Best Lawyers In America
- Terri L. Mascherin – Communications Law
- E. Lynn Grayson – Environmental Law
- Lorelie S. Masters – Insurance Law
- Lisa T. Scruggs – Education Law
- Catherine L. Steege – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy

California Super Lawyers
- Mary Craig Calkins – Insurance Coverage
- Linda D. Kornfeld – Insurance Coverage

Chambers USA
- Mary Craig Calkins – Insurance; Policyholder (California)
- E. Lynn Grayson – Environment: Mainly Transactional (Illinois)
- Linda D. Kornfeld – Insurance: Policyholder (California)
- Lorelie S. Masters – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder (Nationwide); Insurance: Policyholder (District of Columbia)
- Catherine L. Steege – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Illinois)

DC Super Lawyers

Illinois Super Lawyers
- Nicole A. Allen – Rising Star
- Reena R. Bajowala – Rising Star
- Debbie L. Berman – Business Litigation
- Jennifer L. Dioguz – Rising Star
- E. Lynn Grayson – Environmental, “Top 50 Women in Illinois”
- Melissa M. Hinds – Rising Star
- Keri L. Holleb Hotaling – Rising Star
- Sara Tonnies Horton – Rising Star
- Nancy C. Jacobson – Rising Star
- Susan C. Levy – Business Litigation
- Olivia T. Luk – Rising Star
- Tracy E. Lyerly – Rising Star
- Terri L. Mascherin – Business Litigation, “Top 50 Women in Illinois”
- Michelle M. McAtee – Rising Star
- Gail H. Morse – Tax
- April A. Otterberg – Tax
- Carla J. Rozyci – Employment & Labor
- Erin R. Schrantz – Rising Star
- Sally K. Sears Coder – Rising Star
- Catherine L. Steege – Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
- Barbara S. Steiner – Business Litigation
- Sandi J. Toll – Rising Star
- Shyni R. Varghese – Rising Star

Leading Women Lawyers in Illinois
- Debbie L. Berman – Top 100
- E. Lynn Grayson – Top 10
- Susan C. Levy – Top 10
- Terri L. Mascherin – Top 100
- Gail H. Morse – Top 100
- Carla J. Rozyci
- Gabrielle Sigel – Top 100
- Lise T. Spacapan – Top 100
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- Barbara S. Steiner – Top 100

Legal 500
- Debbie L. Berman – Trade Secrets
- Mary Craig Calkins – Insurance; Advice to Policyholders
- Susan J. Kohlmann – Supreme Court and Appellate
- Lorelie S. Masters – Insurance: Advice to Policyholders
- Catherine L. Steege – Finance – Corporate Restructuring

New York Super Lawyers
- Susan J. Kohlmann – Intellectual Property Litigation; General Litigation; Class Action/Mass Torts
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Of Counsel Anne S. (Andi) Kenney received the 2010 Attorney of the Day Volunteer Award from the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing for her pro bono work in the Attorney of the Day Eviction Defense Project.

Associate Tracy E. Lyerly received the Milton H. Gray Award for outstanding project leadership with regard to the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Wills for Heroes program.

Associate Marisa K. Perry received the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service.

Susan C. Levy Named a “Woman of Achievement” by Chicago ADL

Jenner & Block Managing Partner Susan C. Levy was honored as one of the Chicago Anti-Defamation League’s “Women of Achievement” at a March 10, 2010 awards ceremony and dinner. The prestigious award recognizes women business leaders in the Greater Chicago area who are “outstanding in their fields of business, who have distinguished themselves by showing a dedicated commitment to community service, and who embody the spirit and philosophy of ADL.” Past recipients of the “Women of Achievement” honor include: Valerie Jarrett, a Senior Advisor to President Obama; Christina Tchen, currently Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement; Lynn Martin, former U.S. Secretary of Labor; Andrea L. Zopp, President and CEO of the Chicago Urban League; and many other executives and leaders from Fortune 100 companies, leading professional service firms, media and the arts.

Partner Katherine M. Rahill Wins 2012 Impact Award

Katherine M. Rahill has been selected as a recipient of the Chicago Foundation for Women’s 2012 Impact Award. Ms. Rahill is being recognized for her leadership of Jenner & Block’s participation in the Circuit Court of Cook County Domestic Violence Division’s Order of Protection Pro Bono Representation Program. Through the program, which began in 2011, volunteer attorneys aid clients in obtaining both emergency and plenary orders of protection. Jenner & Block is one of several firms in the city who are partnering with the Court to help victims of domestic violence. Ms. Rahill has chaired the Firm’s participation in this pilot project. Through her recruiting efforts, 29 of our associates and 12 partners volunteered in the program last year, representing 22 clients and contributing approximately 1,000 pro bono attorney hours. In addition to encouraging attorney participation, Ms. Rahill also took on the responsibility of coordinating the administration of the program for the Firm, including managing the attorneys’ schedules and supervising associates on site. Her selection for the Impact Award represents the recognition of not only her work, but the work of each Firm attorney participating in this project, which already has made significant contributions to the lives of our clients and their families. The Chicago Foundation for Women is an important organization in the Chicago area, dedicated to raising money to fund and support organizations that help women and girls.

Suzanne L. Prysak named one of Armenian Bar Association’s “20 Rising Stars Under 40”

Partner Suzanne J. Prysak was selected as one of the Armenian Bar Association’s “20 Rising Stars Under 40.” The inaugural award was presented to “20 Armenian legal professionals under the age of 40,” from across the United States and Canada “who have distinguished themselves in their field.” Criteria for selection included a proven track record of career success, involvement in mentoring and promoting their profession, and giving back to the community. Ms. Prysak was nominated for the award by Florie Perellis, Assistant General Counsel at Allstate, and Paula Fasseas, Founder and Vice Chairman of Metropolitan Bank Group and Founder of PAWS Chicago.

Jenner & Block Knocks It Out of the Park for Fox Sports in L.A. Dodgers Lawsuit
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Dodgers to talk to potential buyers of the 2014 season TV rights and beyond in January 2012, over 10 months early. The Bankruptcy Court agreed, prompting Fox’s immediate appeal of, and its request to stay, the Bankruptcy Court’s order.

In granting Fox Sports’ motion to stay this order, the District Court found that it would likely rule in favor of Fox Sports on appeal and disallow the premature negotiations and sale of the future media rights. Within weeks of the stay order, and just days before the appeal hearing, Fox Sports and the Dodgers reached a settlement in which the Dodgers agreed to stop attempts to conduct a premature sale and negotiation of the media rights. The Dodgers also agreed to immediately assume its telecast rights agreement with Fox Sports while permitting Fox Sports to retain rights to object to a sale to Fox’s competitor.

Ms. Steege argued Fox Sports’ winning stay motion before the District Court in Delaware.

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LA Office Laterals

Mary Craig Calkins is a litigator focusing on insurance recovery for policyholders in complex, high value matters. Her extensive coverage experience includes directors and officers liability, entertainment and intellectual property claims, construction defects, e-commerce and technology claims, first party property and business interruption losses, and broker liability issues. She also advises in-house counsel, senior executives and company management on how to maximize insurance protection and recovery.

Carissa C. Coze represents public and privately-held media, entertainment and technology companies in a broad range of corporate and securities transactions. She counsels U.S. and international companies regarding insider trading compliance, corporate disclosure, corporate governance, and other corporate and securities matters.

Amy M. Gallegos is a skilled litigator who has represented clients in a wide variety of complex commercial disputes. She has substantial experience in class action defense, antitrust, unfair competition, and intellectual property litigation, and represents clients in the media and entertainment industries in disputes relating to copyright infringement, network programming and licensing, and Internet law.

Linda D. Kornfeld has assisted clients in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in various types of insurance matters. Her experience includes claims involving directors’ and officers’ liability; business interruption and extra expense; employee fidelity; professional errors and omissions; employment; entertainment industry liabilities; intellectual property infringements; construction defects; and asbestos, environmental, and product liabilities. She regularly provides strategic counseling to in-house counsel and senior executives on how to mitigate risk and maximize their insurance recoveries.

Julie Ann Shepard has a broad-based commercial, entertainment, and intellectual property litigation practice. She has defended media and entertainment clients in antitrust and class actions, in shareholder derivative suits and in matters involving unfair competition, copyright and trademark infringement, and trade secret misappropriation.

Partner Elevations

Jessica Ring Amunson has significant experience briefing and arguing matters before both federal and state appellate courts and is frequently called on to assist in merits and amicus briefing before the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Amunson has worked on appeals and petitions spanning a range of topics, including First Amendment issues, contract disputes, and administrative law matters. She has recently argued appeals in cases as varied as statutory interpretation of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the Sixth Amendment right to an impartial jury. Ms. Amunson also focuses on election law and redistricting, and is actively involved in litigating as well as advising in redistricting matters in a number of states.

Ana R. Bugan is a member of the White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice. Her practice involves assisting clients with criminal matters, internal investigations, Congressional inquiries, and corporate compliance. She has significant experience representing clients in False Claims Act investigations and qui tam suits. Fluent in Spanish, a recent focus has been a large-scale FCPA investigation in Venezuela conducted entirely in Spanish on behalf of a multinational client.

Christine L. Childers focuses her practice on corporate reorganization and bankruptcy litigation. She represents a broad range of clients, including Chapter 11 debtors, creditors’ committees, lenders, and Chapter 7 and 11 trustees and creditors, in a wide variety of bankruptcy-related matters.

Lindsay C. Harrison regularly participates in appellate litigation matters before the federal appellate courts and the Supreme Court in a wide variety of subject matters. Corporations and individuals turn to her for help with litigation in federal and state trial courts, as well as in arbitration, including international arbitration before the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. She has substantial experience litigating matters involving the hospitality industry, successfully representing hotel management companies in high-stakes, multi-million dollar lawsuits and arbitrations.

Carletta F. Higginson focuses her practice on copyright, contractual, and other disputes in the entertainment industry, with particular emphasis on disputes arising in the recording and music publishing industries. She has handled matters resulting in precedent-setting decisions in copyright law. Ms. Higginson has defended copyright owners in a variety of copyright infringement actions, ranging from cases involving music sampling to rights in renewal terms.
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**Melissa M. Hinds** frequently represents parties in large complex bankruptcy litigation matters and was part of the Jenner & Block team involved in what is likely the largest Chapter 7 case in the United States.

**Katherine M. Rahill** has a comprehensive environmental law practice that includes litigation, transactions and regulatory compliance matters. Clients turn to her for counsel on complex corporate and real estate transactions and regulatory compliance issues, as well as representation in toxic tort litigation and state and federal cleanup actions.

**Sandi J. Toll** has experience in a variety of health care matters, including civil and criminal matters, government and internal investigations, and in defense of False Claims Act (qui tam) matters. She also has a broad range of experience in civil commercial litigation matters in both federal and state courts.

**Partner Susan J. Kohlmann MCs 2011 Diversity Dinner**

Partner **Susan J. Kohlmann** (far right), Chair of the Firm’s Diversity Committee, served as master of ceremonies at the Firm’s 2011 Diversity Dinner. The event featured keynote speaker Stanley Pierre-Louis, Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Intellectual Property and Content Protection at Viacom Inc., the Firm’s client in the closely-watched Viacom v. YouTube case. Ms. Kohlmann introduced him to the crowd of more than 130 at Jenner & Block’s Chicago office. In addition, the six law student recipients of Jenner & Block’s Minority Scholarship Program were honored. With Ms. Kohlmann and Mr. Pierre-Louis in this photo are (left to right): Jhaniel N. James (University of Illinois), Colby M. Dillon (Northwestern University) and Alexandra Thompson (Howard University).

**Corporate Environmental Lawyer Blog Named a Top 50 Blog for 2011**

Launched in 2010, Jenner & Block’s Corporate Environmental Lawyer Blog covers emerging environmental, health and safety issues that are of interest to the in-house counsel community. The blog was recently selected as one of the LexisNexis “Top 50 Environmental Law & Climate Change Community Blogs for 2011.” The “Top 50” list recognizes “preeminent thought leaders in the blogosphere;” the article announcing the selection noted that the blogs chosen “offer some of the best writing out there,” and “contain a wealth of information for all segments of the environmental law and climate change industry.”

Partner **E. Lynn Grayson** is co-editor of the Firm’s blog. Other lawyers who work on the blog include Partners **Keri L. Holleb Hotaling**, **Katherine M. Rahill** and **Gabrielle Sigel** as well as Associates **Genevieve J. Essig**, **Phoebe B. Scott** and **Allison A. Torrence**.

**Women Attorneys Named as Law360 Rising Stars**

![Amanda S. Amert](image1.png) **ERISA**

![Elaine J. Goldenberg](image2.png) **Appellate**

![Keri Holleb Hotaling](image3.png) **Environmental**

![Suzanne J. Prysak](image4.png) **Class Action**
Firm Wins Exoneration for Client After 19 Years in Prison

A Jenner & Block team led by Partner Terri L. Mascherin achieved a significant victory for client Juan Rivera, in a high-profile and long-running indigent criminal defense case in Lake County, Illinois. In an opinion delivered on December 9, 2011, a unanimous three-judge panel of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District reversed, outright, Mr. Rivera’s first-degree murder conviction, holding that “the State’s evidence was insufficient to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.” Mr. Rivera was released from prison on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Twice convicted of the same crime — the sexual assault and murder of an 11-year-old in 1992 – Mr. Rivera’s first conviction was overturned in light of questions surrounding trial procedure and evidence and his second conviction was vacated when new DNA testing obtained through the efforts of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University Law School revealed he was not the source of sperm found in the victim.

Jenner & Block joined Mr. Rivera’s defense team for a third trial in 2009, in which the State relied heavily upon statements signed by Mr. Rivera after extensive interrogation. Prosecutors attempted to explain away the DNA evidence by arguing that the rape kit may have been contaminated or that the victim may have had sexual relations with someone else before she was murdered. Despite the lack of any physical evidence linking him to the crime scene and strong defense evidence that the statements our client signed after the unrecorded interrogations were false, inaccurate and obtained after a psychotic breakdown, the jury found Mr. Rivera guilty and he was sentenced to life without parole. The appellate court opinion stated, “After viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution, we hold that no rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt.”

DEATH PENALTY MATTERS

State v. Caroline Peoples – This was an Illinois death penalty case in which our client pleaded guilty, without any deal for leniency, to taking part in four murders in 2004. The Firm prepared and presented a compelling mitigation case that caused the State to withdraw its request for the death penalty; the client was sentenced to life in prison. The team included Associates Michaelene R. Martin and Nangah N. Tabah.

Ex Parte Jimmie Urbano Lucero – The State of Texas dropped its death penalty request, sentencing Mr. Lucero to life in prison after the Firm won a new sentencing hearing. The team included Partner Suzanne J. Prysak and Associate Ashley M. Schumacher.

United States v. Ronald Mikos – Currently the only case in Illinois involving a defendant under an active federal death sentence, a Firm team led by Associate April A. Otterberg and including Associates Colleen G. DeRosa and Kajia K. Hupila represent Mr. Mikos, a podiatrist who, in 2005, was convicted of murdering a former patient, who was slated to testify against him in a federal grand jury investigation related to alleged Medicare fraud. Jenner & Block began representing Mr. Mikos after trial, in the appeal of his conviction and death sentence to the Seventh Circuit, which was denied. After the U.S. Supreme Court denied certiorari, the Jenner & Block team filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 for a new trial and to vacate Mr. Mikos’ conviction and death sentence.

In addition, Partners Julie M. Carpenter, Lindsay C. Harrison, Sally K. Sears Coder and Sandi J. Toll and Associates Jean M. Doherty, Kajia K. Hupila, Kelly M. Morrison, Kate T. Spelman and Anna W. Margasinska are members of various Firm teams challenging capital punishment schemes and protocols in California and Georgia and appealing convictions and death sentences of defendants in Florida and Texas.

AMICUS BRIEFS

Partner Iris E. Bennett authored powerful and influential amicus briefs in several U.S. Supreme Court cases involving immigration/criminal law questions. The briefs were filed on behalf of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys in Jose Padilla v. Commonwealth of Kentucky and Manoj Nijhawan v. Eric H. Holder, Jr., and on behalf of the National Association of Federal Defenders in Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder.

Partner Debbie L. Berman contributed to the amicus brief in Tenenbaum v. Ashcroft, et al., filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League.

INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Clacy Watson Herrera Trial Results – Partner Monica R. Pinciak-Madden provided invaluable assistance to the Firm’s trial team in U.S. v. Clacy Watson Herrera. The client was alleged to be the “kingpin” of a drug-smuggling conspiracy that brought liquefied narcotics into the United States from Panama in baby formula cans, carried by drug couriers who posed as the mothers of infants who were rented from their parents for use as cover. A federal jury returned a split verdict, convicting our client of a drug conspiracy count but acquitting on numerous individual drug smuggling counts, reaching drug quantity findings far lower than the amounts sought by the government. The client is facing a sentence that could be a third (or less) of the 30-plus years of exposure he had been facing.

Victory in Autistic Teenager Case – A Jenner & Block pro bono team including Partner Julie M. Carpenter and Associates Marina K. Jenkins and Kristen M. Rogers converted a 10½ year Virginia jury sentence into an eight-
Firm Successfully Sets Pro Bono Lawsuit for Women Prison Inmates in Wisconsin

Partner Keri L. Holleb Hotaling and Associate Genevieve J. Essig were part of the Jenner & Block team that worked with the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Wisconsin to settle a first-of-its-kind class action lawsuit on behalf of the women prisoners at the Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI), Wisconsin’s largest women’s prison. As part of the August 2010 settlement, state officials agreed to implement a number of significant improvements to ensure that constitutionally adequate levels of care are provided to all TCI inmates and that female prisoners receive the same levels of mental health care as the state’s male prisoners.

month sentence for an autistic teenager convicted of three felony counts and two misdemeanor counts relating to an assault on a police officer. The Firm entered the case after the conviction and, after weeks of investigation and research, put on testimony from experts and community members who knew the client, proposing that in lieu of 10 1/2 years in prison, the court put him on probation and require treatment in appropriate facilities as a condition. The Court suspended all but eight months of the jury’s sentence, on the condition that the teen be admitted to and participate in treatment in one of the facilities identified.

U.S. v. Henry Johnson – Partner Erin R. Schrantz’s oral argument persuaded the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to reverse the life sentence of the Firm’s client in a crack cocaine case, for the second time.

Seventh Circuit Overturns Trial Court Sentence Based on Relevant Conduct – Partner Catherine L. Steege was part of the team that represented a client in the appeal of her criminal conviction involving an important sentencing issue regarding the extent to which a district court may enhance a defendant’s sentence based on conduct other than that encompassed by the counts of conviction. The team persuaded the Seventh Circuit that the trial court could not rely summarily on pre-sentence investigation findings, even if they had not been challenged below, as the defendant had denied knowingly participating in the “relevant conduct” and the pre-sentence investigation did not squarely address that alleged conduct.

People v. Kenneth Smith – Associates Jennifer L. Dlugosz, Sara Tonnies Horton and Anne P. Ray represent Kenneth Smith, who was convicted of attempted armed robbery and first-degree murder and sentenced to 67 years in prison. On appeal, the conviction was overturned and the Firm then took over the case, representing Mr. Smith at his second trial before the same McHenry County, IL judge who had presided over the first trial. Despite a lack of physical evidence or eyewitness identification, and evidence of confessions by unrelated third parties, the second jury found Mr. Smith guilty and the judge imposed the same 67 year sentence. On May 13, 2010, the Second District Appellate Court, finding two prejudicial errors, issued a unanimous opinion reversing and remanding Mr. Smith’s conviction for a second time.

People v. Shannon – Associates Sandra J. Durkin, Precious S. Jacobs, Olivia T. Luk and Chelsea L. Warren were members of a Firm team that represented one of the defendants in a first degree felony murder charge in the highly publicized beating death, caught on videotape, of Chicago Fenger High School student Derion Albert.

People v. Koh – Partner Terri L. Mascherin represents Henry Koh in the 2009 alleged murder of his 22-year-old son, in Northbrook, IL. The prosecution’s evidence includes Koh’s “confession.” The challenge has been to exclude or overcome statements Koh made under duress at the police station. The trial is expected in the early spring of 2012.

SECTION 1983 CASES

Associate Jennifer K. Gregory is a member of the trial team in Tolbert v. Fermaint in the Northern District of Illinois, alleging that guards at Cook County Jail failed to prevent an ice pick attack on the Firm’s client.

Partner Gabrielle Sigel leads the team in Wright v. Kupczyk in the Northern District of Illinois, in a suit claiming our client was struck by a police officer during interrogation.

Associate Sofia E. Biller is a member of the trial team in Cacciola v. McFall in the Central District of Illinois, in which an Illinois trooper beat our client comatose during an arrest.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Martinez v. Calimlim – In groundbreaking advocacy, a Firm team filed a civil RICO suit against a family of five in Wisconsin, alleging the family enterprise trafficked Irma Martinez into the U.S. for forced labor. The RICO counts survived three motions to dismiss; the judge also found a private civil remedy embedded in the Thirteenth Amendment. The Firm then obtained a seven-figure settlement for the plaintiff, including a six-figure cash settlement award from the defendants’ three homeowners’ insurance companies — the first case in public record in which insurance companies have paid out substantial damages in a human trafficking suit. Associate Sarah A. Maguire drafted the RICO complaint. The insurance team included Partner Lorelie S. Masters and Associates Anne M. Alexander, Reena R. Bajewala, Melissa A. Cox, Sarah A. Maguire and Leah J. Tulin.

Kiwanuka v. Anne Bakilana – In a rare criminal case that began as an FBI investigation into alleged domestic worker abuse, Tanzanian World Bank economist Anne Margreth Bakilana pleaded guilty in March, 2010, to two counts of making false statements, spent a day in jail and agreed to pay $41,000 in back wages to a former domestic worker after
Bakilana admitted she lied to the FBI about her treatment of the servant. A civil suit against Bakilana is pending in federal court in Washington, DC, in which Jenner & Block represents the plaintiff, with Partner Julie M. Carpenter as members of the team.

*Sabbithi v. Al Saleh* – Partner Lorelie S. Masters helped create innovative legal arguments that led to a victory in the U.S. District Court for D.C., for three Indian women who were trafficked and forced into labor by a Kuwaiti diplomat, his wife, and the State of Kuwait. The case involved highly complex, technical procedural issues, touching on the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and The Hague Service Convention; the U.S. State Department intervened twice. A settlement with the Kuwaiti government was reached in February 2012.

**Suit Filed Against Qatari Diplomat** – In a case against Qatar’s second-highest ranking diplomat in the United States, four women, represented by a team including Partner Lorelie S. Masters claim in a civil lawsuit that Essa Mohamed Al Mannai and his family forced them to work around the clock for little pay while enduring emotional abuse and, according to one woman, sexual assault.

**ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION CASES**

Jenner & Block has a strong commitment to helping individuals whose human rights have been violated in their home country on the basis of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, and social group. In immigration and asylum matters, our attorneys often save our clients from the frightening and dangerous consequences of being deported to their native lands. The Firm has assisted many individuals fearing persecution file asylum applications with success and has represented numerous clients in immigration court at the trial and appellate levels. Partners Elizabeth Abbené Coleman, Katya Jestin, Megan B. Poetzl, and Charlotte L. Wager and Associates Jean M. Doherty, Elizabeth A. Edmondson and Anna Barreiro Sutti successfully secured asylum for clients from countries including Nepal, Indonesia, Tanzania, Chad, and the newly founded Republic of South Sudan.

**Nken Granted Asylum** – A four-year trek from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to the U.S. Supreme Court, back to the Fourth Circuit and then back to the Immigration Court ended on October 25, 2011, with a grant of asylum for pro bono client Jean Marc Nken. Mr. Nken fled Cameroon in 2001, after having been jailed and tortured by the Cameroon government for his participation in pro-democracy protests. He lost his initial asylum case and several unsuccessful appeals and was set to be deported when Partner Lindsay C. Harrison took his case. Identifying a split in the circuits on the standard applied to a stay, Ms. Harrison led a team including Associate Julia K. Martinez in obtaining certiorari at the Supreme Court. An associate at the time, Ms. Harrison argued the case before the Court in 2009, prevailing in a landmark 7-2 decision holding that the traditional standard for a stay motion should apply to immigration appeals, rather than a more stringent standard that had been adopted by several Circuits. The Fourth Circuit subsequently ruled that the Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) had erred and remanded the case. A decade after fleeing Cameroon, the Immigration Judge ruled that Mr. Nken was entitled to asylum and the government waived its right to appeal.

**CLAIMS SETTLED FOR GREEN HAVEN PRISON INMATE**

Associate Elizabeth A. Edmondson, under the supervision of Partner Susan J. Kohlmann, represented an inmate in his motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, to hold Green Haven Correctional Facility in contempt of a consent decree governing the prison’s provision of medical care. After a two-day bench trial last fall, Chief Judge Loretta Preska found that the prison had failed to provide the inmate appropriate specialty care for his brain tumor, lost his medical records and retaliated against him for bringing a lawsuit. New York State settled the claims for $199,500.

**ACLU TRANSGENDER CASE VICTORY**

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**Nken Granted Asylum** – A four-year trek from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to the U.S. Supreme Court, back to the Fourth Circuit and then back to the Immigration Court ended on October 25, 2011, with a grant of asylum for pro bono client Jean Marc Nken. Mr. Nken fled Cameroon in 2001, after having been jailed and tortured by the Cameroon government for his participation in pro-democracy protests. He lost his initial asylum case and several unsuccessful appeals and was set to be deported when Partner Lindsay C. Harrison took his case. Identifying a split in the circuits on the standard applied to a stay, Ms. Harrison led a team including Associate Julia K. Martinez in obtaining certiorari at the Supreme Court. An associate at the time, Ms. Harrison argued the case before the Court in 2009, prevailing in a landmark 7-2 decision holding that the traditional standard for a stay motion should apply to immigration appeals, rather than a more stringent standard that had been adopted by several Circuits. The Fourth Circuit subsequently ruled that the Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) had erred and remanded the case. A decade after fleeing Cameroon, the Immigration Judge ruled that Mr. Nken was entitled to asylum and the government waived its right to appeal.

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**JENNER & BLOCK REPRESENTS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS**

The Firm represents three groups who oppose the construction of a proposed $10 billion oil refinery and power plant by Hyperion Refining LLC in Union County, South Dakota. The groups Sierra Club, Save Union County and Citizens Opposed to Oil Pollution, assert that the Hyperion Energy Center, one of the largest petroleum refinery facilities ever proposed in the United States, would be a major source of air pollution, annually emitting more tons of greenhouse gases than any other refinery in the U.S. The team includes Partner Gabrielle Sigel and Associates Phoebe B. Scott and Allison A. Torrence.

**FIRM CAPTURES VICTORY FOR SPAMHAUS**

Associate Kristin L. Rakowski was a member of the Jenner & Block team that achieved a significant win for pro bono client Spamhaus, a British-based nonprofit anti-spam organization, in a lawsuit brought against it by e360 Insight, a now-defunct internet marketing company. In earlier litigation in which Spamhaus was represented by predecessor counsel, e360 had won a default judgment in the amount of $11.7 million. Jenner & Block took over representation, appealing that judgment to the Seventh Circuit and winning a remand back to the district court for a bench trial last year that resulted in a reduction of the judgment to $27,002. In the appeal of this judgment, the Seventh Circuit reduced this award to a mere $3.

**ASSOCIATES STEP IN WITH REAL ESTATE DEALMAKING**

Associates Kristen M. Boike and Penelope P. Campbell put their real estate transactional skills to use for several non-profit clients. The pair represented Rimland Services NFP, an organization that serves adults and children with autism via educational programs, developmental training programs and community living options, in the acquisition of residences using federal grant funding. They also drafted various lease amendments and license agreements for client Menomonee Club as landlord and Ms. Campbell negotiated and drafted a lease for new headquarters space for the Family Defense Center and Rainbow House.

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**Where Are They Now?**

**Former Associate Fine Makes Impact for JDC**

As an associate at Jenner & Block, Elizabeth Fine felt it was important to give back to the community at large. Now as an alum of the Firm, Ms. Fine has taken that commitment to a new level as the director of international relations and development for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Moscow. JDC is the world’s leading Jewish humanitarian organization.

Through one of her mentors at Jenner & Block, Partner Debbie L. Berman, Ms. Fine got involved in the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Through that work, Liz learned of the JDC. When she decided to make a career transition out of legal work, the JDC, which works in more than 70 countries around the globe, was an ideal place for her to be able to continue her commitment to public service.

“I wanted to go somewhere I could put my professional experience to good use,” Ms. Fine said. “JDC is a perfect organization for me to be able to do that.”

Ms. Fine was presented with an opportunity to do a fellowship for JDC in Russia and when that ended, she was hired as full-time staff. She has been in Moscow for more than a year.

In her role at the JDC in Russia, leadership development among Russian Jews is one of the areas where Ms. Fine does a lot of work. She noted that there are a small number of home-grown Jewish non-profit organizations in Moscow and more professional training is needed. JDC is looking to help develop those future Jewish leaders, both professional and volunteer. So much so that in Moscow right now, one area of focus for the JDC is social entrepreneurship in the Jewish community. Ms. Fine finds this kind of work especially rewarding.

“It is great to be able to help someone enhance their leadership skills and make an impact on their communities,” Ms. Fine said.
Where Are They Now?

Maureen Del Duca
Chief Litigation Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, AOL Inc.

When it comes to influential in-house female attorneys, there aren’t many who can top former Jenner & Block litigation partner Maureen Del Duca who has certainly made her mark in a number of prominent general counsel office roles, most recently as chief litigation counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer at AOL Inc. At AOL, she oversees a staff of 20 and a substantial docket of cases including intellectual property, consumer and commercial disputes. In this Q&A story, Ms. Del Duca — who was named recently as one of Washington, D.C.’s most influential in-house attorneys by Legal Times — talks to Equal Time about a variety of topics such as what a typical day is like, what she likes the most about being a lawyer and the area of law she really wanted to get into when she was studying at New York University School of Law.

Talk about your current role at AOL.

I am the chief litigation counsel and the chief ethics and compliance officer so I have two buckets, two jobs basically. The head of litigation job is about managing the company’s litigation docket. The chief ethics and compliance officer is a role that has developed over the years to support and implement corporate business ethics and compliance programs.

What does a typical litigation docket look like at a large organization like AOL?

It can vary, depending on the industry that you are in and the size of the company and the risk profile. For us, we have a pretty diverse docket. We have an IP docket which has a substantial number of patent cases and some trademark and copyright. And then we have our commercial and consumer docket, which has a sprinkling of consumer class actions primarily related to privacy issues. And some more ordinary commercial cases, contract cases, that kind of thing.

What is a typical day like for you?

One of the great things about a job like this is that I don’t have a typical day. All of my days are atypical. Having the two different roles and having a company that has such a broad array of issues is part of what makes it fun. I move around a lot and travel to our offices. I go to some hearings, trial or mediations. I never know from one minute to the next about the kind of issues that are going to come across my desk and require me to completely change my plans.

What are some of the major legal issues / trends that you are watching?

We are very interested in evolving issues in intellectual property cases, for example, the role of non-practicing entities in bringing big patent cases against companies like ours. On the compliance side, we are always alert for new issues that might affect our obligations and our policies and training processes. The UK Bribery Act went into effect earlier last year and I turned to Jenner & Block to help me figure out the potential impact that might have on us and to work through that. I’m always looking at anything that comes up that might affect how we are running our compliance program.

What are the biggest differences between working in-house vs. working at an outside firm?

People will sometimes say that they want to go in-house because they are tired of having too many clients. The truth is that when you are in house, you have lots of clients because there are so many different perspectives and different stakeholders with different interests in every matter that comes up. You are still juggling that multiple client challenge when you come in-house. It is different when you do it for one company but there are a lot of diverse and divergent interests with respect to how you manage a litigation matter to align with business objectives. Also, you are one step closer to the business. Once you are inside, you’ve got to understand what the business objectives are and how your role fits there. You are part of a service team that is supporting the business. You are partnering with the business, but, you also need to help them stay on the right track and not lose your identity as a lawyer.

You spent 10 years as a litigator at Jenner & Block. What did you enjoy most about working at Jenner & Block?

The DC office is a wonderful place and was when I was there too, it was a very close knit collegial group of people and I developed extremely close friendships. That was a
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big part of why I enjoyed working there. And, of course, the level of talent was — and is — pretty special with some of the smartest, most capable lawyers that I have ever run across.

Anything that you worked on that stood out?

The office is pretty dedicated to pro bono cases. Always had some death cases that were in progress. There were some pretty dramatic moments. On the commercial side, I didn’t go as a telecom lawyer. I went as a regulatory / appellate type of person. But in 1996, the Telecom Act passed. With MCI the anchor client of the DC office, the day that the Act went into effect just about everyone in the DC office became a telecom lawyer. I was lucky enough to get involved in a set of cases challenging and defending the Act from various perspectives. It took the form of a huge grouping of cases in state and federal courts all across the country. It was an exciting opportunity to be involved in a process of making up the law as we went along.

You are involved with the D.C. Bar Foundation and the Southern Center for Human Rights. Talk a bit about your pro bono and community service work. How important is it to give back and get involved in the community?

I never wanted to be a commercial / private practice / law firm lawyer. To the extent that I thought during law school I was ever going to practice law, I thought I was going to be a public interest lawyer and save the world. I didn’t accomplish that. So whatever I can do along the way to make contributions is tremendously rewarding. With my professional and personal experience, I am in a position to use my background to affect some level of change. I think it helps at the margins. Pro bono and community service work are both interesting and important.

And it is a great way for people to get experience. A case came to our attention where a young man with autism was convicted of assaulting a police officer and faced 10 years in prison. I have two teenage sons with autism, so this one really hit home for me. Working with Jenner & Block, we intervened post-conviction and pre-sentencing, and we helped him get a brief incarceration followed by residential treatment. We were in a position to bring resources to bear on his behalf. His life has changed dramatically in ways that would have not happened otherwise. Just this month [February 2012] he was released from prison and is now settling in to a wonderful residential facility where he will be eligible to stay for the rest of his life. We were able to push some change in the criminal justice system. And I hope that it was a great experience for the associates at the Firm who worked on the matter.

The legal industry has made strides in increasing opportunities for female lawyers as well as increasing overall diversity. What else needs to be done?

It is a hard question. We can all make conscious efforts to encourage diversity by, for example, making hiring decisions that help in that regard or making promotions or supporting people to help them succeed. For me, it is less of what the profession can do but more about what we can do along the way individually to support people. I want to encourage people to think outside of the box, making sure that there is a lot of networking and relationship support across the board.

What advice / tips do you have for up and coming women lawyers who are looking to make their mark?

Relationships are critical. I think of networking truly as relationship building. It is important from the time you are in law school, because those relationships and friends will be important and help you when you least expect it and in ways that you could never predict. It just makes this life, this practice a lot more fun, a lot more enjoyable, happy and interesting when you develop your community around you.

Everybody has to feel comfortable with defining their own success. You don’t need to say to yourself that you want to be the GC of X company or you want to be the commissioner of X agency or a partner at a law firm because there are a million other ways you can be successful as a lawyer. Some of it is about finding your comfort zone with the kind of things that you like to do, the role you like to be in, and how you want to balance your time, whether it is with your family or an outside interest. And that balance, whatever it is, will change at different times over the course of your career. So you have to get comfortable with saying to yourself that at this time in your life you want to work 80 hours a week or there will be times where you may want to work 20 hours. Defining your success at different times during your life and being happy at that will make you be the most successful and help you make your mark.

Outside interests?

I spend a lot of time with my kids and their autism-related issues. I love to go running, exercise, cook and make sure I see my friends and spend time with my family. I run mostly for fun on the towpath in the District and in Maryland near my house. People ask me what I am training for and I tell them I am just training for my life.

What do you enjoy the most about being a lawyer?

I love my work. It is hard to say one thing is the thing I enjoy the most. I do think it is a tremendous luxury to get paid to tell people my opinions about things. To be able to be in a profession where your opinion is valued in every way and you get paid to think critically, write, talk, argue, explain and advocate, is really tremendously fun and enriching. I love that about it.
Jenner & Block Attorneys Step Up for Domestic Violence Clinic

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who leads the Firm’s efforts in recruiting other attorneys to volunteer, manages the monthly attorney schedule and supervises associates on site. “Through the clinic, our participants provide an important public service while gaining valuable litigation experience. It is easy to see the concrete impact this work has on our clients’ lives. The emergency orders often provide immediate relief to people in harmful situations and the plenary orders help to protect our clients long term.”

For Ms. Morse, Ms. Bowman and other associates, working on clinic cases provides intense litigation experience in a short amount of time. Depending on the judge, they have the opportunity to deliver a brief opening statement, conduct direct and cross examinations, move documents into evidence, and negotiate the terms of the order. In one case, Ms. Morse did all of the above and secured a one-year order of protection for her client.

“It has been a fantastic experience, particularly for young associates at the Firm,” Ms. Morse said. “It is a great service to the court and clients. In a limited number of hours, you really do see results quickly. The need is great.”

“People who come to the clinic are at the breaking point and they are trusting you with a lot. You have to be willing to listen to their story and try to make the justice system work for them.”

Ms. Bowman rose to the occasion for a clinic client as well. This client had a former boyfriend who was stalking her and making her life miserable. Ms. Bowman successfully obtained an emergency order as well as a plenary order to keep this man away despite having to deal with a very aggressive opposing counsel.

“It was great to be able to bring some comfort to her – her whole life was being affected by this,” Ms. Bowman said. “This is very rewarding for my career to be able do this kind of work for a good cause.”

Other attorneys who are active in this program include Partners Christine L. Childers, E. Lynn Grayson, Melissa M. Hinds, Keri L. Holleb Hotaling and Lise T. Spacapan and Associates Erin K. Cannon, Colleen G. DeRosa, Sandra J. Durkin, Genevieve J. Essig, Sabrina N. Guenther, Sara Tonndies Horton, Jill M. Hutchison, Michaelene R. Martin, Erica D. Roberts, Phoebe B. Scott, Jennifer S. Senior and Nangah N. Tabah.

Partner Terri L. Mascherin Answers the Call with CBA Service

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the wherewithal to pay,” Ms. Mascherin said. “Whether you do that by doing pro bono yourself or supporting a legal aid group or working through the organized bar to make services available, everyone has an obligation to give back. We are a service profession and hold the keys to the justice system.”

During her term, Ms. Mascherin was particularly proud of her work to create a pro bono panel of lawyers to represent pro se litigants in trials in Cook County Municipal Court. The program – the first of its kind in the history of the Cook County Circuit Court – aims at reducing the burden faced by the Municipal Division as more and more litigants find themselves in court without money to hire a lawyer. This program came about because of Ms. Mascherin’s longtime connection with Thomas M. Donnelly, an associate judge who sits on this court. She worked with Judge Donnelly years ago in the CBA’s Young Lawyers Section. In addition to Jenner & Block, there are a handful of other Chicago law firms that are participating in this program.

“There are so many pro se litigants and there is a right to jury trial in a lot of these cases,” Ms. Mascherin said. “It is really difficult for the judges because, how do you manage a jury trial when one or maybe both of the litigants are prose? It is really a win-win for everyone involved, especially the lawyers who get jury trial experience.”

Ms. Mascherin will continue to be actively involved in the CBA over the coming year as a member of the Association’s Executive Committee and its Board of Managers.

She thinks getting involved in the organized bar is an important component of career development, providing opportunities to network with other lawyers and also judges.

“You will make connections from all different parts of the profession and maintain your perspective on the breadth of the practice of law,” Ms. Mascherin said. “It is a great way to give back to the profession.”

Terri L. Mascherin’s Service to the Chicago Bar

Immediate Past President, 2010-2011
Member, Executive Committee
Member, Board of Managers
First Vice President, 2009-2010
Second Vice President and Chair, Membership Committee 2008-2009
Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee, 2006-2008
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-2006
Past Member, Board of Managers
Past Chair, Young Lawyers’ Section Committee on Professional Responsibility
Past Member, Judicial Evaluation Committee
Past Member, Young Lawyers’ Section Executive Council
Jenner & Block Named a 2011 Best Law Firm for Women for Third Time by NAFE and Flex-Time Lawyers

The National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) and Flex-Time Lawyers have named Jenner & Block a Best Law Firm for Women for the third time. The recognition was based on workforce profile, family-friendly benefits and policies, flexibility, leadership, compensation, and advancement and retention of women.

“The 2011 Best Law Firms for Women are encouraging the retention and promotion of women, in addition to creating conducive work environments for all lawyers to thrive,” said Deborah Epstein Henry, Founder and President of Flex-Time Lawyers, a national consulting firm advising attorneys and legal employers on work/life balance issues.

In announcing the Firm’s recognition, NAFE noted that Jenner & Block is “at the forefront of having women attorneys in leadership positions;” successfully committed to attracting more women law students, resulting in women making up 51% of the 2011 summer class; and offers a flexible reduced-schedule program and generous maternity leave for partners and associates.

Also among the programs and policies that helped Jenner & Block earn this year’s recognition was the Firm’s Women’s Forum, co-chaired by Partners Heather D. McArn and Erin R. Schrantz. The Forum supports the professional, social and personal growth of the Firm’s women attorneys and demonstrates the Firm’s commitment to the promotion and success of women in the legal profession.

“Jenner & Block has always been strongly committed to the advancement and success of its women attorneys,” said Managing Partner Susan C. Levy. “We are very proud to have been recognized for this and to receive this award.”

2012 Vault Rankings

In Vault’s most recent survey of thousands of associates nationwide, Jenner & Block ranked among the top 50 firms for prestige and among the top twenty law firms nationally in seven categories:

- Best in Region – Chicago
- Pro Bono
- Overall Diversity
- Informal Training
- Diversity – Minorities
- Diversity – Gays and Lesbians
- Diversity – Women

The Women’s Forum fosters opportunities for professional, social and personal growth for all of the Firm’s women attorneys, communicates the Firm’s strong commitment to the success of its women attorneys and enhances the visibility and recognition of Jenner & Block’s leadership in support of women in the legal profession. In addition, the Women’s Forum:

- Provides meaningful opportunities for interaction among women attorneys.
- Enhances marketing opportunities for Jenner & Block women attorneys, including promoting, coordinating and supporting their participation and leadership in professional and charitable organizations.
- Identifies and promotes the professional achievements and successes of our women attorneys.
- Sponsors events for women attorneys and women summer associates to help them succeed and advance their careers, including women’s luncheons and programs of special interest to women, especially those focused on women corporate counsel.

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