

Our 2018 Pro Bono Hot list Celebrating law firms that do well by doing good.



JENNER & BLOCK

It's a Hat Trick for Pro Bono at SCOTUS

IT'S ONE THING TO TAKE ON PRO BONO WORK that makes it to the U.S. Supreme Court. It's another thing entirely to argue three of those cases in the span of four weeks—and score unanimous wins in all of them.

Before the U.S. Supreme Court last term, Jenner & Block's Adam Unikowsky argued and won *Kokesh v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, *Honeycutt v. U.S.* and *Howell v. Howell*. The cases respectively dealt with complex controversies involving the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ability to obtain disgorgement, federal conspiracy forfeiture and family law.

"The cases are a point of pride because they demonstrate the firm's deep commitment to pro bono litigation and its ability to achieve significant victories at the Supreme Court for individuals most in need of experienced counsel," Unikowsky said in a statement.

The Chicago-based firm also participated in crucial voting rights and gerrymandering cases facing the high court, including representing the plaintiffs-appellees in *Gill v. Whitford* that Wisconsin's legislative redistricting maps were unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders. Jenner & Block partnered with the Campaign Legal Center on that case, which the justices heard at oral arguments in October but had not yet resolved by early April.

Gerry Hebert, senior director of voting rights and redistricting at the Campaign Legal Center, said the Jenner team are great partners in the struggle for racial justice and equality.

"I've worked with dozens of firms, large and small. Jenner & Block is the best," Hebert said in an email. "Their lawyers on voting rights and civil rights cases are incredibly



dedicated to obtaining a just result. They work hard, provide wise and experienced counsel. Their lawyers share willingly in the hard work. They're willing to do the heavy lifting."

Hebert said the Jenner lawyers share the credit for the CLC's success at the high court and noted that he learned about how to best prepare to argue at the Supreme Court from Jenner's team.

For Jenner & Block, the firm views its pro bono work as emblematic of the firm's core values.

"Pro bono and the work we do provides representation to those who otherwise would not be in a position to protect or defend or pursue their rights," said Andrew Vail, co-chair of Jenner & Block's pro bono committee. "It also allows us to have an impact [on] law and policy in a way to improve and better our local communities and even more broadly nationally and, with our London office, globally."

—RYAN LOVELACE

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