

## Outreach

We take pride in the work of our lawyers outside of the firm. We regularly support and partner with organizations that are committed to excellence through diversity and inclusion and have a long-standing commitment to pro bono work.

A number of Williams & Connolly lawyers have donated time and other resources to the Thurgood Marshall Academy, a Charter School in the District of Columbia that serves students (mostly, African-American) who hope to pursue a legal career. A number of our lawyers also serve as tutors to students at the school. Williams & Connolly also has a longstanding partnership with Dunbar High School in the District of Columbia. Like the Thurgood Marshall Academy, Dunbar serves primarily African-American students. Through this partnership, Williams & Connolly lawyers teach law-related classes and provide mentoring to Dunbar students.

Our partner, Ana Reyes, was selected as a panelist for the Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual Convention and spearheads the sponsorship of the U.S. Latin American Legal Summit. David Kendall serves on the national Board of Directors for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

In our pro bono work, we have represented plaintiffs in civil rights lawsuits, low-income individuals in housing, and wage and benefits cases for indigent tenants in the District of Columbia, military veterans in benefits appeals, and District of Columbia parolees in parole revocation hearings. Please refer to the firm's Pro Bono page to see a complete description of our pro bono initiatives. In asylum cases, firm lawyers successfully represented a political activist who had been persecuted in Cameroon and a missionary from the Congo, and received a grant of asylum after an evidentiary hearing for a family based on the fear that the women would face mutilation if forced to return to Egypt. The firm also successfully helped overturn in the Second Circuit a Board of Immigration Appeals decision denying asylum to women from Guinea. The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies has honored the firm for its outstanding contributions and the firm has received the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs for its work on asylum and immigrants' rights cases.

In addition to participating in law school job fairs, resume-building workshops, panels and receptions hosted by student-run diversity organizations, Williams & Connolly also participates in the D.C. Road Show, an outreach program in which attorneys visit various law schools across the country to speak to African-American law students about a legal career in Washington, D.C.

The firm sponsors and partners with several organizations, including the following:

- Access to Justice Commission
- Appleseed
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF)
- Association of the Public Defender
- Atlantic Legal Foundation
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia
- Big Sister Association of Greater Boston
- Children's Law Center
- Corporate Counsel Women of Color

- Council for Court Excellence
- D.C. Bar Foundation
- D.C. Bar Pro Bono Foundation
- D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Equal Justice Works
- Girls on the Run
- Hispanic Executive
- Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)
- Human Rights First
- International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL)
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Lambda Legal
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)
- Legal Aid Society of DC
- Legal Counsel for the Elderly
- Legal Services Corporation
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- National Association of Women Judges
- National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Children's Foundation
- National Legal Aid & Defender Association
- National Partnership for Women and Families
- National Women's Law Center
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- Northside Center for Child Development
- Pro Bono Institute

- So Others Might Eat
- Station Foundation
- Street Law
- The Constitution Project
- Thurgood Marshall Academy
- U.S. Latin America Legal Summit
- Vera Institute of Justice
- Washington Bar Association
- Washington Foreign Law Society
- Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
- Whitman-Walker Health
- Women's Bar Association
- Women in Law Empowerment Forum
- Youth Automotive Training Center