COLLABORATING WITH CORPORATE CLIENTS ON PRO BONO

DLA Piper has a longstanding and deep commitment to giving back to our communities. This commitment exists at every level in every office within the firm and is part of the firm’s culture. We believe that we have a special responsibility to the communities in which we live and work, and we take that responsibility seriously. We are proud to collaborate with our corporate clients, and with academic institutions, foundations, and nonprofit organizations, to increase the scope of our impact.

Our Chicago office teams with Accenture to teach constitutional law to public school students through Lawyers in the Classroom. Accenture and DLA Piper lawyers also operate a monthly mentoring and leadership opportunity for high school students.

DLA Piper collaborates with Atos to support young social entrepreneurs in Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom. We have developed a series of “Legal Helpsheets” covering a wide range of subjects, from structures for social enterprises to contracts of employment. The Helpsheets are available through an online platform supported by Atos. We also provide training seminars and pro bono legal advice to social entrepreneurs.

Around the globe DLA Piper is working with AIG to assist survivors of human trafficking in obtaining monetary redress for the crimes committed against them. To do this, we prepared and published a significant report on the statutory compensation schemes available to trafficking survivors in 20 countries around the world.

In Chicago, we team with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and Catholic Charities Legal Assistance to staff a quarterly clinic for families seeking and enforcing child support – the only one of its kind in Chicago and the recipient of CCLA’s 2018 Justice for the Poor Award.

DLA Piper teamed with Aon and the National Immigrant Justice Center to host an asylum clinic in Chicago to train and prepare teams of lawyers to represent pro bono clients in their applications for asylum. DLA Piper and Aon continue to co-counsel on these asylum matters.

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DLA Piper teams with Corporate Pro Bono, Pro Bono Institute’s partnership project with the Association of Corporate Counsel, to host CPBO Clinics in a Box®, which engage volunteers from legal departments and ACC chapters in pro bono. DLA Piper lawyers provide CLE training on various topics as well as support to in-house counsel and their colleagues as they advise local non-profit organizations.

DLA Piper, Cisco Systems, Fenwick and West and the Pro Bono Project of Silicon Valley collaborated to develop and launch the virtual Pro Bono Project, a clinic through which rural community members receive legal services through a virtual connection with pro bono volunteers in urban centers.

Lawyers from Allstate, Discover Financial Services and Illinois Tool Works established and regularly staff a domestic violence pro bono help desk in Suburban Chicago.

DLA Piper and Goldman Sachs collaborate to teach courses on employment law and help to staff legal clinics for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses participants in Boston, Chicago and Miami.
In the UK, DLA Piper and HPE collaborated to deliver legal education workshop sessions to charity client Barnardo’s on a variety of topics including public procurement, TUPE and commercial contracts. DLA Piper and HPE are also working together to produce an international report that will empower NGOs to expand beyond their borders into overseas locations.

In the US, DLA Piper, HPE and lawyers from other in-house departments team to help individuals with criminal records who have turned their lives around get a fresh start through a monthly Record Sealing Clinic in California.

Lawyer from Hyatt and Discover Financial Services volunteer with DLA Piper lawyers at our legal clinic in the Woodlawn community of Chicago.

In Scotland, DLA Piper worked with the Royal Bank of Scotland on a project to tackle homelessness by conducting research on the government consultation on proposed tenancy legislation. This research was used by Homeless Action Scotland in their advocacy efforts.

DLA Piper also collaborates with RBS to run legal education workshops for social enterprises and young entrepreneurs in London and Edinburgh.

In Boston, lawyers from DLA Piper team with Sanofi and Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to represent immigrant children fleeing persecution and other harm in their immigration court deportation proceedings.

In the Netherlands, DLA Piper and Verizon have established a legal clinic to assist survivors of human trafficking to register the birth of their children and obtain critical identification papers.

In the US, Verizon and DLA Piper have worked together for many years on pro bono, including immigration projects, legal clinics to serve veterans and projects with Equal Justice Works Fellows.

In the UK, DLA Piper and Vodafone are increasing the operational efficiency of charities so they can focus their efforts on their core charitable work. We are doing this by delivering workshops on negotiation of commercial contracts to the charities.

We are also collaborating on Schools For All, a project designed to promote inclusive education across Europe for children with intellectual or psycho-social disabilities.
We always welcome opportunities to increase the impact of our pro bono efforts through collaboration. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our pro bono team to learn more about how we can work together.

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DLA Piper is a global law firm with lawyers located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific, positioning us to help clients with their legal needs around the world.

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