2013 European Pro Bono Forum

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Welcome from the Forum Host Committee

Pro bono in Poland has a story to tell. Drawing on a long tradition that stretches back to the origins of the legal profession itself, the concept has survived a history burdened by autocratic rule, communism, and other periods of social destabilization. Throughout, there have always been a few courageous lawyers who have embraced the duty to act on behalf of the public good. Carrying this noble tradition forward, however, isn’t something that should be left to chance.

That is why, in July 2007, prominent lawyers and bar associations came together to sign the Pro Bono Declaration. The declaration marked the first step in a process designed to promote and institutionalize pro bono across the Polish legal spectrum. In part, the declaration states that

We believe that it is our duty to ensure that all members of society, irrespective of their financial situation, are able to receive professional advice when necessary. It is our intention that, to the extent possible, our profession should serve those institutions and organizations that work for the good of society and all persons who have insufficient means to obtain necessary legal advice, free of charge or for a symbolic fee.

Widely endorsed, the intention behind the declaration was to revitalize the notion of pro bono, to demonstrate our regard for professional ethics, and to encourage all lawyers to seek out the tools that would enable them to work for the public good.

A lot has happened since then. Centrum Pro Bono—the first Polish clearinghouse—was established in 2008; the Supreme Council of the Polish Bar Council and the National Council of Legal Advisers now organize annual Pro Bono Days, where thousands of lawyers provide free legal advice to the poor; and Pro Bono Awards are given out each year to individuals and law firms in honor of their commitment to serve. These efforts have laid the essential groundwork for acceptance of pro bono across the country.

And now, the 2013 European Pro Bono Forum represents a peerless opportunity for our profession to cultivate a broader understanding of why and how pro bono work is essential to our role as lawyers, as leaders, and as members of our communities.

PILnet and the Forum Host Committee wish to extend a genuine welcome to Warsaw and the European Pro Bono Forum. We hope that each of you will benefit from the potential all of us have to grow in the spirit of solidarity.

Maciej Bobrowicz and Andrzej Zwara
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PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law envisions a world where the rule of law delivers justice and protects human rights. PILnet collaborates with local partners around the globe to develop the legal landscape essential to rights-respecting societies. We provide lawyers with the tools they need to challenge injustice, help empower citizens to shape law and policy, and connect a global community of activist lawyers who are using law to advance change.

PILnet was established after the fall of the Berlin Wall to work in Central and Eastern European countries that were re-inventing themselves. At that time, the law was seen by many as a means of state control rather than a tool that could be used to protect human rights and deliver justice. Today, PILnet conducts our work globally from hubs in Beijing, Budapest, Moscow, and New York.

Since our founding 16 years ago, PILnet has figured prominently in efforts to promote human rights in Europe, Russia, China, the Middle East, and the other places where we work. To ensure that the law delivers justice and protects rights, PILnet focuses on two primary strategies:

**Strengthening the Community of PublicInterest Lawyers**

PILnet builds the capacity of public interest lawyers working in NGOs around the world through fellowships and trainings, as well as by providing access to a global network of like-minded advocates, and, increasingly, fostering links to critical pro bono legal support. Through our International Public Interest Law Fellows program, PILnet has transformed the lives and careers of more than 100 leading public interest lawyers from 36 countries who are advancing human rights, environmental protection, and other public interest causes.

**Building Global Pro Bono**

PILnet helps build pro bono culture internationally by providing opportunities for all types of commercial lawyers—including those working at major corporations and large multinational law firms—to engage in public interest work aimed at strengthening civil society. PILnet’s efforts to develop pro bono culture extend from our annual European Pro Bono Forum to the pro bono clearinghouses that we operate, which match law firms and corporations with NGOs in need of legal assistance. As global pro bono increasingly takes root, PILnet is successfully building partnerships between NGOs on the front lines and lawyers at firms and corporations who are willing to provide the legal assistance that NGOs need to strengthen their impact.

For more information on PILnet’s work and to get involved, visit our website at [www.pilnet.org](http://www.pilnet.org).
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Welcome from the PILnet Board Chair

We are delighted that you are participating in PILnet’s 7th annual European Pro Bono Forum. Pro bono is a key part of PILnet’s efforts to promote the use of legal tools to protect human rights, strengthen civil society and ensure access to justice. The Forum is the cornerstone of our pro bono work—a marvelous opportunity for lawyers and NGOs to learn from each other and to celebrate their collaboration in the service of justice. I was honored to participate in last year’s Forum in Madrid and inspired by the energy, commitment and creativity of so many law firms, corporate law departments and NGOs. I am especially pleased that we are holding this year’s Forum in Poland. Polish bar associations and the bar as a whole have been at the forefront of efforts to ensure access to justice through the pro bono efforts of lawyers and those of law students working in legal clinics. They inspire by their example.

The agenda for this year’s Forum is an exciting one. You will find many new topics, such as the role of lawyers in protecting LGBTI rights and in addressing adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity. You will have the opportunity to learn about pro bono successes and challenges in Russia, Ukraine, the Middle East and North Africa. You will also learn about new techniques and approaches, such as use of the internet in delivering pro bono services. On behalf of PILnet’s board and staff, I wish you a productive conference and look forward to hearing about your good works in the years to come. I also extend warm thanks to the Pro Bono Council for helping PILnet to promote pro bono practice worldwide.

Sincerely,
Barbara Schatz
Chair, PILnet Board of Directors

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PILnet’s Pro Bono Achievements

Developing pro bono legal practice around the world is one of PILnet’s key strategies for expanding justice and the rule of law.

PILnet’s Pro Bono Council and its leadership committee, comprised of representatives from law firms and corporations around the world, help guide PILnet’s initiatives to build pro bono globally. The Council is helping to create a growing network of legal professionals engaged in and committed to pro bono.

PILnet’s domestic pro bono clearinghouses in Hungary, Russia, and China, and its cross-border global clearinghouse direct the resources of the private-sector legal community to NGOs in need of assistance. In 2012 alone, these four clearinghouses matched lawyers from 69 law firms with 140 nonprofits from 28 countries, ranging from Belgium and Azerbaijan to Jordan and Vietnam. The result was almost 9,000 hours of free legal assistance for NGOs. These pro bono services addressed a wide variety of needs, with a growing focus on human rights and other public interest concerns.

In Russia and Hungary, PILnet’s pro bono clearinghouses have paved the way for law firms and corporations to make an enduring impact on their communities by developing long-term relationships with NGOs. PILnet’s China clearinghouse has helped create partnerships between law firms and public interest law centers that are significantly advancing environmental advocacy, labor rights, and other issues in need of pro bono assistance.

PILnet’s global pro bono clearinghouse encourages high-impact collaborations in many countries where pro bono practice is nascent. It also builds alliances between private law firms and PILnet’s Fellows, a diverse group of public interest lawyers from around the world. These partnerships generate legal support for projects aimed at, for example, promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples in the Philippines or developing model regulations for disability rights in Palestine.

In addition, PILnet works with partner clearinghouses in Europe and around the world to strengthen the infrastructure for pro bono and to legitimize its practice. In the Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Spain, partners are making great strides by engaging national firms and state institutions in voluntary legal services, and in Ukraine, PILnet is actively supporting a brand-new clearinghouse initiative. PILnet also encourages the development of pro bono culture in places where it is just emerging, such as Nigeria and India, and is exploring ways to assist the further development of pro bono in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Asia.

These efforts come together at the annual European Pro Bono Forum, PILnet’s cornerstone pro bono initiative. The Forum—now in its seventh year—gathers hundreds of representatives from law firms, corporations, bar associations, academic institutions and NGOs to discuss trends and challenges in pro bono and to explore collaborations that can deliver justice and protect rights around the world.
Chatham House Rule

There will be members of the press present at the European Pro Bono Forum as well as video cameras and photographers at selected plenary sessions and workshops.

In order to ensure robust and free-flowing discussions, members of the press have been instructed to follow the “Chatham House Rule” of attribution for all meetings that are designated as workshops in the Forum agenda.

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• Andrzej Rzeplinski | Constitutional Tribunal | Poland

Keynote Speaker:
• Shirin Ebadi | Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2003, The Centre for Supporters of Human Rights | Iran

Introductions:
• Filip Czernicki | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland
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Access to Justice in Poland and the Rise of Pro Bono

Moderator:
• Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.

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• Lukasz Bojarski | INPRIS–Institute for Law and Society, PILnet | Poland
• Agnieszka Wardak | Dentons | Poland
• Eleonora Zielinska | Warsaw University | Poland

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Coffee Break  Balowa Hall and Belweder Hall
Sponsored by Mayer Brown
Pro Bono in Poland: Now and the Future

Picking up where the plenary panel discussion left off, this workshop offers participants the chance to delve deeper into the Polish pro bono environment, evaluate its strengths and discuss the opportunities to widen its reach and impact in the future.

**Moderator:**
- Roman Rewald | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | Poland

**Speakers:**
- Malgorzata Krol | Lodz University | Poland
- Pawel Pietkiewicz | White & Case | Poland
- Mikolaj Pietrzak | Polish Bar Council | Poland
- Krzysztof Smiszek | Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law | Poland

LGBTI Rights

This in-depth workshop will share pro bono projects that have advanced the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in Europe and discuss the current legal needs, opportunities and challenges of doing more pro bono work in this field.

**Moderator:**
- Nicolas Patrick | DLA Piper | U.K.

**Panelists:**
- Robert Biedron | Member of the Sejm | Poland
- Pierre Brochet | McDermott Will & Emery | U.K.
- Ksenyia Kirichenko | Coming Out | Russia
- Jacqueline Mulryne | Arnold & Porter | U.K.
Pro Bono in Asia

The panel in this workshop will discuss pro bono practices and partnerships in mainland China and Singapore. It will explore pro bono experiences across the region, discuss the implications of the rapidly growing NGO sector on pro bono culture, and present a case study that highlights the changing face of pro bono in Asia.

Moderator:
• Seth Gurgel | PILnet | China

Speakers:
• Lynn Li | Longan Law Firm | China
• Deborah Papworth | Linklaters | Hong Kong
• Lim Tanguy | Law Society of Singapore | Singapore

Business and Human Rights: From Principles to Practice
Sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

The Ruggie Principles set the benchmark for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity. This workshop will look at the progress made and challenges facing law firms and corporations in implementing the principles.

Moderator:
• Yasmin Batliwala | Advocates for International Development | U.K.

Speakers:
• Andrew Denny | Allen & Overy | U.K.
• Janet Love | Legal Resources Centre | South Africa
• Carmen Pombo | Fundacion Fernando Pombo | Spain
• Ken Resnick | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
• Anna Triponel | Shift | U.K.
WORKSHOP SESSION 2

Legal Clinics

This workshop will explore the successes and lessons learned from Poland’s well-established network of legal clinics, examine the role for pro bono lawyers and discuss how the new European Network of Clinical Legal Education can promote higher standards of teaching and greater collaboration by clinical legal educators.

Moderator:
• Filip Czernicki | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland

Speakers:
• Maciej Bednarkiewicz | Polish Bar Council | Poland
• Magdalena Olczyk | Kozminski Academy | Poland
• Ulrich Stege | University of Turin | Italy

Women’s Rights

This workshop will examine the impact that partnerships between NGOs and pro bono lawyers can have on protecting the rights of women in Europe. In focus will be issues related to reproductive rights, gender-based violence and gender equality.

Moderator:
• Annette Bain | Herbert Smith Freehills | Australia

Speakers:
• Anna Collignon | Stibbe | Netherlands
• Maria Rosslhumer | Women Against Violence Europe | Austria
• Karolina Wieckiewicz | Federation for Women and Family Planning | Poland
Cause Lawyering in the Middle East and North Africa

This workshop, which is co-organized by Legal Agenda, will offer discussion on cause-lawyering experiences in the Middle East and North Africa, explore the impact of cause-lawyering practices in the region, present lessons learned and highlight challenges met by legal practitioners in their public interest endeavors.

Moderator:
• Habib Nassar | PILnet | U.S.A.

Speakers:
• Wahid Ferchichi | University of Tunis | Tunisia
• Zeina Jallad | Columbia University | U.S.A.
• Nizar Saghieh | Legal Agenda | Lebanon

Raising the Bar

Locally, nationally and regionally, bar associations have a crucial role to play in leading the charge and setting the standards for pro bono practice in Europe. This workshop will offer insight into the opportunities and challenges facing bar associations when it comes to pro bono.

Moderator:
• Maria Slazak | National Council of Legal Advisers | Poland

Speakers:
• Birgit Spiesshofer | Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe | Germany
• Monika Strus-Wolos | Polish Bar Council | Poland
• Hanna Stypulkowska-Goutierre | Paris Bar Association | France
WORKSHOP SESSION 3

Accessing Pro Bono: A Practical Workshop for NGOs

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This practical how-to workshop will help NGOs that are new to pro bono take their first steps in accessing the free legal advice and assistance that lawyers can provide.

Moderator:
• Marianne McKeown | PILnet | Hungary

Speakers:
• Miriam Buhl | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.S.A.
• Ozgur Kahale | DLA Piper | France
• Lycette Nelson | Mental Disability Advocacy Center | Hungary

Civil Liberties in Europe

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Following on from last year’s insightful workshop on this topic, this session will offer perspectives on some of the recent threats to civil liberties in Europe and offer discussion on the role of pro bono lawyers in restoring and strengthening access to justice.

Moderator:
• Michael Skrein | Reed Smith | U.K.

Speakers:
• Dimitris Christopoulos | The Hellenic League for Human Rights | Greece
• Balazs Denes | Open Society Foundations | Hungary
• Lydia Vicente | Rights International Spain | Spain
Rising to the Pro Bono Challenge in Russia & Ukraine

Pro bono lawyers have a crucial role to play in supporting the work of human rights NGOs in the increasingly challenging environments of Russia and Ukraine. This workshop will look at how local pro bono lawyers are rising to the challenge.

Moderator:
• Dmitry Shabelnikov | PILnet | Russia

Speakers:
• Anastasia Dergacheva | Morgan, Lewis & Bockius | Russia
• Mykola Sioma | Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation | Ukraine
• Alexandra Timoshenkova | Timoshenkova & Partners | Russia

Pro Bono, Access to Justice and the Internet

Social media, Skype and other types of tech media offer lawyers a fresh and innovative way of engaging in pro bono. This workshop will look at projects that use the internet to boost access to justice and discuss how pro bono lawyers can capitalize on these tools.

Moderator:
• Rebecca Hilsenrath | LawWorks | U.K.

Speakers:
• Ian Bassin | Avaaz | U.S.A.
• Shira Stanton | Avocats Sans Frontieres | Belgium
• Louise Zekaria | Clyde & Co. | U.K.

16:30–18:00

NGO MARKETPLACE AND COFFEE
Sponsored by Dentons

An opportunity for NGOs to showcase their work, distribute publications and make connections with other public interest organizations and pro bono lawyers.

19:00–22:00

PRO BONO AWARDS DINNER
Sponsored by White & Case

Location: Kubicki Arcades of the Royal Castle of Warsaw
25 October

Location: Hotel Sofitel Warsaw Victoria
Krolewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw

08:00–12:00
Registration

09:00–9:30
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Fighting Fraud and Corruption in Brussels: Lobbyists, Whistle Blowers and Legislative Action.

Keynote Speaker:
- Monica Macovei | Member of the European Parliament | Romania

Introduction:
- Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.

09:30–10:45
PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION 📓
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Pro Bono and the Global Corporation

With corporations increasingly coming to the forefront of pro bono, this panel discussion will showcase the strides that are being made globally to harness the skills and expertise of in-house lawyers. This workshop will examine the strengths and challenges of in-house pro bono and highlight the unique opportunities for corporations to lead the way in inspiring other leaders to join the expanding pro bono movement worldwide.

Moderator:
- Anne Kelley | Microsoft | U.S.A.

Speakers:
- Roger James | Viacom | U.K. & Ireland
- Wojciech Kowalewski | Siemens | Poland
- Ken Resnick | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
- Jette Valentin Winberg | Hewlett-Packard | Denmark

10:45–11:15
Coffee Break
Balowa Hall and Belweder Hall
The lab will introduce ways in which existing programs can boost their impact, whether through novel collaborations or by developing new approaches to expand their reach.

**Collaborating on Pro Bono Projects for Higher Impact**

This workshop will showcase pro bono projects in which law firms and corporations have partnered up to enhance the skills and expertise available to NGOs and to have a wider and more in-depth impact.

**Moderator:**
- Patricia Brannan | Hogan Lovells | U.S.A.

**Speakers:**
- Jonathan Ng | Ashoka | U.S.A.
- Louis O’Neill | White & Case | U.S.A.
- Monique Villa | Thomson Reuters Foundation | U.K.

**How to Be a Brilliant Pro Bono Lawyer**

What makes a really brilliant pro bono lawyer? This workshop will examine projects in which the pro bono lawyer has gone beyond the call of duty, resulting in a project or collaboration that has the “wow factor”.

**Moderator:**
- Joss Saunders | Oxfam | U.K.

**Speakers:**
- Ignacio Dominguez | Latham & Watkins | Spain
- Olivia Mak | Save the Children | U.K.
- Fiona McLeay | PILCH Justice Connect | Australia
Pro Bono in Emerging Economies: Argentina, India and Nigeria

Belweder A

Amidst rapid growth and industrialization, pro bono is taking root within the emerging economies of Argentina, India and Nigeria. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities of doing pro bono work in these jurisdictions.

Moderator:
• Dina Stukanow | Cyrus R. Vance Centre for International Justice | U.S.A.

Speakers:
• Ade Ipaye | Lagos Attorney General | Nigeria
• Babatunde Irukera | SimmonsCooper Partners | Nigeria
• Swathi Sukumar | i-Probono | India
• Martin Zapiola Guerrico | Comision Pro Bono | Argentina

International Pro Bono by European Lawyers I: Recasting Roles

Sponsored by Ashurst

Belweder B

This workshop will showcase a number of international pro bono projects that have been undertaken by European lawyers, both remotely and in-country, which have enabled corporate lawyers to step outside of their comfort zones, to use their skills and expertise in an unexpected way and to recast their roles as pro bono lawyers.

Moderator:
• Michele O’Brien | International Senior Lawyers Project-Europe | France

Speakers:
• Jacek Gizinski | DLA Piper | Poland
• Mariana Goetz | Redress | U.K.
• Pierre Servan-Schreiber | Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom | France
Institutionalizing Pro Bono in Your Law Firm

Speakers in this workshop will discuss the mechanics of establishing a pro bono program within a law firm, offer practical ways of overcoming the pitfalls and challenges, and highlight the benefits that setting up structures for pro bono within a firm can bring.

**Moderator:**
- **Suzanne Turner** | Dechert, PILnet | U.S.A.

**Speakers:**
- **Eamonn Conlon** | A&L Goodbody | Ireland
- **Ewa Don-Siemion** | Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto Legal Advisors | Poland
- **Benjamin Weinberg** | Dentons | U.S.A.

Pro Bono Roles in International Courts and Tribunals

Cases before international courts and tribunals provide an opportunity for pro bono lawyers to have a forceful and strategic impact on the protection of human and environmental rights. This workshop will explore the how, why, when and where of pro bono in international litigation.

**Moderator:**
- **Stephen Brown** | Jones Day | U.K.

**Speakers:**
- **Andrea Ernst** | Shearman & Sterling | Germany
- **Johanna B. Fine** | Center for Reproductive Rights | U.S.A.
- **Pierre Kirch** | Paul Hastings | France
Joined Up Pro Bono
Belweder A

A one-off piece of pro bono advice or research is valuable support for an NGO, but sharing that work, coordinating with others and thinking strategically about how to make the most out of pro bono can really multiply that impact. This workshop will explore current projects and new ideas for creating a more joined-up approach to pro bono practice.

Moderator:
• Servaas Feiertag | Transparency International | Germany

 Speakers:
• Michael Napier | Attorney General’s Pro Bono Committee | U.K.
• Clarissa O’Callaghan | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | U.K.
• Jasper Teulings | Greenpeace | Netherlands

International Pro Bono by European Lawyers II: Recasting Alliances
Belweder B

This workshop will showcase a number of international pro bono projects that have been undertaken by European lawyers, both remotely and in-country, which have enabled pro bono lawyers to make unexpected alliances across borders and sectors, to combine their skills and expertise in an unexpected way, and to recast their alliances as pro bono lawyers.

Moderator:
• Michele O’Brien | International Senior Lawyers Project-Europe | France

Speakers:
• Nick Flynn | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.K.
• Kai-Uwe Karl | GE Oil & Gas | Italy
• Zbigniew Lasocik | University of Warsaw | Poland

13:30–14:00

FORUM CLOSING
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• Filip Czernicki | Polish Legal Clinics Foundation | Poland
• Maciej Bobrowicz | National Council of Legal Advisers | Poland
• Andrzej Żwara | Polish Bar Council | Poland
• Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary

14:00–

Lunch
Kitchen Gallery
Forum Speakers’ Biographies

**Annette Bain** is head of pro bono and community at global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. Previously she worked as a barrister in Sydney, Australia and as a community lawyer at the Domestic Violence Advocacy Service and New South Wales Women’s Legal Service, advocating for marginalized women. Currently Bain is a member of the Legal Aid NSW Board and is its representative on the Women’s Domestic Violence Advocacy Court Assistance Program Committee. She is a member of the New South Wales Premier’s Council on Homelessness, Mission Australia’s Corporate Advisory Council, and co-chairs Philanthropy Australia’s Homelessness Affinity Group.

**Yasmin Batliwala** is the chief executive of Advocates for International Development (A4ID), an organization dedicated to using the law to eradicate poverty. A4ID has led the debate about what the U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights mean for law firms. In 2011, working with John Sherman from Shift, it was the first organization to publish a discussion paper on the subject, and this year published the first guide on the Guiding Principles exclusively for the legal sector. As a magistrate, Batliwala has extensive experience with the criminal justice system. She has worked with organizations at the national and international level, including the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime.

**Maciej Bednarkiewicz** was chairman of the Polish Bar Council and a ten-term member of the Sejm. He started his law practice in 1969 and has been a lecturer for lawyer trainees, a member of the Constitutional Commission, and vice-chairman of the Regulation Commission. Furthermore, he was a member of the Legislative Council at the Council of Ministers. From 1991–2003 he was a judge of the Tribunal of State. From 1993 to 2001 he was a member of the supervisory board of BIG Bank Spolka Akcyjna. Since 1995, he is also the chairman of the supervisory board of Bank Millennium S.A.

**Robert Biedron** is a member of the Polish parliament and one of the founders and key leaders of the Campaign Against Homophobia in Poland. He is a member of the advisory board of the Human Rights Initiative at the Open Society Foundations. In October 2011 Biedron was elected to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland as an independent candidate of Palikot’s Movement. He is a vice-president of Palikot’s Movement’s Parliamentary Club. Biedron is a vice-president of the Commission of Justice and Human Rights and a member of the Commission of Foreign Affairs. He is also a member of the Polish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

**Adam Bodnar** is vice-president of the board and head of the legal division of the Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR). In 2004, he formed the strategic litigation program at HFHR, a pro bono initiative that pairs attorneys from major Polish law firms with human rights cases around the country. He also lectures in the human rights department of Warsaw University and is a senior expert with the FRANET network of the E.U. Fundamental Rights Agency. In 2011, PILnet recognized the collective efforts of the Polish HFHR’s strategic litigation program as the most effective public interest collaboration of the year by bestowing upon it its European Award for Exemplary Partnership in the Public Interest.
Lukasz Bojarski is a co-founder and member of the management board of INPRIS—the Institute for Law and Society, a Polish legal think tank, as well as a member of the National Council of the Judiciary of Poland. At INPRIS he focuses on access to justice, legal education, the legal profession, and the judiciary. He is also a co-founder and chair of the board of the Legal Clinics Foundation, a resource center for clinical legal education in Poland. Bojarski is a member of the PILnet Board of Directors.

Patricia Brannan is the general counsel for Hogan Lovell in the U.S. and co-chairs its citizenship panel. She previously headed Hogan Lovell’s U.S. pro bono practice. She has been a partner since 1988. Her practice has involved a wide range of public interest and litigation matters, including high-profile cases on education governance and finance. Brannan has been honored by organizations such as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith. She is a former chair of the Board on Professional Responsibility for the District of Columbia and has taught professional responsibility at George Washington University School of Law.

Pierre Brochet is a partner at McDermott Will & Emery in London and focuses his practice on cross-border financings. He is admitted to practice as a solicitor in England and as an avocat in Paris. He teaches corporate finance at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (SciencesPo) Law School in Paris, contributes articles to publications such as Thomson Reuters and Bloomberg Law Journal, and regularly takes part as a specialist advisor on panels. Brochet chairs the Law Advisory Board of King’s College London where he advises the college on fundraising and is advisor to pro bono client Human Dignity Trust on matters of human rights law.

Stephen Brown is a partner at Jones Day’s London office, where he advises major corporations in relation to disputes across a range of industries, including chemical and other manufacturing, telecoms, IT, and investments. He advises on all areas of corporate contractual matters. Stephen’s practice includes a substantial volume of competition cases. He has been a Higher Rights advocate since 2001 and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. In August of this year, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of LawWorks, the main clearinghouse for pro bono used by leading London law firms.

Miriam Buhl is pro bono counsel at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and has coordinated the firm’s award-winning worldwide pro bono program since 2005. Buhl co-teaches the Externship on Pro Bono Program and Design at Columbia University Law School. She is a member of the boards of directors of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee, the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, and the Scherman Foundation. Buhl is a member of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel and serves on the Innocence Project’s Development Committee, the Federal Bar Council Public Service Committee, the PILnet Pro Bono Council, and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Public Service Council.
Dimitris Christopoulos is a vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights. He chaired the board of the Hellenic League for Human Rights from 2003 to 2011. Christopoulos is frequently interviewed by international or Greek media and writes regularly in the Greek press, contributing to the promotion of a culture of human rights awareness in the country, particularly as it relates to the current Greek financial crisis. He is an associate professor at Panteion University in Athens, where he teaches public and human rights law focused on migration, minorities, and citizenship, and he has published extensively in these fields.

Anna Collignon is a senior associate at Stibbe, Amsterdam, a leading Benelux law firm with an internationally oriented full-service practice. Collignon specializes in general administrative law, environmental and planning law, human rights, and governmental liability issues. She acts for a wide range of companies, developers, and public bodies, representing them before the Dutch and European courts and in negotiations with government agencies and other public authorities. She also litigates in these fields before national and European courts on a pro bono basis.

Eamonn Conlon is the partner with responsibility for A&L Goodbody’s corporate responsibility activities and pro bono practice. In that role he is leading a collaboration with the Irish Refugee Council Law Centre, facilitated by the Public Interest Law Alliance, to provide pro bono legal advice and representation to applicants for asylum in Ireland.

Filip Czernicki works to promote the establishment of legal clinics in Poland and Eastern Europe, as well as the involvement of legal professionals in pro bono activity. He is president of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation, a post he has held since 2002, and has been convener of the steering committee of the Global Alliance for Justice Education since 2009. He also serves as head of the Supervision Council of the Polish National NGO’s Forum. A graduate of the University of Warsaw Law School, Czernicki is a co-founder of the University of Warsaw Legal Clinic (the second oldest legal clinic in Poland) and co-founder of the Polish NGO’s Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

Balazs Denes is a Hungarian lawyer and human rights activist. Since early 2013 he has served as the project director of the European Civil Liberties Project at the Open Society Foundations in Budapest. Prior to his work at the Open Society Foundations, Denes was the executive director of the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union for eight years. A 2003 PILnet Fellow at Columbia University in New York, he is a founding member of both the Hempseed and Harm Reduction associations in Hungary, and currently sits on the board of the Common Sense for Drug Policy Foundation.

Andrew Denny is a partner in the litigation department of Allen & Overy’s London office. Andrew chairs Allen & Overy’s human rights working group, which is responsible for formulating policy and strategy to guide the firm’s human rights work. He is also a member of the editorial board of the group’s publication The Business & Human Rights Review. He regularly speaks on the Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights to clients and industry groups. He has also represented the interests of various human rights organizations on a pro bono basis before the English courts, including the U.K. Supreme Court.
Anastasia Dergacheva is an associate in Morgan Lewis’s business and finance practice and vice-chair of the Moscow office’s pro bono committee. Dergacheva advises clients primarily on intellectual property, general corporate, and private international law matters. She has advised major nonprofits working in Russia. She has also conducted training sessions for Russian NGOs on various nonprofit law topics and participated in legislative initiatives in connection with nonprofit law. Prior to joining Morgan Lewis, Dergacheva was an associate in the corporate practice of another international law firm in Moscow. Dergacheva is eligible to practice in the Russian Federation.

Ignacio Dominguez is a member of the corporate department in Latham & Watkins’ Madrid office. He specializes in M&A, capital markets, and investment funds. Dominguez graduated in law from the University of Salamanca in 2002 and then worked in the legal department of MCI WorldCom in Brussels, and later in the Brussels office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, doing a secondment at Orange in London. In 2007, he worked at Clifford Chance in Madrid. He obtained his LL.M. from Harvard University in 2008. Dominguez is a member of the board of directors of the Harvard Club of Spain and a member of Latham’s Global Pro Bono Committee.

Ewa Don-Siemion is a founding partner of Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto Legal Advisors, one of the largest independent Polish law firms. She previously worked as a board member of Netia S.A., a telecoms company, and was an associate at Shearman & Sterling in New York. Her professional interests focus on labor law, TMT, and the healthcare sector. She is a member of the New York Bar. Don-Siemion is actively involved in pro bono matters. She is a member of the program board of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. She teaches legal writing skills to law students and graduates.

Shirin Ebadi is a lawyer, academic, and judge. Ebadi is a co-founder of the Centre for Supporters of Human Rights and the Association for the Support of Children’s Rights, both in Iran. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her work in championing human rights, particularly the rights of women, children and political prisoners in Iran. In 2006, together with fellow Nobel laureate Jody Williams, she launched the Nobel Women’s Initiative. Ebadi lived in Tehran, but she has been in exile since June 2009 due to increasing persecution of Iranian citizens who are critical of the current regime.

Andrea Ernst is an associate of Shearman & Sterling, based in the Frankfurt office. She advises clients in international commercial and investment arbitration matters. Ernst is also an active member of the firm’s pro bono team, which received awards for its outstanding work from the International Crisis Group and the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. She has published and lectured on international investment law. She studied law and economics at the Universities of Bayreuth, Birmingham and Heidelberg, the Georgetown University Law Center, the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and at Harvard Law School. She is admitted to the bar in Frankfurt, New York and Washington D.C. (SLC).
Servaas Feiertag is the legal counsel of the Transparency International Secretariat, based in Berlin. Among other duties, he is responsible for further strengthening the organization’s pro bono legal assistance network. He joined Transparency International in 2009 to work on the development of the Advocacy and Legal Advice Centers in Africa and the Middle East, which assist victims and witnesses of corruption. Before that he worked for various multinational companies and international NGOs as a legal consultant. Feiertag holds an LL.M. from the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, a M.Sc. from Leiden University, has studied law in Grenoble, France, and has published training manuals and several legal articles.

Wahid Ferchichi is a Tunisian expert in transitional justice who has worked for the Arab Institute for Human Rights since 2005. He is also a consultant for the International Center of Transitional Justice. As a doctor of public international law and head of the master’s program at the Faculty of Legal Sciences of Tunis University and the High Institute of Legal and Political Studies of Kairouan, he contributes to the training of many Arab activists in human rights, especially children’s and social economic rights. He was also a lecturer at the Lebanese University between 2006 and 2008. He is the author of Child Labor in the Arab World (2008).

Johanna B. Fine is the legal adviser and manager for projects and operations at the Center for Reproductive Rights. As the Global Legal Program’s abortion expert, she advocates for greater progress in ensuring access to safe and legal abortion services for all women. Before coming to the Center, Fine was an associate at White & Case, where she had conducted extensive pro bono work for the NGO. During graduate school, she was actively involved in the Human Rights Clinic and worked on women’s rights issues in Zambia and Mauritania. Her previous work experience includes the Carter Center, the United Nations Development Programme, and the Federation of Women Lawyers-Kenya.

Jacek Gizinski is a partner in the Warsaw office of DLA Piper. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, privatizations, restructuring processes, and greenfield investments. He specializes in competition law and handles cases involving state aid. Moreover, he authored several publications on corporate and competition issues in the Polish business and legal press. Gizinski is actively involved in a variety of pro bono and CR activities conducted by his firm. In October 2013 he will be a guest lecturer for the project “New Perimeter” at the University of Pretoria in South Africa on the use of special economic zones as a tool for attracting foreign direct investment.

Marianna Goetz obtained her law degree at King’s College London in 1995, as well as a master’s at the London School of Economics. After campaigning for the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and assisting the Government of Senegal at the 1998 Rome Conference, she joined the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and later the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where she was the legal advisor to the registrar. She has also conducted trainings for the IBA human rights training program for Iraqi judges and has consulted on transitional justice issues. Goetz joined REDRESS in 2006, as its ICC and post-conflict justice advisor and deputy director and director of programs in 2012.
Seth Gurgel is the director of PILnet’s Beijing office and is responsible for managing PILnet’s programs in China. Gurgel was both a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and an Institute for International Law and Justice Fellow. His work in China has centered on rule of law development and jurisprudence, with a specific emphasis on labor law and criminal justice contexts. He also has considerable experience in both Chinese and American community organizing and education. Gurgel served as an Americorps volunteer in Jacksonville, Florida for two years and also as an instructor, organizer, and translator for various legal education initiatives in China, both at Chinese law schools and in the Anhui countryside.

Rebecca Hilsenrath is CEO of LawWorks, the Solicitors Pro Bono Group, in London. Previously a government lawyer in the Attorney General’s Office and the Department for Education, she originally trained and qualified at Linklaters. In the 1990s, she volunteered at and chaired Stoke Newington legal advice clinic. She is currently a member of the Bar Pro Bono Unit Management Committee, a trustee of the National Pro Bono Centre, and a member of the Civil Justice Council Working Party on Access to Justice for Litigants in Person. In 2012, she was included in the Times Law 100 list of top influential lawyers in the U.K.

Adeola Ipaye is the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of Lagos State in Nigeria. He is a member of the Lagos State Executive Council and, in his capacity as the Attorney-General, he is the custodian of the laws, acting in the public interest. He is responsible for legal affairs of the administration in Lagos State. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators respectively. He is also a notary public for Nigeria.

Babatunde Irukera is a partner with SimmonsCooper Partners and has over 20 years of transactional, commercial litigation, and practice management experience. Irukera heads the commercial litigation and competition teams at SimmonsCooper Partners. He is an active member of both the Nigerian Bar Association and the American Bar Association, where he currently serves as vice-chair of the Africa committee of the international section. He also provides capacity-building advisory services to federal agencies and other clients on the introduction and implementation of the antitrust legal regime in Nigeria.

Zeina Jallad is a Palestinian lawyer and lecturer in law. In 2009, she was appointed by the E.U. as a legal expert and manager for the biggest donor-funded project in Palestine to develop the legal profession and the Palestinian Bar Association. In 2012, Jallad received the Faculty Development Grant from the Open Society Institute (now the Open Society Foundations) to research women’s access to justice under societal and political occupation as a visiting fellow at the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, Columbia University. In 2013, Jallad was awarded an academic fellowship grant from Columbia Law School to pursue her research in the fields of gender justice, criminal law, and women’s access to justice.
Roger James is senior vice president and general counsel for Viacom International Media Networks, formerly MTV Networks International, where he is responsible for all brands including MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, and Paramount Channel. He trained with Richards Butler (which was taken over by U.S. firm Reed Smith in 2007) from 1996 to 1998, following which he joined MTV Networks International as Legal Counsel. The size of the company results in James’ role having a wide remit. He covers business and legal affairs, music and media licensing, compliance and government relations for all brands, including corporate M&A, production, sponsorship, advertising, affiliate sales, and litigation.

Ozgur Kahale is an international lawyer with extensive experience in project finance transactions. She is a scholar of corporate responsibility with a focus on international investment and protection of human rights. She has an LL.M. in international human rights law from Essex University and a Ph.D. in business and human rights from Lancaster University. She currently works as the community engagement manager and pro bono counsel at DLA Piper, leading the firm’s work on pro bono and community engagement across the European offices.

Kai-Uwe Karl is senior counsel, litigation, for the oil and gas division of GE’s Energy Infrastructure subsidiary. As such, he represents his division in disputes world-wide. He also leads various policy initiatives aimed at managing and reducing the risks of disputes. Prior to joining GE, Karl was with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where he represented clients in significant disputes before the European Courts in Luxembourg. His practice included advising large multinational companies and sovereign clients in European competition and state aid law, as well as general EC law. Karl is a member of the Frankfurt bar. He holds a Ph.D. in commercial law from the University of Tübingen, Germany.

Anne Kelley is assistant general counsel at Microsoft Corporation, with a focus on intellectual property issues in the global supply chain, enhancing the rule of law, and creating meaningful pro bono opportunities for her colleagues around the world. She has been with Microsoft for 18 years. Her previous experience at Microsoft includes managing its intellectual property licensing business and the U.S. anti-piracy team. Kelley’s most recent publications are “Practicing Effectively in the Patent Marketplace” in the University of Chicago Law Review and “Learnings from Microsoft’s Immigrant and Refugee Rights Programs” in PLI’s Pro Bono Service by In-House Counsel: Strategies and Perspectives.

Pierre Kirch is a partner with Paul Hastings. His practice covers French and E.U. competition/antitrust law issues and general E.U. law. He litigates before the European courts in Luxembourg and before the civil and commercial courts in France. Kirch chairs his firm’s pro bono group in Paris and has litigated on behalf of pro bono clients before the E.U.’s General Court and Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He is a frequent speaker and writer on E.U. and competition law issues in various fora in Europe and the U.S.
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