

European Pro Bono  
**FORUM**

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## ADDRESS OF H.E. LÁSZLÓ SÓLYOM, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

*to the first European Pro Bono Forum  
Budapest, 18-19 October 2007*

Dear Participants,

Stable and successful democracies presuppose the rule of law. Legal certainty, due process and the availability of effective remedies are essential for economic actors as well as all individuals. Equally important is trust in the equal and impartial functioning of legal safeguards, supported by the general experience of the broad public. If poor and disadvantaged people face difficulties in finding the appropriate remedy for their case, if seeking justice is factually a privilege of better educated and wealthier citizens, this challenges the legitimacy of the democratic system as such. It is therefore of pivotal importance to eliminate disparities in accessing the goods of the legal system. Even if this task is eminently the domain of the state, lawyers in general bear responsibility for promoting justice by protecting the rights of the individuals.



The first European Pro Bono Forum is certainly a groundbreaking project in this field. It reflects the understanding that even finding access to existing pro bono services might be difficult, and that non-governmental organisations play an important linking role between those in need and law firms willing to provide such services. Indeed, poverty is often more than lacking financial means: it is accompanied by the lack of knowledge of how one can protect his or her very legitimate interests. NGOs can help, since they may possess information on typical difficulties of those seeking justice and can propose already existing and tested strategies to find the best solution for the case at hand.

Today, the role and importance of the state seems to diminish. I do believe that this trend is only a temporary one, and later we will have a better understanding of what are the indispensable functions of an ideal state. Nevertheless, the incapability of the state to respond to all social needs makes solidarity among members of the society more relevant. It points to the fact that in many instances solidarity through the state can play only a subsidiary role. Present developments therefore help us to reflect on basic moral imperatives. I am convinced that those who have gathered at the first European Pro Bono Forum have been led here by such considerations. In that spirit I wish you a fruitful conference.

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László Sólyom

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## WELCOME FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Welcome to the first annual European Pro Bono Forum, a truly international symposium dedicated to assessment and development of the growing field of pro bono legal services: those legal services provided without a fee, or expectation of a fee, principally to benefit poor or underprivileged people or communities or the organizations that assist them.

Recent years have witnessed a remarkable rise worldwide in the legal profession's interest in helping people in need. While lawyers have always considered it their duty to help the poor, the increasing coordination of these efforts has resulted in pro bono "roundtables" in Paris, Warsaw, Frankfurt, and other cities in Europe and elsewhere. Lawyers are devoting more time and resources to direct their skills efficiently and effectively to help others, whether the clients are local or in other parts of the world.

We on the Forum Organising Committee anticipate that this event will inspire even greater efforts by the European legal community to fulfill our duty, using the means available to us, to promote a more fair and equitable legal system in collaboration with legal services organizations, bar associations, academic institutions, governmental actors, foundations, and non-governmental organizations. We have invited members of all of these sectors to join what we hope will be an annual symposium, and we encourage each of you to participate fully in the proceedings. No question is too elementary, no issue is too controversial: while our purpose is unified, we are acutely aware that our experience, backgrounds, traditions and legal systems may be vastly diverse. It is only by communicating the challenges we face -- and the steps we may have taken to overcome them -- that we are able to encourage this important work.

We look forward to working with you, we encourage you to suggest ways we might improve or change the Forum for the next year, and we hope to see you again in 2008!

Organising Committee:

**Patricia A. Brannan**, Partner, Hogan & Hartson LLP

**Miriam Buhl**, Pro Bono Counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

**Michael L. Cheroutes**, Of Counsel, Hogan & Hartson LLP

**Manfred Gabriel**, Associate, Latham & Watkins LLP

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**Atanas Politov**, Program Director, Public Interest Law Institute

**Edwin Rekosh**, Executive Director, Public Interest Law Institute

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## PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INSTITUTE

The Public Interest Law Institute works hand-in-hand with lawyers and public interest activists across the globe to build rights-respecting societies based on the rule of law. Founded at Columbia University in 1997 and now headquartered in Budapest, Hungary, PILI's mission is to stimulate public interest advocacy worldwide and to develop the institutions necessary to sustain it. In addition to its Budapest headquarters, PILI conducts its work from hubs in New York, Moscow, Belgrade and Beijing.

Whether in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Balkans, China, or the other locales where PILI works, its chief aims are to increase access to justice for poor and marginalized communities, strengthen public interest advocacy, and nurture the next generation of civil society leaders.

PILI programs:

**Promoting Pro Bono** – Institutionalizing pro bono practice by law firms and individual lawyers in order to leverage private sector resources for the public good.

**Legal Aid Reform** – Improving state-supported legal-aid systems in order to enhance access to justice for socially vulnerable, poor and disadvantaged people.

**Legal Education Reform** – Fostering new generations of more effective and socially oriented lawyers by making legal education more practice-oriented, with an emphasis on clinical legal education.

**NGO Advocacy** – Building the advocacy capacity of civil society organizations.

**Public Interest Law Fellowships** – Assisting the professional development of future public interest leaders.

More information about PILI and a wide variety of resources can be found on our website at [www.pili.org](http://www.pili.org).



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## ABOUT PILI'S PRO BONO PROGRAM

PILI's **Pro Bono Clearinghouse in Hungary** was formally launched in 2006, thus far assisting 13 NGOs with 17 pro bono client matters. PILI has also established a **Global Pro Bono Clearinghouse** to match needs in one country to resources in another, focusing particularly on Europe. As part of its global efforts PILI has served 13 NGOs in 30 pro bono matters. Over 30 law firms are participating in these combined efforts so far.

In Poland, PILI is partnering with the Legal Clinics Foundation, the Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and Ashoka Foundation to promote pro bono work. In China, after successful roundtables in Beijing and Hong Kong, PILI is advancing the development of law firm pro bono programs by building relationships between firms and public interest organizations, laying the groundwork for an eventual pro bono clearinghouse.



Polish lawyers signing Pro Bono Declaration at the June 2007 Roundtable

# AGENDA FOR THE EUROPEAN PRO BONO FORUM

**Venue:** Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum, Rakoczi ut 43-45. 1088 Budapest, Hungary  
Tel: + 36 1 477 5300; Fax: + 36 1 477 5353

*Wednesday, 17 October 2007*

**16:00–20:00 Conference Registration**

*Thursday, 18 October 2007*

**8:30–9:30 Conference Registration**

**9:30–11:00 Forum Opening**

*Welcome:* Edwin Rekosh, Executive Director, Public Interest Law Institute

*Speakers:*

- Lord Phillips of Sudbury
- Alexandra Turton, Senior Counsel - Labour and Employment - Europe, Middle East and Africa, General Electric Company

*11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break*

**11:30 – 13:00 Getting Started: Comparative Perspectives**

*Moderator:* Miriam Buhl, Pro Bono Counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

*Speakers:*

- James Kearney, Partner, Chair of the Pro Bono Committee, Latham & Watkins
- Joan Vermuelen, Founding Director, The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice
- Robert Gill, Chief Executive, LawWorks
- Ellen P. Chapnick, Dean for Social Justice Initiatives, Columbia Law School
- Esther F. Lardent, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center

Discussion

*13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break*

## **Luncheon Remarks:**

James Kearney, Partner, Chair of the Pro Bono Committee, Latham & Watkins  
*presented by Eva Hegedus, Board of Trustees, PILI Foundation*

## **14:30 – 16:00 Workshops**

### **Workshop I: Getting a Pro Bono Programme Started**

*Moderator:* Felicity Kirk, Director of Pro Bono, White & Case

*Speakers:*

- Francis Herbert, Partner, Allen & Overy
- Orsolya Szabo, Associate, Reczicza White & Case
- Rafael Vargas, Partner, Uria Menedez

Discussion

### **Workshop II: Developed Pro Bono Programmes: Issues and Challenges**

*Moderator:* Patricia A. Brannan, Partner, Hogan & Hartson

*Speakers:*

- Chris Marshall, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Advocates for International Development (A4ID) and Pro Bono & Community Manager, European and Middle East offices, Reed Smith Richards Butler
- Saralyn M. Cohen, Pro Bono Counsel and Director of Pro Bono, Shearman & Sterling

Discussion

*16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break*

### **16:15 – 17:30 Plenary Session: Current Developments in Continental Europe**

*Moderator:* Suzanne E. Turner, Partner, Dechert

*Speakers:*

- Elaine Radford, Head of CSR for Europe and Asia, DLA Piper
- Dietmar Knopp, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Christopher Noblet, Partner, Partos & Noblet in co-operation with Lovells
- Filip Czernicki, President, Polish Legal Clinics Foundation

Discussion

## **Evening: Boat trip with Dinner on the Danube River**

Boarding time: 19:30-20:00

Location: 5th district of Budapest, Petofi square at the Elizabeth (Erzsebet) bridge, dock nr 9

Boat name: "Zsofia"

*Friday, 19 October 2007*

### **09:00 – 10:00 NGO Marketplace**

*10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break*

### **10:15 – 12:00 Workshops**

#### **Workshop I: NGOs: How to Cooperate with Law Firms**

*Moderator:* Manfred Gabriel, Associate, Latham & Watkins

*Speakers:*

- Tamas Barabas, Legal Officer, Public Interest Law Institute
- Jean Berman, Executive Director, International Senior Lawyers Project
- Miriam Buhl, Pro Bono Counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges
- Jan Hegemann, Partner, Hogan & Hartson

Discussion

#### **Workshop II: Law Firms: How NGOs Work**

*Moderator:* Atanas Politov, Program Director, Public Interest Law Institute

*Speakers:*

- Adam Bodnar, Head of Strategic Litigation Program, Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
- Agnieszka Naumiuk, Regional director for Europe, Central Asia and Middle East, United Way International
- Zsuzsanna Piko, Programme Officer, the Nonprofit Information and Training Centre
- Barbora Bukovska, Legal Director, Mental Disability Advocacy Center

Discussion

**12:00 – 12:30 Concluding Remarks:** Edwin Rekosh, Executive Director, Public Interest Law Institute

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

For nearly a decade **Tamas Barabas** has been an advocate for Hungarian NGOs, with experience in working for, and lobbying in the interests of non-profits and religious charities. With a background in PR communications and legal studies he has been working on extending the capacities of, and providing resources for the NGO community through new, innovative means. Mr Barabas is currently working for the Public Interest Law Institute as a Legal Officer, assisting in the start-up of the first Hungarian Pro Bono Clearinghouse and participating in several pro bono related PILI projects in Central and Eastern Europe. While still a student he spent a year as a project coordinator of the Non-profit Clinical Legal project at ELTE University.

**Jean Berman** is the Executive Director of the International Senior Lawyers Project, a seven-year old non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote the rule of law, equitable economic development and human rights worldwide by providing international pro bono legal assistance by experienced lawyers, both retired and in active practice, and law firms. During her six years at ISLP, Ms Berman has worked with the founding Board to implement projects in more than 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, including Russia, and Latin America.

Prior to joining ISLP, Ms Berman was a Senior Staff Attorney at Lawyers Alliance for New York, where she represented non-profit organisations serving low-income communities, concentrating on issues related to the development of housing for low-income individuals and families. Earlier in her legal career, Ms Berman was associated with the New York office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in New York City and Berle, Butzel, Kass & Case, a New York law firm specializing in environmental law. A graduate of Harvard University and the New York University School of Law, Ms Berman spent the year 1970-71 in Yugoslavia on a Fulbright Scholarship. She also lived for one year each in Moscow, Russia and Geneva, Switzerland.

**Adam Bodnar** is the head of the Strategic Litigation Program at the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Warsaw) and lecturer at the Human Rights Department of the Warsaw University. Mr Bodnar graduated from the Warsaw University (M.A., 2000, Ph.D., 2006) and Central European University in Budapest (LL.M. in Comparative Constitutional Law, 2001). Before joining the NGO sector, Adam Bodnar worked as an associate for Weil Gotshal & Manges, Warsaw office (1999 – 2004).

The Strategic Litigation Program started operations at the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in November 2004. It includes approximately 100 precedent cases, which are litigated in order to bring systemic change in the human rights' protection in Poland. The biggest success of the Program is a victory in the ECHR case of *Baczkowski and others v. Poland*, which concerned sexual minorities' right to enjoy freedom of as-

sembly. The Program introduced also the practice to submit amicus curiae briefs by Polish NGOs to the European Court of Human Rights and the Polish Constitutional Court. The Strategic Litigation Program cooperates closely with pro bono attorneys and law firms. Among its partners are international law firms (e.g. Weil Gotshal & Manges, Dechert, Magnusson) and domestic law firms (e.g. Lesnodorski Slusarek i Wspólnicy, Wardynski i Wspólnicy, Chajec Don-Siemion & Zyto).

**Patricia Brannan's** practice involves a wide range of litigation matters, including representation of clients in arbitrations, and bench and jury trials in federal and state courts. She also argued before state and federal appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and has provided congressional testimony. The primary focus of her practice has been the representation of educational institutions in litigation. In 2004 she became the partner in charge of the firm's Community Services Department.

Ms Brannan has spoken widely on civil rights-related issues and served as a reviewing editor of a leading national education law publication. She has been honoured by organisations such as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for her contribution to enforcement of the civil rights laws. She is a former chair of the Board on Professional Responsibility for the District of Columbia, and has taught Professional Responsibility at the George Washington University School of Law.

After graduating from law school, Ms Brannan clerked for the Honorable John M. Ferren on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for one year before joining the firm as an associate in 1980. She was elected to the partnership in 1987 and served as the director of the firm's education practice for nine years. The firm's Community Services Department, which Ms Brannan now heads, is devoted exclusively to providing pro bono legal services.

**Miriam Buhl** is Pro Bono Counsel at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, where she directs the office that coordinates pro bono matters handled by the firm's attorneys. Until April 2005, Ms Buhl was state director for the Greater New York Chapter of the March of Dimes, one of the largest nonprofits in the U.S. She supervised all of the charity's operations throughout lower New York State. From 1999 to 2004, Ms Buhl was executive director of The New York Women's Foundation, a cross-cultural alliance of women dedicated to helping low-income women and girls throughout the city achieve sustained economic independence. From 1997 to 1999, Ms Buhl was founding director of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Public Service Network, a program to link volunteer attorneys with public service organisations. She also served as executive director of the fair housing agency Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., from 1993 to 1997, and staff attorney for The Legal Aid Society's Civil Division, Brooklyn Neighborhood Office. She is a member of the board of directors for the City Bar Justice Center, is a member of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel, and serves on the City Bar Pro Bono & Public Service Committee the New York State Bar Committee on Legal Aid, and the Federal Bar Council Public Service Committee.

**Barbora Bukovska** is a Czech-Slovak human rights attorney, currently working as a Legal Director of Mental Disability Advocacy Center, an international organisation that advances the human rights of children and adults with actual or perceived intellectual or psycho-social (mental health) disabilities. Focusing on Europe and Central Asia, MDAC uses a combination of law and advocacy to promote equality and social integration. MDAC also litigates cases of people with disabilities domestically and at the European Court of Human Rights.

Prior to 2006, Ms Bukovska worked with different human rights organisations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, focusing primarily on discrimination of Roma in access to housing, employment, public accommodation and health care. Since 2002, she has been working on the issue of forced sterilization of Romani women in Slovakia. Ms Bukovska holds an LL.M degree from Harvard Law School and is also a member of the New York Bar.

**Ellen P. Chapnick** is the Dean for Social Justice Initiatives at Columbia Law School. She also teaches the Externship on Pro Bono Practice and Design. Her work at Columbia includes establishing its LL.M Pro Bono Fellowship Program, its mandatory and voluntary pro bono program for JDs and consulting regarding pro bono to schools in the U.S. and abroad, including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Poland. She joined Columbia in 1993 as the founder and Dean of its Center for Public Interest Law and held that position until July 2003.

Prior to Columbia, she was a partner at Wolf Popper Ross Wolf & Jones where, among other matters, she was a lead counsel for class plaintiffs in *In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation* and for asbestos property damage claimants in *In re Johns-Manville*. She also had been a staff attorney at the Puerto Rican Institute for Civil Rights in San Juan and at various labor unions. Her recent pro bono work includes chairing the LSNY-Bronx board (current) and serving as president of the Center for Constitutional Rights. Dean Chapnick received the Association of American Law School's Father Drinan Award for forwarding the ethic of pro bono and public service in law schools and other awards. She is an honours graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences.

**Saralyn M. Cohen** is Pro Bono Counsel and Director of Pro Bono at Shearman & Sterling, LLP. Located in the New York office, she and her staff, with the support of the firm's Pro Bono Committee, lead the firm's worldwide pro bono program. In 2006 the firm contributed more than 40,000 hours of pro bono legal service. Ms Cohen is a 1988 graduate of Brooklyn Law School. She is admitted to practice in New York, as well as before the United States District Court of New York, Southern and Eastern Districts, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. Ms Cohen's personal pro bono efforts focus on low-income immigrants. Her work has garnered her awards from such organisations as the New York State Bar Association, In-Motion, the Legal Aid Society, Sanctuary for Families and the Sirius Foundation.

**Filip Czernicki** is a Warsaw University Law Faculty graduate, works on promoting and establishment of legal clinics in Poland and Eastern Europe. Author of several articles and publications on legal clinics. He is a co-founder of Warsaw University Law Faculty legal clinic - the second oldest legal clinic in Poland as well as co-founder and President of the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation. Polish Legal Clinics Foundation is a national organisation aimed to provide financial, organisational and merit support to the network of 24 legal clinics. Polish Legal Clinics Foundation organizes annual Pro Bono Lawyer Contest (already 5<sup>th</sup> edition), promotes pro bono activities among the legal society and this year starts a new clearinghouse project named: Pro Bono Center.

Mr Filip Czernicki is a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, Head of the Supervisory Board of the Polish National NGO's Forum, former President of the Pro-European Youth Organizations Forum working under supervision of the President of the Republic. He is a former member of the International Board of The European Law Students' Association and co-founder of the Polish NGOs Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

A social science graduate from the University of Birmingham **Robert Gill** was a British Civil Servant for over 30 years spending much of his latter career dealing with the voluntary sector and the legal aid and pro bono elements of the law. Since 2005 he has been Chief Executive of LawWorks which is the only national pro bono organisation in England and Wales. During this time LawWorks has assisted around 50,000 individuals and over 1000 voluntary and community groups by linking their needs with over 2000 lawyers willing to provide free legal services.

LawWorks offers a wide variety of ways in which the legal profession can get involved in pro bono services including advanced and secure internet systems. In recent years mediation too has become an important and growing service on offer. LawWorks has recently expanded its services to provide a resource for students and law schools and will shortly be taking on a more proactive role in pro bono policy development.

**Manfred J. Gabriel** is a senior associate in the Litigation Department of Latham & Watkins's New York office. His global practice includes antitrust law and a broad variety of transactions such as litigation and compliance matters. Mr Gabriel regularly advises clients on U.S. and international pre-merger notification issues, franchising, distribution, joint ventures, trade association, vertical restraints and coordinated interaction, information exchange and monopolization matters. Before specializing in antitrust law, Mr Gabriel practiced in the mergers & acquisitions field. He is admitted to practice in Germany, New York, and Massachusetts.

Mr Gabriel is a member of Latham & Watkins's Pro Bono Committee, and active in pro bono publico representations. He is responsible for developing the firm's international pro bono efforts. He has spoken at several conferences on issues of global pro bono practices and opportunities.

**Eva Hegedus** obtained her Hungarian law degree in 1985 and her JD from Washington University in 1991. She is a member of the Hungarian and the American Bar Association and is also licensed to practice law in Illinois, Missouri and the District of Columbia. Ms Hegedus' early fondness for pro bono issues was demonstrated by her working for the Hungarian Red Cross between 1985-87 and also by taking a summer associate position at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri in 1989. Her first job after her US studies was with Baker & McKenzie in Chicago and Budapest between 1992 and 1995.

After 2 years with a German law firm in Budapest she was asked to re-launch Allen & Overy's Hungarian practice in 1997. She became a partner and the managing partner of the Budapest office in 1999. Ms Hegedus also headed up the Budapest corporate practice of Allen & Overy leading her team on such high profile transactions as the privatisation of Postabank and Antenna Hungaria. She also acquired extensive experience in the area of project finance through transactions such as the HUF 43 billion retrofit project financing of the Matra Power Station. As a partner with Allen & Overy (a firm known as a keen advocate of pro bono work), Ms Hegedus became involved with PILI's activities in 2004 and was appointed as a member of PILI's board in 2005. She also assisted PILI with some of its legal work on a pro bono basis. Ms Hegedus retired from the Allen & Overy partnership in May 2005 to achieve a life style change but continued her pro bono work with PILI. She has recently also started her own law practice.

**Jan Hegemann's** practice focuses on intellectual property, information technology, press and media, the arts, and entertainment. His clients include numerous publishing companies, theaters, universities, and several internationally known artists and authors. Jan represents two of Berlin's three major newspaper publishers and advises politicians and artists with regard to press and media law. In addition, he provides advice for German literature publishers and represents several information technology companies, with a particular emphasis on intellectual property protection and software rights.

Prior to joining Hogan & Hartson Raue, Jan was a partner in the Berlin office of a leading German law firm.

Jan served as a judicial clerk in Berlin and Tokyo. Since 1996 Jan has been an associate lecturer for culture and media law at the Academy of Music "Hanns Eisler" in Berlin and obtained the title of Professor in 2002. He has been awarded an honorary professorship at Freie Universität Berlin in 2005.

**Francis Herbert** is a partner of Allen & Overy. At the Allen & Overy Belgium and EU office he is the partner in charge of pro bono activities and has worked with the A&O Belgium Pro Bono Partners Committee to help institutionalise pro bono work at A&O Belgium, where its offices contribute over 5,000 hours to A&O's contribution of 46,000 hours of pro bono work last year. He led the firm's first multi-jurisdictional pro bono project, for the charity Child Focus, in which eleven A&O offices made recommendations on the implementation of the Hague Convention on parental abduction. Francis is currently leading A&O's next multi-jurisdictional pro bono project for Miss-

ing Children Europe, which should involve all of A&O's European offices in a legal analysis of how payment systems can be used to track perpetrators of child pornography on the internet. He is the co-founder and Secretary General of OVK-PEVR, a Belgian organisation of families of young victims of road accidents which has promoted legislative reform for greater road safety.

**James V. Kearney** is a partner in the New York Office of Latham & Watkins LLP. Mr Kearney is chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee which was awarded the American Bar Association's 2003 Pro Bono Publico Award. He has been involved in cross-border pro bono representations. He was the founder and has served for five years as the national coordinator of the firm's 450 member litigation department's advocacy training programs in the U.S. and Europe. He has taught trial advocacy to practicing lawyers as a member of the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (Northeast Regional Program).

Mr Kearney has expertise in the development and implementation of jury research and trial strategy in a variety of substantive areas. Mr Kearney has managed the representation of a number of consumer product manufacturers, as U.S. national coordinating and trial counsel, in products liability litigation, including multiple individual actions throughout the U.S., aggregate claims litigation, national and state-wide class actions, state law private attorney general actions and state and federal government litigation and regulatory proceedings. Mr Kearney has expertise representing clients in cases involving the First Amendment protection provided to commercial speech in the U.S. In the past several years, he lectured in five European cities on U.S. jury trials, cross-border discovery and the enforcement of foreign judgments.

**Felicity Kirk** practised as an aircraft financing lawyer in Paris and Tokyo before running the pro bono programme at Clifford Chance for four years. She joined White & Case, London in 2001 as Director of Pro Bono and is responsible for the pro bono and social responsibility programme for the EMEA Region encompassing some 20 offices.

She is a Director of the Corporate Responsibility Group, which represents a hundred leading businesses in the area of corporate social responsibility and a member of the Paris Bar. Felicity has 3 children and no spare time.

**Dietmar Knopp** has been a partner since 1982 and works in the Frankfurt office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. He is a member of the environment, planning and regulatory group (EPR) and of the healthcare sector group.

Mr Knopp is a commercial and regulatory litigation partner specialising in general product safety and product liability issues as well as in industry sector specific regulatory issues relating to pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and food. In his legal services and advice to clients, he emphasises primarily on two areas of work: i) product liability defence litigation, particularly in disputes spanning several jurisdictions, and ii) product related "life cycle advice" dealing with legal, primarily regulatory, IP, EU law and commercial contracts issues typically arising during the life cycle of industry products in the highly regulated industries mentioned above.

In 2001 Dietmar Knopp took over the role of a CSR partner for Germany and has since then promoted and facilitated the community affairs and pro bono work in the German offices of the firm. He also represents the continental European countries in the firm wide Community and Pro Bono Committee.

Dietmar Knopp was born in Pfalzel/Trier, Germany, in 1951. He studied law in Bonn and pursued his professional education in Cologne and Brussels. He joined the firm in 1977.

**Esther F. Lardent** is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, a highly regarded global public interest organisation that offers research, analysis, technical assistance, publications, and training on innovative approaches to enhance access to justice for the poor and disadvantaged. Long active in legal services and the organized bar, Ms Lardent serves in the ABA's House of Delegates and has served as chair or member of numerous ABA committees and task forces, including the Commission on Immigration, Consortium on Legal Services and the Public, Commission on Domestic Violence, Task Force on Terrorism, and various ABA committees on *pro bono* and legal services. She was a member of the ABA Board of Governors from 1996 to 1999. She also serves as an adviser to the DC Bar's Pro Bono Project. Her international *pro bono* work includes travel to Australia as a Fulbright Fellow and to Brazil for the Department of State, as well as speaking engagements at conferences in London and Ontario. She is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University. Most recently, she has been named Co-Chair of DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP's innovative global *pro bono* project, New Perimeter.

**Chris Marshall** is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Advocates for International Development (A4ID) and Pro Bono & Community Manager of the European and Middle East offices of Reed Smith Richards Butler. He is a member of the UK Attorney General's International and Domestic Pro Bono Committees as well as the UK National Pro Bono Week Planning Committee.

A4ID is an international lawyers organisation that works to bring together lawyers in the developed and developing world to ensure access to justice. Its programmes focus on economic, social and cultural rights and include trade, investment, debt, finance, governance and human rights issues. Mr Marshall heads A4ID's Trade & Investment Working Group, which has been involved in projects ranging from training government lawyers across Latin America on investment treaty negotiation and dispute resolution through to advice to developing countries on their trade relations with the EU. A4ID is acknowledged as the leading international pro bono charity in the UK and has brokered over 85 projects since its launch last October. It currently has projects ongoing in South America, Asia and Africa.

Reed Smith Richards Butler (RSRB) is a global law firm with a strong commitment to pro bono and community service. Mr Marshall is responsible for developing and managing programmes for its lawyers across offices across Europe and the Middle East. The firm works with a large number of local and international NGOs and focuses its work on both the local communities surrounding its offices and the global envi-

ronment in which it works. RSRB's programmes focus on access to justice, environmental issues, social entrepreneurship and the support of young people.

**Agnieszka Naumiuk**, a native and resident of Poland, joined United Way International as a consultant for Europe, Central Asia and Middle East. She brings with her a wealth of experience as an educator, finance expert, trainer and advisor to several European organisations and institutions. She has a Masters Degree from Warsaw University, Department of Pedagogy and Ph.D. in Social Science. She is Assistant Professor at Warsaw University at the faculty of Social Pedagogy. Her fields of interest are: community mobilization and impact, community education, innovative methods of working with the communities, civil society, NGO development, volunteerism and broad aspects of social pedagogy.

Before taking up the teaching career she worked for United Way Poland for six years as a senior staff for funds distribution, operations, donor management and EU project coordinator. She has been also working as volunteer and trainer for various non-profit organisations. She is committed to work that is worthwhile, stands for human values and aspires to professional management. She likes very much to work with enthusiastic people who want to change something in life.

**Christopher Noblet** is a partner at Partos & Noblet in co-operation with Lovells LLP, the associated Budapest office of international law firm Lovells. Christopher has been working in Budapest since 2000.

Mr Noblet specialises in corporate/commercial law. His work has included both advising multi-national companies on their investments in Hungary as well as advising Hungarian companies considering linking their corporate strategies with non-Hungarian entities. Christopher is an English qualified lawyer and is a registered EU lawyer at the Budapest Bar. Christopher is currently the treasurer & an executive council member of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hungary.

Mr Noblet has assisted in a number of pro bono projects while in Hungary including the SOS Children's Village project through PILI.

Prior to moving to Hungary, Mr Noblet worked in the London office of Lovells.

**Andrew Phillips** was born in 1939 in Suffolk, England, where he still lives. After Cambridge University he qualified as a lawyer (solicitor) in 1964 and in 1970 established his own firm in London (Bates Wells & Braithwaite, London) in which he is now a consultant. He is a specialist in charity law but has wide experience in other branches of law.

He has established three national charities over the last 35 years, including the Solicitors' Pro Bono Group (now called 'LawWorks'), another being the Citizenship Foundation, which has brought basic legal education to young people of all ages, mainly in schools.

The Solicitors' Pro Bono Group now has a staff of ten and works through member firms to expand pro bono help to the public at a time when state legal aid for those in legal need is diminishing. Many of the larger firms now have full-time pro bono co-

ordinators, and the charity has the active support of The Law Society and the Government.

Andrew Phillips has been active in a number of other spheres, and was admitted to the House of Lords (the Upper House of Parliament) in 1998. Prior to that he was a parliamentary candidate and throughout this period he has been heavily involved in newspapers and broadcasting.

He is a family man with a wide interest in the arts, architecture, history and sports.

**Zsuzsanna Piko** is the Programme Officer of the Nonprofit Information and Training Centre (NIOK). The mission of NIOK is to strengthen civil society in Hungary by providing capacity building services to the non-governmental organisations and by building an environment supportive of the long-term future of NGOs. NIOK was founded in 1993 by the Hungarian Nonprofit Research Association. Main programmes are: Information on and about nonprofits, Facilitating the Philanthropic Environment in Hungary and the Civil Service Center (nationwide network of service centers).

Ms Piko is responsible for the Civil Service Center network and the training programmes for NIOK. She works as an adviser and as a trainer as well on the field of NGO capacity building, proposal writing and fundraising for NGOs. She collected her experience not just in Hungary but also in Scotland and Belgium and Central and Eastern Europe.

**Atanas Politov** is a Program Director and has worked with the Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) since 2002. Currently he is responsible for managing PILI's programs in Legal Aid Reform and Promoting Pro Bono Practice. He has developed large-scale legal aid reform projects in Bosnia and Serbia, coordinated PILI's contribution to legal aid reform in other countries, coordinated the organisation's efforts to promote pro bono in Europe and overseen the development of the pro bono clearinghouse in Hungary.

Mr Politov received his legal training in his native Bulgaria where he also worked as a staff attorney for the Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights. He subsequently received his LL.M. from Columbia Law School in 2002 and is a former Fulbright Scholar. Throughout both his academic and professional career, Mr Politov has promoted the advancement of human rights principles, most recently focusing his energy equally on the development of legal aid infrastructure and the promotion of pro bono practices in Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans and Russia.

**Elaine Radford**, Head of CSR for Europe and Asia. Having joined DLA Piper in 2000 to manage the firm's relationship with The Prince's Trust, Elaine was subsequently appointed to drive and co-ordinate CSR activity across Europe and Asia. Her role covers the strategic development of CSR from a local and global perspective, as well as internal and external communications and the management of partner relationships. Elaine also takes a lead role in the management and development of DLA Piper's Global Sustainability Initiative as the Firm moves toward global accreditation of ISO 140001.

Ms Radford sits on the Advisory Board of UK charity LawWorks and is a member of the Organising Committee for the UK's National Pro Bono Week. She also sits on the Board of the Construction and Business Services Leadership Group and Chairs its Communications Committee.

Ms Radford currently mentors a number of CSR professionals from the business sector and has also been a mentor to entrepreneurs from disadvantaged backgrounds and students. She is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars.

**Edwin Rekosh** is the founder and Executive Director of the Public Interest Law Institute. PILI works hand-in-hand with lawyers and public interest activists across the globe to build rights-respecting societies based on the rule of law. Founded at Columbia University in 1997 and now headquartered in Budapest, Hungary, PILI's mission is to advance human rights by stimulating public interest advocacy worldwide and to develop the institutions necessary to sustain it. PILI pursues this mission through programs in Legal Aid Reform, Legal Education Reform, Promoting Pro Bono, NGO Advocacy, and Public Interest Law Fellowships. In addition to its Budapest headquarters, PILI conducts its work from hubs in New York, Moscow, Belgrade and Beijing.

For fifteen years, Mr Rekosh has been a leader in the effort to promote the development of public interest law throughout Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Republics and more recently in China. He teaches Human Rights, Law and Development at Columbia University School of Law and has been a visiting professor at Central European University in Budapest. He previously worked as a consultant for the Ford Foundation, as a project director for the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights) in Romania, and as an associate at Coudert Brothers. As a student at Columbia Law School, he co-founded the Human Rights Watch Film Festival.

**Orsolya Szabo** is a Romanian and Hungarian qualified associate of Reczicza White & Case LLP ("White & Case"), resident in the Budapest office of White & Case. She joined the firm in May 2005 as a member of the mergers and acquisitions and private equity practice groups. Ms Szabo has an LL.M in Human Rights which she received from the Central European University in Budapest.

Ms Szabo has advised in many of the firm's landmark transactions involving major private equity and corporate clients. She has also been involved in numerous transactions undertaken by the firm in Romania.

Ms Szabo has represented White & Case's Budapest office at the Pro Bono Coordinators' Committee established by the Public Interest Law Institute in Budapest and has been working on pro bono matters on behalf of White & Case's Budapest office. She has been providing legal advice and assistance to the Nonprofit Information and Training Center (NIOK) on a range of matters arising from NIOK's mandate to provide non-governmental organisations in Hungary with useful and easily accessible information.

Her particular interest is doing cross-border commercial transactions in Central and Eastern Europe and promoting the support for civil society among lawyers in the region.

**Suzanne E. Turner** is a partner and chair of the firm-wide Pro Bono practice at Dechert LLP. Her practice involves a wide range of human and civil rights litigation. Ms Turner also has more than 17 years of experience as a litigator, concentrating primarily in employment and labour law.

Throughout her career, Ms Turner has been active in many organisations focused on access to justice and community service issues. Currently, Ms Turner is a trustee of the London-based LawWorks and the Budapest headquartered Public Interest Law Institute. She is also on the board of the U.S.-based Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service.

In 2000-01, she was a visiting fellow at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, and also served as a legal consultant for Interights, an international human rights law centre based in London.

Ms Turner is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia School of Law. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms Turner is the recipient of the 1992 Pro Bono Publico Award from the American Bar Association, the 1994 Equal Justice Award from Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, the 1996 Fidelity Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association, the 2001 Striving Towards Excellence Award from Pennsylvania Legal Services and in 2004 was named by The Lawyer (London) as one of the UK's 'Hot 100' Lawyers.

**Rafael Vargas** joined Uria Menendez in 1993 and became a partner in 2000. He was a resident partner in the New York office of the firm between 2000 and 2002 where he invested time to see how the U.S. pro bono experience could be implemented in Spain. Since 2005, Rafael is Vice-Chairman and Member of the Board of the "Fundacion Profesor Uria", a non-profit community-service organisation founded by Uria Menendez aimed at promoting, facilitating and channelling social pro bono activities among the members of Uria Menendez.

Currently, Rafael devotes all of his efforts and time to the Foundation with a special focus on pro bono projects for other non-profit associations and individuals as well as for the promotion of legal education to those in need (children, senior citizens, prisoners and people in poor areas). The aim of Uria Menendez is to devote 30,000 hours as pro-bono work per year. In addition, the Foundation also provides economic aid to projects of third parties. Rafael is also member of the Pro-bono Committee of Lex Mundi and a member of several Spanish and foreign non-profit organisations. Uria Menendez is one of the first Spanish firms to establish a pro-bono practice with two partners working full time on the project. The firm currently has almost 600 lawyers and fourteen offices in Europe, the United States and Latin America. Uria Menendez operates mainly in the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America where the firm provides legal advice under Spanish, Portuguese and European Union law on business related matters.

**Joan Vermeulen** is the Founding Director of The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, a Center within the New York City Bar Association to support progressive legal reforms, access to justice, rule of law and an ethic of social responsibility in the legal profession with a focus on countries emerging from a period of authoritarian, non-democratic government. She is responsible for the development and administration of a series of international access to justice programs in Latin America and southern and East Africa. Ms Vermeulen has also served as a consultant to numerous organisations in Argentina, Australia, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and South Africa in the areas of pro bono, professional responsibility and the rule of law. She has organized numerous international conferences on access to justice and public interest law including: Strategy Summit for the Americas: A Profession Supportive of Democracy; Partnerships Across Borders: An International Conference on Access to Justice; Lawyering for Poor Communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and the United States South African Public Interest Law Symposium.

Prior to founding the Vance Center, Ms Vermeulen served as Executive Director of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest from 1985-2000. In this capacity, she was responsible for the overall management of a public interest law office, the creation of an Environmental Justice Project and a Disability Law Center, and the increase of the private bar's involvement in pro bono initiatives.

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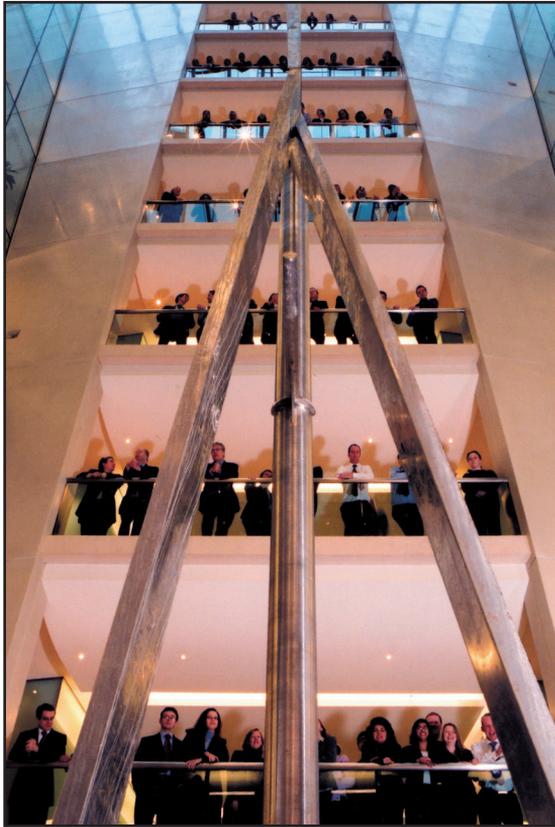
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