

PRO BONO TIME WELL SPENT



Pro bono work has been a cornerstone of Goodwin's guiding principles since its founding. Whether providing business-related pro bono assistance to small business owners or nonprofits, presenting part of America's case against the Nazis at Nuremberg, helping Massachusetts become the first state to recognize marriage rights of same-sex couples, or advocating for immigrants in asylum and naturalization cases (all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court), the dedication to pro bono work is a commitment that runs deep at Goodwin.

We know that pro bono work is our responsibility, given the high cost of legal services that are beyond the means of many individuals in need and the existence of many worthy causes. But doing this work is also a sincere privilege.

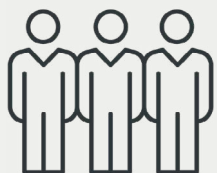
OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

The type of work that we do comes in many different forms (short- and long-term matters, with the opportunity to work in small or large teams) and covers a variety of legal disciplines, including:

- Non-profit/ Small Business Assistance
- Racial Justice Work
- Veterans' Related Legal Work
- Civil + Public Rights Work
- Immigration Law
- Voting Rights Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Poverty Law
- Real Estate Law
- Public Policy Work
- Environmental Law
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law

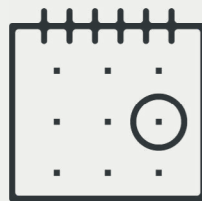
PRO BONO BY THE NUMBERS

50+ Encouraged minimum amount of lawyer pro bono hours/year



Average number of lawyers, paralegals and summer associates involved in pro bono client matters, in a typical year

1,100+



100%

Billable hour credit received for approved pro bono matters

1,000

Average number of pro bono clients/year

Number of in-house lawyers from 60+ companies working with Goodwin lawyers **360+**

75,000

Average pro bono hours/year



SUMMER ASSOCIATE FEEDBACK

“My pro bono assignment for [a nonprofit] in Southern California involved **drafting a consulting agreement and a content licensing agreement**. I have found the work very interesting, especially because it allowed me to explore transactional issues that I hope to be able to work on as a lawyer.”

“While working on a **public housing case**, I had the opportunity to research public housing law. I worked directly with a nurse from the Community Asthma Initiative and with a contact at the Volunteer Lawyers Project. This was a very rewarding experience, because through the housing transfer, the client’s 11-year-old asthmatic son was able to move back in with his mother after an 8-month separation. It also gave me experience negotiating with the Boston Housing Authority and with client communications.”

“I worked on very interesting pro bono matters (**a trademark office action and an eviction case**) that allowed me to practice skills and gain experience in other areas of the law, which I hope to apply to my pay-for-service work. I thought it was an excellent opportunity, and I think that anyone not participating in pro bono is missing out.”

SELECTED AWARDS + RECOGNITION

Goodwin received the prestigious **John H. Pickering Award** in 2019 from the Pro Bono Institute (PBI).

Bank of America recognized Goodwin with its inaugural **Law Firm Pro Bono Award**.

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) recognized Goodwin as the **“Firm of the Year”** for the firm’s DACA clinic.

MA Supreme Judicial Court honored the firm with the **Adams Pro Bono Publico Award** for its dedication to representing immigrant minors, and its innovative partnership with lawyers at Gillette to serve the needs of children.

Victim Rights Law Center honored Goodwin with its **Champion Award**.

Lawyers for Civil Rights recognized Goodwin’s Private Equity Debt Finance team in 2020 for their work supporting small businesses during the pandemic.

Legal Aid Society honored the firm with its **Pro Bono Publico Award**. In addition, Goodwin and IBM were honored for their naturalization clinics.

DC Parole Project recognized the firm with its **Outstanding Achievement Award**.

The California Innocence Project recognized the firm with its **XONR8R Award**.

GOODWIN ROBERT B. FRASER PRO BONO AWARD

The Robert B. Fraser Pro Bono Award annually recognizes outstanding contributions by one partner and one associate performing pro bono work on behalf of the firm. This recognition is based on the significance of the lawyer’s service to clients and/or community, and the lawyer’s special contributions to the establishment or expansion of pro bono programs at the firm.

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