



STB Clinic Helps Young Immigrants Apply for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

On June 10, New York Simpson Thacher associates, summer associates and paralegals were joined by staff from Volunteers Of Legal Services to help undocumented youth apply for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a temporary form of immigration relief for young immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. By the end of the evening clinic, where we met with the children and their families, we completed nine applications which were filed with the USCIS the next day. The families now await decision which can grant work authorization and a social security number. Participants included associates **Eric Shulman, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Park, Maria Carolina Gonzalez Diaz**, summer associates **Jamie Fell, Matthew Leighton, Chuan Liu, Charles Warthen, Joogwon Park, Lauren Sullivan, Kristen Harmon**, and paralegal **Maria Gonzalez**. **Harlene Katzman, Shannon Torres, Kathrine McClendon**, and VOLS attorney **Liz Markuci** supervised the clinic.



Recent Victories

After a Seven-Year Litigation, STB Wins Asylum for Gay Man from Colombia

In 2010, Immigration Equality referred to Simpson Thacher a gay man from Colombia who had been denied asylum by the Immigration Court in 2008, which decision was affirmed by the Bureau of Immigration Affairs (BIA) in 2009. The client's sexual orientation had caused him to be persecuted in his home country by FARC, a Colombian terrorist organization according to the U.S. State Department. Simpson Thacher attorneys appealed the BIA decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 2010. The STB team persuaded the Third Circuit to adopt our client's view of the facts. It concluded that the BIA failed to acknowledge significant aspects of our client's claim, and vacated the BIA's decision. The case was remanded to the Immigration Court for further proceedings.

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In April 2013, Simpson Thacher attorneys **Jason Gumer**, **Zara Ohiorhenuan** and **Joe McLaughlin**, with assistance from **Maria Gonzalez**, successfully represented our client in his hearing before the Immigration Court. Seven years after filing his original claim, our client was granted asylum and can finally call the United States his home.

STB Wins Asylum for Gay Man from Jamaica

Simpson Thacher attorneys **Paul Rodriguez** and **Katelyn Benton** successfully represented our client, a gay man from Jamaica who had been taunted and physically assaulted due to his sexual orientation, in his application for asylum. He was referred by Immigration Equality, a national organization fighting for equality under U.S. immigration law for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive individuals. The matter was supervised by **Alan Turner**.

STB Team Wins Summary Judgment in Housing Court

On June 26, the New York City Housing Court granted summary judgment to our client in a holdover proceeding, dismissing the landlord's petition. The landlord had alleged that our client was not entitled to remain in her rent-stabilized apartment because it was not her primary residence. The judge found that the landlord had failed to provide any affidavits or documentation to refute extensive evidence provided by the client to establish the apartment as her primary residence. The case was referred to Simpson Thacher by Manhattan Legal Services. The Simpson Thacher team included associates **Shannon McGovern** and **Andrew Blumberg** and was supervised by **Bill Russell** and **Linton Mann**. Paralegal **Maria Gonzalez** provided translation and interpretation assistance.

STB Wins Asylum for El Salvador Native

Simpson Thacher won asylum for a Salvadoran client who faced severe beatings and death threats as a result of his family's staunch opposition to gang violence and recruitment activities. Our client was represented by **Dean McGee**, summer associate **Patrick Campbell**, and supervised by partner **Joseph Tringali**. **Magallie Kortright** provided support as both a paralegal and translator. The matter was referred to the Firm by Kids in Need of Defense.

STB Wins Withholding of Removal for Honduran Native

Simpson Thacher won withholding of removal for a Honduran woman who was physically abused and threatened with death by her domestic partner during their three-year relationship. Our client was represented by associates **Rachel Sparks Bradley**, **Natalie Bedoya**, **Hiral Mehta**, summer associate **Meredith Karp**, and supervised by partner **Linda Martin**. Paralegal **Maria Gonzalez** provided translation and interpretation assistance. The matter was referred to the Firm by Human Rights First.

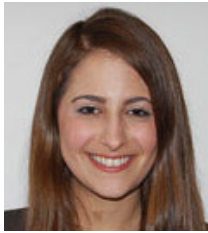
2013 Summer Public Interest Fellows

Now in its eighth year, the STB Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program sponsors summer associates who wish to complete a six-week self-designed public interest project during the second half of their summer. The Fellowship Program is designed to enable summer associates to provide public service assistance on a full-time basis to organizations, communities, or individuals in the United States or abroad.

During his fellowship at the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Advisor, **Kyle Brett** will split his time between the Office of European



Kyle Brett



Meredith Firetog



Leanne Welds



Katherine Zhao

Affairs and the Office of East Asia and Pacific Affairs. He will write legal memos addressing questions of international policy. **Leanne Welds** will be joining the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office in Kingston where she will assess a pilot program of the “Voluntary Copyright Registration System,” the first formal intellectual property registration on the island and a major step towards improving the country’s intellectual property protection infrastructure. Following her time at the Palo Alto office, **Katherine Zhao** will work with the American Civil Liberties Union’s Women’s Rights Project. She will assist with legal research and writing on various impact litigation cases, especially cases involving violence against women and fair housing. **Meredith Firetog** will spend her fellowship at Legal Momentum in New York, researching issues around single mothers in poverty, violence against women, and employment discrimination. In addition she will

assist in both litigation activities and intake, as well as draft letters, fact sheets, and articles. Congratulations to our four Fellows – we wish you well!

Palo Alto Rides the Justice Bus!

Through our partnership with the California not-for-profit OneJustice, STB summer associates in Palo Alto rode the Justice Bus to Watsonville Law Center on June 14th to staff a daylong clinic in a rural, low income community. After being trained on the bus, the summer associates spent the day assisting



Front Row L-R: Lauren Adriani, Jessie (OneJustice), Katherine Zhao, Meredith Pressfield, Willow Yang, Paralegal (Watsonville Law Center)
Back Row L- R: Colin Osiecki, Martin Freeman, Bryant Pulsipher, Drew Simon-Rooke, Intern (Watsonville Law Center), Mike Winn (OneJustice)

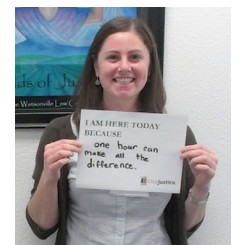
nine clients with criminal record clearances, and record expungement, which will help them eliminate these often significant barriers to employment. Palo Alto Attorney Recruiter **Lauren Adriani**, who organized and participated in the event said, “It was a truly inspiring day, and the summer associates really felt like they were making a difference.” Participants included **Katherine Zhao, Meredith Pressfield, Willow Yang, Colin Osiecki, Martin Freeman, Bryant Pulsipher, and Drew Simon-Rooke.**



Martin Freeman



Willow Yang



Meredith Pressfield



Bryant Pulsipher



Drew Simon-Rooke



STB Presents Legal Workshop for Bronx Council on the Arts

STB associates **Jim Cross** and **John Bennett** presented a workshop in June entitled, "For-Profit/Not-for-Profit Dilemma: Selecting The Right Legal Form," hosted by the Legal Aid Society and the Bronx Council on the Arts. The workshop intended to assist artists and social entrepreneurs with understanding the advantages and disadvantages of forming different kinds of legal entities. One workshop participant exclaimed, "This presentation is the best gift I could have received."

STB Associates in Palo Alto Assist Low Income Micro Entrepreneurs

Corporate attorneys in the Palo Alto office have established a partnership with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco's Legal Services for Entrepreneurs program. Over the past year, eight Simpson Thacher corporate attorneys have staffed a number of small business legal clinics for low income entrepreneurs in Chinatown, Oakland and other parts of the Bay Area, and taught legal workshops on issues including entity formation, contract review and general business legal services. Several attorneys have also taken client referral from the program for longer term representation. Attorneys who have participated in this program, overseen by **Kevin Kennedy**, include **Brendan Baker**, **Emiko Kurotsu**, **Jean Park**, **Diana Snyder**, **Andrew Sparks**, **Cara Walsh**, **Erica Wilson**, and **Robert Woodward**.

Partnership with Sheepshead Bay High School Comes to an End

Simpson Thacher's 20-year partnership with the Sheepshead Bay High School has come to an end following the Department of Education's decision to close the school. Hundreds of lawyers in the New York office have helped the Sheepshead Bay students prepare for statewide moot court and mock trial competitions. Associates have assisted with selecting students for Moot Court teams, summarizing cases, and helping students develop oral arguments, and prepare for mock trials and moot court arguments. While the program gave Simpson Thacher attorneys the opportunity to craft practice arguments around constitutional law issues and current affairs, most attorneys participated in the program for the opportunity to work with such dedicated children. We thank the attorneys and paralegals who have devoted significant time over the years to running and participating in the program, including the most recent leadership of associate **Omari Mason** and assistance of paralegal, **Kristin Glaudel**.

STB Awards Scholarship to Sheepshead Bay High School Senior

Simpson Thacher has awarded Christopher James Llego, a senior at Sheepshead Bay High School and active participant and member of the Sheepshead Bay High School Moot Court and Mock Trial team, a college scholarship for the fall of 2013. Chris's list of accomplishments include being selected to serve as one of sixteen student attorneys to serve on the All-Star International Moot Court Team that litigates at The Hague, a team he led to international victory. He was also named as one of the top ten oralists in the Princeton Fall Moot court Competitions. These



opportunities might never have presented themselves had it not been for the Simpson Thacher attorneys who assisted the mock trial team and mentored the students. Christopher is interested in becoming an international affairs attorney. He has been accepted at Cornell University and plans to attend in the Fall of 2013.

Awards/Community Service

Pete Ruegger Receives Servant of Justice Award from The Legal Aid Society of New York

Corporate partner and former Chairman of the Firm's Executive Committee Pete Ruegger was honored with the *Servant of Justice Award* by the Legal Aid Society at its 2013 Annual Awards Dinner, which was held on May 9, 2013 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. The Legal Aid Society is a private, not-for-profit legal services organization dedicated since 1876 to providing quality legal representation to low-income New Yorkers. Simpson Thacher has a long history of supporting the Society, including the work of our volunteer lawyers at Legal Aid clinics helping New Yorkers recover from Hurricane Sandy.



L-R: Raymond McGuire, Global Head of Investment and Corporate Banking at Citigroup, Blaine V. (Fin) Fogg, President of Legal Aid Society, Richard Davis, Chair of Legal Aid's Board, Philip (Pete) Ruegger, Steven Banks, Legal Aid's Attorney-in-Chief

Washington Office Wins Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award

On May 18, 2013, Simpson Thacher's Washington D.C. office accepted the Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award in the small firm category for offices with fewer than 50 attorneys. The award, given by the D.C. Bar, honors one small law firm annually that has excelled in its provision of legal services to the poor and disadvantaged in the District through a D.C. legal service provider. Approximately two-thirds of



Front row L-R: Jonathan Porter, Christopher Cahill, X. Blake Sparrow, and David Shogren
Back Row L-R: Jonathan Ripa, Andrew Winerman, and Bashiri Wilson

the office's 24 lawyers performed pro bono work last year, generating in the aggregate over 2,800 hours. The office was nominated by Legal Aid of the District of Columbia for its work with low income tenants in housing court, with a supporting letter from Kids In Need of Defense for its work with undocumented children in the D.C. area.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP Receives Social Impact Award from the Urban Justice Center

On April 9th, Urban Justice Center (UJC) held its 9th Annual Community Justice Awards Luncheon, during which STB was presented with the 2013 Social Impact Award, which recognizes law firms that have dedicated themselves to helping UJC carry out its mission of effectively representing indigent persons through outreach legal services.



Public Counsel Honors STB Partner, Chet Kronenberg

Los Angeles litigation partner **Chet Kronenberg** was awarded a 2013 Public Counsel Pro Bono Award for launching a pro bono program at the Stephen S. Wise synagogue. Seeing an opportunity for service by synagogue members who are lawyers but no longer practice or are not affiliated with a large law firm, Chet created a program at the synagogue allowing these members to represent Public Counsel clients on a pro bono basis.

Partnership for the Homeless Honors STB Attorneys

At the Partnership for the Homeless' Commitment to Community event at the Culinary Institute on June 13th, Simpson Thacher associates **Dan Stujenske** and **Elizabeth Warnick** were presented with the Partnership's Community Award for their work defending audit disputes with the New York City Department of Homeless Services. The Partnership for the Homeless' mission is the elimination of the root cause of homelessness in New York City. STB partner **David Woll** presented the award.



Dan Stujenske and Elizabeth Warnick

NY Cares Day

Summer associates and administrative staff from Simpson Thacher traveled to Eastchester Gardens Community Center in the Bronx on July 5th with New York Cares to participate in a day of community service. The STB team revitalized four classrooms and hallways with a new coat of paint, a mural, and plenty of paintings to give the walls character.



Summer associates stretch high and get low to cover the whole wall in paint.



Nicole Gonzalez (SEO) adding delicate detail to her flowers.



Darrell Hayes (SEO) and Matt Bricker stand proudly in front of their polished work.



Jacob Vadeboncoeur joyfully painting.



Alex Lebow focused on writing.



John Tracy presents his masterpiece.



Maya Reeves (SEO) and Samantha Steinfeld paint inspiring murals.



Kirsten Harmon, Lauren Sullivan, and Gabriella Ansah (recruiting intern) add finishing touches on the mural.



Joongwon Park in the midst of writing, "The Bronx – to stay!"



Patrick Campbell and Kyle Brett diligently cover every square inch in powder pink.



Elina Rozovskaya and Uzezi Abugo work to brighten the hallways.

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