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Introduction



Tom Williamson

In his remarks at the D.C. Legal Aid Society’s Servant of Justice Awards Dinner in May of 2016, Covington partner Eric Holder proudly referred to his friend and colleague Tom Williamson as a “quiet warrior for justice,” honoring Tom’s decades of commitment to fighting for others. Tom lost his own fight with cancer in March, leaving behind a noteworthy legacy of public service. During over four decades with Covington, including service on the Management Committee and as chair of the Public Service Committee, Tom embodied the highest values of the firm and the profession. His distinguished career included many leadership positions, including as President of the D.C. Bar, a member of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Committee, a Commissioner on the

D.C. Access to Justice Commission, Trustee and Co-Chair of the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and a Trustee of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Along the way, Tom received numerous accolades and awards: The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Segal Tweed Founder’s Award; the D.C. Legal Aid Society Servant of Justice Award; the Council for Court Excellence Justice Potter Stewart Award; the District of Columbia Law Students in Court Celebration of Service Award; and the Washington Lawyers’ Committee Wiley Branton Award. Tom’s pro bono work focused on advancing equal justice for marginalized communities, including heading a team that defended the District of Columbia’s pioneering recognition of same-sex marriages and working on a nationwide class action that brought improved American Sign Language interpreter services for deaf and hearing-impaired U.S. Postal Service employees.

During Tom’s speech accepting the Service of Justice Award at the Legal Aid Society dinner last May, Tom quoted a *Washington Post* article by David Maraniss in which he referred to “the mantra of community organizers”: “Dream of the world as you wish it to be, but deal with the world as it is.” Tom said, “That mantra resonated with me as a rallying cry for lawyers who are committed to engaging in serious access-to-justice work: ‘Dealing with the world as it is’ means that you recognize that our society’s revered commitment to justice and equality under the law is a cynical delusion if people—especially people of color and poor people—do not have access to capable, highly motivated legal counsel. Let’s all keep on dreaming of the world as we wish it to be and keep on working through our access-to-justice efforts to deal with the world as it is.”

Let’s honor Tom by continuing to dream while dealing with the world as it is in our pursuit of justice for all.

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Five Guantanamo Clients Released from Prison

In 2004, Covington entered the Guantanamo Bay habeas litigation by agreeing to represent 12 Yemeni detainees. In the 13 years since, Covington has represented more than 20 men imprisoned at Guantanamo. Today, that number is down to two.

Five firm clients were among 15 detainees resettled to the United Arab Emirates in September 2016. All five had been held at Guantanamo since 2002. None was ever charged with a crime. All were approved for transfer by the unanimous consent of six federal agencies, including the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice, and State; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. One client had been approved for transfer as early as 2009, while the other four were approved for transfer by administrative hearings (similar to parole hearings) between 2014 and 2016.

New York-based Special Counsel Erin Thomas was the lead lawyer for one of the released men. Last year, Erin made two trips to Guantanamo, representing this client at his administrative hearing, marshaling written evidence of character and support, delivering a powerful advocacy statement on the client's behalf, and preparing him to answer questions from a panel of skeptical government, military, and intelligence officials. A Covington team led by associate Brian Foster assisted former partner David



Remes in handling the administrative hearings of two other clients who were also released, both of whom were among Guantanamo's earliest prisoners.

Prior to September's transfer, six other firm clients had been resettled in recent months: two in Montenegro, two in Oman, one in Saudi Arabia, and one in the United Arab Emirates. Two additional clients were released in January of 2017.

In addition to Erin and Brian, the Guantanamo team includes Bill Livingston, Alan Pemberton, David Parker, James Smith, Andrew Garrahan, Cyril Djoukeng, Bethany Theriot, and paralegals Danielle Catalan, James Coury, and Eve Stoffel.

Covington Helps Teenage Girl Obtain Lawful Permanent Resident Status

Covington associate Kemper Diehl in the New York office obtained Lawful Permanent Resident status for an undocumented 13-year-old girl, "Sophia," brought to New York as an infant. Kemper first received an order from New York City Family Court finding Sophia eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status under the Immigration & Nationality Act. Using the court order, Kemper petitioned U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for approval of the child's status as a Special Immigrant Juvenile and for

Lawful Permanent Residency. Partner Neil Roman supervised.

Born in Canada, Sophia was two years old when her grandmother brought her to New York in 2005 out of concern for her well-being under her parents' care. After Sophia came to New York, her father died and her mother in Canada became more emotionally and financially unstable, engaged in substance abuse, and ultimately tried to commit suicide. It was evident that the child could not safely return to her mother.

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The case came to Covington after the grandmother, worried about her granddaughter's undocumented status, sought legal aid from MFY Legal Services and MFY reached out to Covington. The Covington team made use of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status law, which provides legal status to undocumented immigrant children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned, or

have similar grounds for showing that they cannot be reunited with a parent in their home country. With her Lawful Permanent Resident status secured, Sophia will be eligible to apply for college financial aid and legal employment in the U.S., and she can plan her future with her grandmother, no longer fearing deportation.

Covington Helps Client Find Permanent Home with Guardian

In a matter referred to Covington by the Children's Law Center, the D.C. Superior Court ruled after a trial that it was in the best interest of our client, 11-year-old Martin Flynn, to be placed in the sole custody of his maternal grandmother, Angela Holden, and that Ms. Holden should be his exclusive legal guardian.

Martin went to live with Ms. Holden in 2007 after his mother was convicted of aggravated assault and sentenced to serve several years at a federal prison. After taking Martin in on an emergency basis, Ms. Holden was awarded custody of her grandson, and has raised him on an uninterrupted basis for nearly a decade.

The ruling represents the conclusion of more than three years of litigation. Following her release from prison, Martin's mother filed, withdrew, and renewed numerous motions in an attempt to regain custody of her son in spite of her mounting mental health challenges exacerbated by substance abuse,

homelessness, and domestic violence. Throughout this litigation, associate Ashley Joyner Chavous served as the child's guardian *ad litem*.

"People often wonder why some families have to turn to the court system to resolve their highly personal and convoluted domestic disputes," Ashley explained. "When a child's welfare — not just his physical safety, but his emotional well-being — is at stake, the role of the court could not be more significant."

During pretrial motion hearings and at trial, Ashley persuasively argued that the biological mother had effectively waived the physician/patient privilege, entitling Covington to depose and obtain confidential medical records from her emergency and long-term mental health providers. This evidence enabled Ashley to argue successfully for Ms. Holden's custody. Partners James Dean and Simone Ross supervised and provided invaluable input.

Longtime Covington Pro Bono Client and the UK's Largest Children's Charity Celebrates 150th Anniversary

For nearly a decade, Covington lawyers in London have assisted the charity Barnardo's with a wide range of legal issues. Barnardo's is the UK's largest children's charity, and each year works directly with 240,000 children, young people, and families.

The charity was set up by the inspirational Dr. Thomas Barnardo in 1866, who started by rescuing orphaned children sleeping on the streets of East London. While it no longer operates orphanages, Barnardo's work is now more diverse than ever.

It provides more than 960 different services, such as counseling for children who have been abused, fostering and adoption services, protecting children from domestic violence, tackling child homelessness, and organizing vocational training and disability inclusion groups. Other key work includes research into issues such as the effects and causes of child poverty, best practices to support children and young people with mental health difficulties, and lobbying and campaigning on these issues.

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Barnardo's provides children's services not just through its own facilities, but also at a number of local authorities and government institutions, such as the UK center that houses families undergoing deportation.

Barnardo's has a small in-house legal team with particular expertise in charity law issues; Covington works with the legal team on a variety of matters, but with a strong emphasis on intellectual property, data protection, commercial contracts, and dispute work. Projects have ranged from drafting a contract to provide children's services, advising on legal issues raised by proposed television advertisements, ensuring compliance with data privacy obligations, and protecting Barnardo's intellectual property rights in its research, publications, and training materials. In the last five years, more than 30 different lawyers in London have worked on one or more Barnardo's assignments.

Queen Elizabeth II is the royal patron of Barnardo's and graciously provided the grounds of Buckingham Palace for a summer garden party in 2016 to commemorate Barnardo's 150th anniversary. Morag Peberdy was privileged to attend the royal garden party on behalf of Covington, in recognition of the pro bono assistance Covington has provided to Barnardo's over the years.

“Over the last 150 years Barnardo's has transformed the lives of some of our most vulnerable children. I am pleased, as Patron, to support their important work with young people across the United Kingdom.

We commemorate Barnardo's many achievements in their very special year, and take this time to remember every child helped in the past, present, and in the future.”

Message from Queen Elizabeth II commemorating Barnardo's 150th anniversary.

Veteran Wins Rare Precedential Decision at Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

As part of Covington's longstanding partnership with the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), the firm each year undertakes numerous representations of veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). One Covington client, retired Army National Guard Sergeant Duane Hart, successfully won an appeal on his claim for benefits last October after a particularly challenging course of litigation. During a 1997 training exercise, lightning struck a few feet away from Hart, throwing him violently to the ground.



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The VA granted Hart some benefits, but denied his lower-back and PTSD claims. Associate Kevin King, supervised by Ben Block, handled the appeal. A single CAVC judge ruled against Hart on the critical issue of Hart's entitlement to the statutory presumption of aggravation. Undeterred, Covington twice moved for reconsideration, but each time the judge issued a new opinion compounding the error. The third motion sought rehearing before a three-judge panel. Although the CAVC hears fewer than thirty oral arguments each year, it granted rehearing, ordered more briefing, and heard oral argument. Then, in a rare precedential decision, it unanimously ruled in Hart's favor on every issue, in an opinion authored

by the very same judge who had written the prior adverse opinions. Of the experience, King notes "It was an honor to represent Hart in his appeal. I am particularly appreciative of the help provided by our co-counsel, Amy Odom and Patrick Berkshire from the NVLSP. Their expertise played an essential role in resolving several challenging issues of first impression and in obtaining a well-deserved win for our client."

Four Covington Clients Granted Clemency

Starting in 2015, Covington lawyers have represented some 20 inmates in clemency applications through The Clemency Project 2014, a working group that included the Federal Defenders, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and other criminal justice advocate groups. The Project was launched as part of the Justice Department's "Smart on Crime" initiative that was led by then Attorney General Eric Holder. The Clemency Project 2014 was created to screen clemency petitions from nonviolent federal drug offenders who, if sentenced today, would likely have received substantially lower prison sentences.

Covington's first success came last August when President Obama commuted the sentence of Danielle Hirsch, a mother of two sentenced in July 2003 at age 39 to a 22-year prison term for a drug-related offense. Ms. Hirsch will now be released on June 10, 2017, rather than July 13, 2025, her release date without the commutation. President Obama also commuted the term of supervised release to which Ms. Hirsch was originally sentenced, from 10 years to four years.

The Covington team reviewed Ms. Hirsch's case file and researched her background. It drafted an executive summary arguing that she met the program's eight criteria for eligibility and was

deserving of clemency. The executive summary, along with 16 letters from Ms. Hirsch's family and other supporters, supported the Petition for Clemency that went to the Department of Justice and the White House.

Dianne Coffino and Elisa Solomon handled the matter. As is the practice in cases involving successful clemency petitions, the Justice Department's Office of Pardon Attorney arranged for Covington to deliver the news to Ms. Hirsch. Dianne delivered the news to Ms. Hirsch, who was extremely grateful; she is looking forward to being reunited with her children, ages 15 and 21, and other family members.

More clients were to swiftly follow: In October, a client represented by Phil Warren and former associate Maria Morris-Leviano was granted clemency; in January, two additional Covington clients were granted clemency, represented respectively by Washington associate Jamie Heine, who was supervised by partner Ethan Posner, and by New York partner David Haller on his own. Each of those clients had been sentenced in the early-to-mid 2000s to over 20 years in prison and each is now expected to be released this spring. The Clemency Project 2014 completed its work with the end of the Obama Administration.

Former Covington Client Named as Director of the Office of Returning Citizens Affairs by Washington Mayor



Brian Ferguson at his 2016 wedding.

In 2002, Brian Ferguson was convicted in West Virginia state court of first degree murder and sentenced to life without parole. The state’s case was based entirely on circumstantial evidence. Covington stepped in as habeas counsel and developed new evidence demonstrating that Ferguson’s trial counsel had been constitutionally deficient due to his failure to investigate a report that another individual had confessed to the murder in front of three people. The trial court initially denied Covington’s habeas petition, but in 2008 the West Virginia Supreme Court reversed and ordered an omnibus evidentiary hearing. After extensive discovery, the evidentiary hearing took place over three days in 2011. The Covington team presented evidence challenging trial counsel’s defense strategy and establishing the credible “alternate shooter” defense that trial counsel should have developed and presented. In 2012, the trial court granted Covington’s petition, vacated the conviction, and ordered a new trial.

The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in 2013 affirmed the circuit court’s grant of Ferguson’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus based on ineffective assistance of counsel. The circuit court’s decision vacated Mr. Ferguson’s conviction for first-degree murder, for which he was serving a sentence of “life without mercy.”

Mr. Ferguson was released in 2013 and quickly became an advocate for the formerly incarcerated. In 2014, he founded Startline, a non-profit online platform designed to assist returning citizens with identifying and locating available resources and services. In 2015, Mr. Ferguson was elected to the Voices for a Second Chance Board of Directors, which seeks to bridge the gap between incarceration and the community. In September of 2016, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Brian Ferguson’s appointment as Director of the Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA). A native Washingtonian and Ward 4 resident, Ferguson has served since his release as the Human Rights Officer and Investigator within the DC Office of Human Rights, where he led public outreach and trainings pursuant to the District’s new Fair Criminal Record Screening Amendment Act.

“Brian Ferguson’s personal story as a returning citizen and experience in developing innovative strategies for engaging the community make him well suited to lead the Mayor’s Office of Returning Citizens Affairs as we continue to implement programs District-wide to ensure returning citizens have a fair shot at pathways to the middle class,” said Mayor Bowser.

Covington Lawyers Participate in Fundraising Event to Benefit Domestic Violence Organization

Last October, 12 lawyers from Covington's New York office participated in "Story by Story: Climbing to End Domestic Violence," a fundraising event benefitting nonprofit organization Her Justice. Her Justice connects and supports volunteer lawyers from New York City's law firms and companies to stand side-by-side with women who would otherwise go to court alone. Paired with a lawyer, Her Justice clients get a fighting chance to obtain the legal results they need to overcome abuse and poverty. Participants committed to climbing 31 floors up a Manhattan office building. One participant undertook the additional challenge of climbing 62 floors.

Her Justice provides free legal help in family law, divorce and immigration to low-income women living in New York City. Her Justice uses a wide network of contacts at legal and social services agencies, hospitals and clinics, the courts and police precincts, churches and shelters, to help spread the word about Her Justice's services. The client population is drawn from those in the most

difficult circumstances: 85 percent of Her Justice clients are victims of domestic violence and 30 percent live in the Bronx, the poorest urban county in the United States.

Over the last three years, Covington's New York office has undertaken approximately 10 clients referred from Her Justice in a range of matters, including an order of protection on behalf of a woman whose boyfriend's abusive actions had landed her in the hospital, and a host of immigration-related cases. Covington lawyers have assisted numerous women with applications for U-Visas, which allow crime victims who cooperate with police to remain in the country legally: our clients are generally women who sought the assistance of police to escape their abusive partners. Additionally, Covington lawyers prepared applications under the Violence Against Women Act that allow battered immigrants to petition for legal status in the United States without having to seek the sponsorship of abusive spouses who are U.S. citizens or Green Card holders.



Participating lawyers included: Elisa Solomon, Loretta Shaw-Lorello, Shailee Sharma, John Hall, Thomas Hou, Catherine Milne, Victoria Ha, Rachel Beller, Carolyn Taylor, Michael Houlihan, Jennifer Garnett, and Sarah Griffiths.

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Legislative Victory for the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty

Covington's lobbying efforts were rewarded in December, when the Senate passed the Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA), an important legislative victory for our pro bono client the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (the Law Center). The Law Center is the only national legal organization dedicated to using the power of the law to advocate for the legal rights of homeless and economically vulnerable Americans.

FASTA contained several significant improvements to Title V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a law that the Law Center has long championed and used to advance the rights of the homeless. Title V is a federal program that, essentially, provides a "right of first refusal" for organizations involved in providing services to the homeless to acquire surplus federal properties for free before the government sells such properties. The legislation improves Title V by, among other things: setting specific criteria

for buildings that will be subject to expedited sale to maximize the number of properties that will be made available for homeless use; streamlining the process for homeless assistance organizations to obtain properties through Title V; providing homeless assistance organizations with operational flexibility by permitting them to elect to take possession of property by lease; and clarifying that "permanent affordable housing with or without supportive services" is an eligible use to assist the homeless under Title V.

Covington public policy lawyers assisted by drafting the Title V improvements, commenting on draft legislation, drafting hearing testimony and letters, and engaging in ongoing lobbying of congressional staff. Covington associate Matt Shapanka took the lead on Capitol Hill over the past year and a half, taking over for former associate Perrin Cooke. Richard Hertling supervised the effort.

Eric Holder Honored By the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty

On October 6, 2016 Eric H. Holder, Jr. received the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Lawyer's Executive Advisory Partners' (LEAP) Luncheon. The LEAP Program of the National Center on Homelessness & Poverty comprises lawyers from corporate legal departments and law firms who provide pro bono services, instrumental to the Law Center's mission to prevent and end homelessness. During the luncheon, members from the LEAP program shared stories about their pro bono projects and addressed the importance of fighting the criminalization of homelessness on a local and national level, emphasizing the tremendous impact pro bono efforts can have on communities across the country.



Eric Holder receives his award from Law Center Founder and Executive Director Maria Foscarinis.

Covington Helps Win a Refugee Child in Germany the Right to Hear and to be Heard

With the help of lawyers in Covington's Brussels office, a little boy born to a family of refugees from Kosovo now living in Germany has won the right to receive the medical treatment he needs to hear the world around him. James was born deaf and received a cochlear implant that would teach his auditory nerve to hear. The cochlear implant must be supported by ongoing medical aid and technical support, without which the implant recipient would suffer from severe headaches or unwanted acoustic signals leading to disorientation and, in the long run, a possible complete loss of hearing.

As citizens of Kosovo, the family came from a state considered to be a "safe" third country under German refugee laws and thus were not eligible to receive a residence permit for Germany, making James's deportation from Germany imminent although it was obvious that he would not receive the indispensable medical and technical support that was required by his implant. Furthermore, James's family lost its home in Kosovo to a fire and had been forced to live in the streets, struggling to survive by collecting returnable bottles before fleeing to Germany.

The family's previous legal challenges filed before German administrative courts were unsuccessful. As a last resort for people who claim that their constitutional rights have been infringed by the German state, individuals may file an extraordinary complaint before the highest German court, the Federal Constitutional Court. Due in part to the large case load, less than 5

percent of such complaints are successful. In the face of the clear obstacles, associate Kim-Simone Janutta in Brussels filed a complaint arguing that James's expulsion from Germany would infringe his right of physical integrity because expulsion would be tantamount to the loss of his sense of hearing.

The Constitutional Court remanded the case, concluding that the lower courts did not take into account all facts, in particular that the implant and its connected external device have to be repaired frequently as young children tend to break them or tear them apart—which had just recently happened to James. In an opinion that relied heavily on Covington's arguments, the administrative court ultimately ruled in James's favor. James and his family may stay in Germany and he will continue to receive the necessary medical support that will preserve his ability to hear.



Covington Honored for Gun Violence Prevention Work

Covington has expanded its gun violence prevention work by partnering for the last two years with The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus, a nonprofit that works with colleges and universities across the country to oppose legislative policies that would permit and encourage concealed guns on campuses. Since its founding in 2008, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and more than 420 colleges and universities in 42 states have joined the Campaign. Teams of Covington lawyers

from the New York and Washington offices have worked with the Campaign's Legal Action Project to conduct legal research and analysis aiding the formulation of strategies to keep guns out of public spaces, including polling places and public transportation.

Covington was honored by the Campaign for the second year in a row at its annual benefit on March 29 in New York City. The team honored at the event included Washington associates Alec Webley and

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Covington associate Alec Webley accepts the award from Andy Pelosi, Executive Director of The Campaign to Keep Guns off Campus.

Jonathan Wakely, supervised by Senior Advisor Howard Berman. This year, Covington provided the Campaign with advice on means by which the Federal Government might restrict the carriage of guns in the public terminals of airports. Responding to changes in this policy area as they happened, Covington’s work ranged from drafting leave-behinds for federal agencies, advising on engagement with local governments and front-line federal officials, and helping the client strategize.

For Alec, a first-year litigation associate, this project provided an opportunity to try his hand at legislative work in an environment that changed rapidly. Alec says of the experience, “It was especially engaging to consider and adapt to changes in the political situation for the client’s goals. It was also a fun change of work from litigation!”

Father of Three Obtains Victory in Domestic Violence Court

In late May, Covington achieved a victory in the Domestic Violence Unit of D.C. Superior Court. Covington’s client Jack Barry, a father of three, has been the target of repeated harassment from the mother of his children. Though the couple parted ways years ago, the mother has filed numerous Civil Protection Order (CPO) Petitions and motions for criminal contempt against Mr. Barry—some of which have had significant consequences for him, despite the lack of any evidence of a criminal offense as required under the D.C. Intrafamily Offenses Act. Mr. Barry has long felt that the mother was abusing the District’s CPO system by using it as an offensive tool to disrupt his life and influence custody proceedings involving their children.

In April 2017, Mr. Barry was served with a new CPO Petition, in which the petitioner alleged that our client called her (from a blocked number) and followed her to a D.C. government office following a court hearing in their custody case. Mr. Barry denied all the allegations in the Petition.

Four days after service of the Petition, Covington stepped in for the initial hearing and moved to dismiss the Petition for failure to allege a criminal offense. Although the Judge denied the motion, he

granted Covington’s request for a continuance to gather evidence over the petitioner’s insistence that the case proceed directly to trial. In the following days, Covington served subpoenas on the D.C. government for certain records and on an unaffiliated witness who would testify that the allegations in the Petition were false. Despite the petitioner’s demands at the initial hearing that the court proceed directly to trial, she declined to attend the continued hearing. Covington moved for a dismissal, gave a proffer of the witness’s testimony, and discussed the pattern of CPO abuse in the case with the judge. The judge granted the dismissal with prejudice.

Several days after the hearing, the judge in the case followed up with Covington to congratulate the lawyers for their handling of the case and for representing a respondent in a CPO case. The judge noted that, in his view, the lack of balance in representation between respondents and petitioners can lead to mischief, and that increased representation of respondents is essential to the adversarial system. He asked for permission to contact Covington’s lawyers for appointments to these cases in the future. Nick Evoy and Austin Hampton handled the case, with the help of Keith Teel and Sharmaine Heng.

Pro Bono at Covington

Since its founding over 90 years ago, Covington & Burling LLP has had a strong commitment to public service. Over the years, the firm has received recognition both nationally and locally for its contributions to the legal needs of persons and organizations of limited means.

Much of Covington's pro bono work reflects the firm's commitment to providing legal services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families in our surrounding communities. Our six-month rotation program reflects this commitment by loaning attorneys and staff to work at each of three Washington-based legal aid organizations—Neighborhood Legal Services Program, the Children's Law Center, and Bread for the City.

While many of Covington's pro bono efforts are anchored in meeting these significant local needs, the firm also has a long history of serving the most vulnerable clients and important causes, regardless of location. The firm handles numerous death penalty and wrongful conviction matters across the United States, as well as other important civil and human rights matters, including class action litigation and systemic reform projects related to homelessness, marriage equality, freedom of the press, juvenile justice, mental health, mass incarceration, and government-sanctioned discrimination. Lawyers in all of Covington's offices are also working to advance international human rights and global access to justice, advising hundreds of NGOs focused on improving access to food, water, healthcare, education, economic opportunity, peace, and justice in the world's poorest regions.

Covington's pro bono program is managed by the firm's Pro Bono Counsel, Kelly Voss, and its Pro Bono Managers, Sharmaine Heng, Allison Harris, and Dia Montecillo. They actively seek to expand access to justice by connecting the skills of Covington lawyers to needs in the community.

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