



# PRO BONO

DLA Piper has a long-standing and deep commitment to giving back to our communities. This commitment exists at every level in every office within the firm and is truly ingrained as part of the firm's culture. We believe that we have a special responsibility to the communities where we live and work, and we take that responsibility seriously.

In 2017, our lawyers and staff around the world devoted nearly 200,000 hours to pro bono initiatives, making us one of the largest providers of pro bono legal services globally.

We support expanding access to justice and the rule of law in the communities in which we work. Our aim is to be innovative and collaborative in our efforts so that we can provide the best possible service to our pro bono clients, help improve access to justice and help fortify a culture of pro bono across the legal profession.

## Depth and Breadth of Our Work

We are consistently ranked by *The American Lawyer* as one of the top firms for pro bono performance in the US. We encourage our lawyers to pursue pro bono work that they feel passionate about, which means that our work touches upon a number of areas: preventing homelessness, helping people with disabilities, ending hunger, assisting with criminal justice reform, strengthening nonprofit organizations, assisting domestic violence survivors, and supporting veterans.

While we work in all of these areas and more, we also have focused on signature projects, which concentrate our efforts in specific areas of unmet need at the local and national levels. Our signature projects, which are collaborative efforts by lawyers, paralegals and staff, focus on: juvenile justice through Second Chances For Juveniles; veterans through Serving Those Who Serve Our Country; domestic violence through Advocates Against Intimate Partner Violence; food security through Feeding The Hungry In Our Global Neighborhood; and education through Advancing Education's Promise.

## New Perimeter

As a global law firm, we understand that our responsibility goes beyond the cities and countries where we work. DLA Piper established a ground-breaking international

pro bono initiative, New Perimeter, that is dedicated to bringing together our global lawyers to provide focused pro bono services in under-served regions around the world.

In 2017, 160 lawyers from 40 offices participated in 39 projects through New Perimeter. These projects spanned Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe, with the goal of building local capacity in the legal profession and supporting access to justice, social and economic development, and sound legal institutions.

## Collaboration

Around the world, we team with our corporate clients to work on pro bono projects together. With Verizon, for example, we have hosted U Visa clinics and co-founded legal clinics to serve veterans. We have co-counseled with Intel Corporation to help veterans apply for Combat-Related Special Compensation benefits. Through New Perimeter, we have worked with GE, among others, to teach students at the University of Zambia and Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education. We also have provided support and technical assistance to our clients who are building their own pro bono programs.



## ABOUT US

DLA Piper is a global law firm with lawyers located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific, positioning us to help clients with their legal needs around the world.

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