

## PRO BONO HIGHLIGHTS

## Making a Mark on Our Communities



Through a range of pro bono programs, Cadwalader provides assistance to organizations and individuals who cannot afford quality legal representation. We strive to lead by example, matching the diverse interests of our lawyers with the wide-ranging needs of our pro bono clients. Our efforts are connected

by a common thread — a collective dedication and commitment to helping the underserved and disadvantaged.

### Women's Leadership Initiative Housing Clinic

Attorneys who participate in the WLI Housing Clinic take on Legal Aid Society housing cases that help low-income women in New York keep their homes in New York City public housing. The outcome of these cases can make a life-changing difference for the financially challenged women we represent and their families, particularly at this time, when affordable housing in New York City is in such short supply.

### Immigration Assistance

The firm, through the Cadwalader Black & Latino Association, successfully launched the CBLA Immigration Clinic in 2015, consisting of a network of Cadwalader attorneys dedicated to helping marginalized and vulnerable immigrants obtain legal status through various forms of relief, including asylum applications, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status proceedings and Violence Against Women Act self-petitions. Over the last year, the firm has also enjoyed an increase in the number of pro bono immigration cases and has celebrated numerous successes.

### Veterans Affinity Network

Through partnerships with the City Bar Justice Center in New York, the Veterans Legal Assistance Project (part of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program) in Washington, D.C., and Legal Services of Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, our attorneys work with veteran clients and their family members on (1) disability appeals to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (2) discharge upgrade requests to the various military service branches, and (3) helping staff walk-in clinics designed to address the legal needs of our nation's veterans. Cadwalader has attorneys in its U.S. offices who are accredited VA claims attorneys, as well as litigators with experience handling appeals in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

## Recognition

Cadwalader has received a number of awards and honors for its work on behalf of those in need. It's not why we do it, but it's nice to hear —



- The Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2014, 2015 and 2016 for outstanding service to The Legal Aid Society and its clients.
- Osvaldo Garcia, founder and director of the Cadwalader Black & Latino Association Immigration Clinic, was awarded the New York State Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Service Award and the 2016 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award by the Hispanic National Bar Association.
- Our attorney volunteers were recognized by the NYC Family Court Pro Bono Project for their dedication and service.

## Not-for-Profit Incubator

Over the past decade, Cadwalader attorneys and staff have incorporated and obtained tax-exempt status for nearly 300 not-for-profit organizations under the umbrella of the Not-for-Profit Incubator. We are proud to contribute to the vital work our clients perform. The Incubator's clients include —

- *Hands on for Haiti, Inc.* provides financial and other aid and services to indigent or underprivileged indigenous people in impoverished areas struck by natural disaster, including Haiti.
- *World Hijab Day Organization, Inc.* promotes religious freedom and liberty by seeking to end the discrimination and judgment that come with wearing a hijab by educating the public on the meaning of the hijab and providing resources to Muslim women who face discrimination for wearing the hijab.
- *SHIFT Charitable Foundation, Inc.* provides a mentoring program designed to promote personal growth and academic excellence to minority male high school students to develop them into successful leaders.

## CLN Transgender Name Change Project

Cadwalader's LGBT Network (CLN) partners with the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund's (TLDEF) Name Change Project to provide free legal name change services to low-income transgender people. Securing a legal name change is an important step toward making many transgender individuals' legal identities match their lived experience. A lack of appropriate identity documents can deter people from applying for jobs, school, and public benefits, and can lead to discrimination. Securing a legal name change can be a challenging experience without counsel to assist in navigating the court system. Our program seeks to provide people with adequate legal representation to ensure that they can successfully complete the process and move forward with their lives.

## Our Partners

**Cadwalader has longstanding relationships with many legal service agencies, including:**

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Catholic Charities DC  
City Bar Justice Center  
DC Bar Pro Bono Program  
Her Justice  
Human Rights First  
Immigration Equality  
Kids In Need of Defense  
Lawyers Alliance for New York  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
The Legal Aid Society  
Legal Counsel for the Elderly  
Legal Services of Southern Piedmont  
Mecklenburg County Bar Volunteer Lawyer Program  
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest  
New York Legal Assistance Group  
Sanctuary for Families  
Start Small Think Big  
Tahirih Justice Center  
Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts  
Volunteers of Legal Service  
Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts  
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

## About Cadwalader

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP puts 225 years of legal experience and innovation to work today for many of the world's most prominent financial institutions and corporations. Our attorneys offer strategic legal solutions and premier client service from our locations in the United States and Europe. We provide counsel on sophisticated and complex transactional, litigation, and regulatory matters and help our clients break new ground, accomplish their business goals, and manage challenges.

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