



Volunteer of the Month

Philadelphia VIP proudly recognizes **Andrew Braid** for providing legal services to low-income families in Philadelphia!

Congratulations, Andrew!



liaison between VIP and Dechert.

Andrew Braid is a third-year associate at Dechert LLP with a focus on employee benefits and executive compensation. Since connecting with Philadelphia VIP in 2012 at a CLE training, Andrew has represented nine VIP clients. With prior work experience in estate planning and administration that informs his case work regarding wills, guardianship and probate, Andrew also serves nonprofits and small businesses pro bono clients and assists in referring Philadelphia VIP matters to other Dechert attorneys by acting as a

liaison between VIP and Dechert.

Andrew values his volunteer work with Philadelphia VIP because it allows him to explore areas of law that aren't directly related to his practice. "VIP matters give me the opportunity to work with practical, real issues I wouldn't encounter in a typical work day. In wills and guardianship cases, clients are worried about protecting their life savings, getting assets to the right people, providing for their family members and deciding who will make critical medical decisions. I get to advise them on how to approach these sensitive issues. It is very meaningful to see them relieved and reassured that their wishes will be carried out." Andrew describes meeting clients and learning about their issues as a discovery process. "You watch how clients learn to articulate their needs, see that there is help, and begin to feel empowered to resolve the issues they're struggling with."

"Andrew is a talented attorney whose attention to detail helps our clients obtain the best possible legal outcomes for their cases," adds VIP staff attorney Roxane Crowley. "More importantly, Andrew has great compassion for people and is sympathetic to the struggles of those with limited access to resources. I am always excited for our clients when Andrew takes their cases."

Andrew encourages all attorneys to consider volunteering with Philadelphia VIP. "It is a privilege to be able to serve those in need," he says. "VIP staff members are passionate, knowledgeable and offer a tremendous amount of resources to anybody who needs help. Any volunteer who comes to VIP is not alone."

Andrew is a dedicated attorney who uses his enthusiasm and expertise in multiple areas of law to meaningfully serve our clients. We applaud his commitment to helping VIP provide quality legal assistance to those in need.