

A World of Good

In this issue

- p1 Taking Down Trafficking: Second Circuit Win Strips Traffickers of a Diplomatic Defense
- p2 Ensuring the Safe Arrest and Transport of the Mobility Impaired
- p3 Prisoner Civil Rights Program Round-up
- p4 Dechert Comes to the Aid of Haitian Children in Wake of Earthquake
- p5 Pro Bono Highlight: Charlotte
- p5 Awards & Recognition
- p6 2010 Fall Associates Make Their Mark through Pro Bono Efforts

Taking Down Trafficking: Second Circuit Win Strips Traffickers of a Diplomatic Defense



by Amy L. Rudd

When I initially heard that Dechert was representing victims of human trafficking, I immediately thought of Liam Neeson in the movie *Taken*, wreaking havoc on the streets of

Paris and hunting down the sex traffickers who had kidnapped his naïve teenage daughter. Surely, I thought, nothing so dark is happening on the streets of New York and D.C., where these particular trafficking victims lived. What I discovered, while not quite the Hollywood version of trafficking avenged by Mr. Neeson, surprised me. According to the 2010 Trafficking in Persons Report, the United States is “a source, transit and destination country for men, women and children subjected to trafficking in persons, specifically forced labor, debt bondage and forced prostitution.” In 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice charged 114 individuals with trafficking violations and obtained another 47 trafficking convictions (21 involving labor trafficking and 22 involving sex trafficking). Last year, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, a non-governmental organization tasked with identifying and assisting victims of trafficking, received more than 1,000 tips on possible instances of trafficking. These numbers tell a pretty bleak story. Plainly, there are quite a few trafficking victims living in our communities who need our help.

Our client is one of those victims. In 1996, she was trafficked into the United States to work as a live-in domestic servant in the household of a high-ranking Kuwaiti diplomat. She was promised good wages and living conditions to make the long trip to New York from her home in India—promises which sadly were never honored. In the four years that she worked in the diplomat’s home, she was beaten, raped, endured threats to her life and the

lives of her family members back in India and was rarely allowed to leave the house. Her passport was confiscated, and she never received the wages promised. As a non-English speaking immigrant with little ability to communicate with others or defend herself, she suffered the abuse in silence until finally, one morning in June 2000, she managed to escape.

Dechert became involved in this victim’s case after her initial lawsuit against the diplomat and his wife was dismissed on grounds of diplomatic immunity. She refiled her complaint after the individuals left the United States for a new posting in Paris, but little had been accomplished in the new suit. The Dechert team tracked down the individuals and served them in Paris. When they failed to respond to the complaint, Dechert moved on behalf of our client for default judgment. Over the objection of the defendants (who finally decided to appear), the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York granted our client default judgment against the individuals.

The individual defendants appealed the district court’s order to the Second Circuit. I was part of the Dechert team that handled the appeal, led by partners **David A. Kotler** in Princeton and **Matthew L. Larrabee** in San Francisco, and supported by associates **Robert W. Topp** in New York, **Alyssa Saunders** in Philadelphia and **Muriel M. Korol** in San Francisco. On appeal, the individual defendants argued that they were entitled to diplomatic immunity from suit because the “employment” of our client in the diplomat’s household was intertwined with his diplomatic functions. Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (VCDR), a diplomat has nearly complete immunity from suit while serving as a diplomat, but has only “residual” immunity from suit after leaving the diplomatic post. We argued that “residual” diplomatic immunity under the VCDR should be interpreted narrowly to extend only to those acts that can be described as official acts of the sending state. While the appeal was pending, the Second Circuit invited comment from the U.S. government on its interpretation of the Vienna Convention and of the scope of a former diplomat’s immunity. The government filed a submission agreeing entirely with our client, at

times adopting language from Dechert's appellate briefing on the issues.

On September 24, 2010, the Second Circuit issued an opinion affirming the district court on the issue of diplomatic immunity and holding that the individual defendants could not escape liability on the basis of their diplomatic status. Because ours is the first civil trafficking case to reach a circuit court, this holding stands to have enormous impact on many other trafficking cases involving diplomats currently pending in district courts around the country. At least one court has already reversed its ruling affording a former diplomat immunity on the basis of the arguments made in our case. It is our hope that the Second Circuit's opinion will have the same impact in current and future trafficking cases involving former diplomats and that traffickers will no longer be able to hide behind their past diplomatic status to avoid liability in U.S. courts.

Unfortunately, that is not the end of the story for our client. The Second Circuit reversed the trial court's entry of default judgment, holding that the traffickers in our case should be given the opportunity to answer the allegations against them. So the fight continues. At the very least, we have played an important role in the fight against human trafficking and have made a lasting mark on federal trafficking jurisprudence. And while we may not have quite the bravado (or the gunpower) of Mr. Neeson, we still hope to get a Hollywood ending for our client.

Amy L. Rudd

Austin
+1 512 394 3040
amy.rudd@dechert.com

Pro Bono Section of Dechert's Intranet Site

Remember, the firm's intranet site has a separate section on pro bono including sample forms, a directory of pro bono referral organizations and a listing of training opportunities.

<http://intranet.dechert.com/dechertapps/probono>

Ensuring the Safe Arrest and Transport of the Mobility Impaired



by **Allison M. Rovner**

With the guidance of **Stephen D. Brown**, former associate **H. W. Jerome Maddox** and I successfully represented a paraplegic man in a federal civil action against the City of Philadelphia and three

of its police officers for injuries inflicted during arrest and transport following arrest. Prior to his arrest, our client had suffered a spinal cord injury that left him unable to walk, control the muscles in his legs or use his waist to support his upper body. Although the viability of traditional Section 1983 claims was contested, we were able to build strong claims based on the failure of the Philadelphia Police Department to provide our client with safe transportation in light of his mobility impairment, which is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act.

The police arrested our client for auto theft after a low-speed police chase. Remarkably, despite our client's disability, the police officers claimed that he stole and drove a vehicle that lacked modifications for a handicapped driver. Our client alleged that the police officers used excessive force during the arrest by beating him and dragging him to a police van. The police officers contested the alleged beating in deposition testimony, and our client had only minor injuries associated with the alleged beating.

The failure of the City of Philadelphia and its police officers to provide our client with safe transportation in light of his mobility impairment as required by the ADA and Rehabilitation Act, however, provided important additional claims relating to the injuries incurred during transport. There was ample evidence that the arresting police officers were aware of our client's disability but refused to provide accommodations when transporting him. In particular, the arresting officers failed to use a properly equipped vehicle to transport our client away from the scene of arrest (properly equipped vehicles typically have wheelchair restraints, allowing the disabled person to be transported safely while sitting in a wheelchair). Instead, the police officers placed our client face down and handcuffed in a standard police van and transported him without any safety restraints or physical support. The officers also placed our client's wheelchair in the van, but failed to secure it. As a result, when the van

was in motion, the wheelchair repeatedly crashed into our client's head and body. The police officers took our client to the hospital that evening for treatment of elbow and head wounds resulting from the transportation.

Through vigorous discovery, we learned that the Philadelphia Police Department had no policy relating to the transportation of persons with mobility impairments and no police vehicle equipped to transport the mobility impaired. Due in large part to these facts, the City of Philadelphia approached us prior to the completion of fact discovery to settle the case. In settlement negotiations, we framed the case as providing substantial jury risk, asserting that jurors were likely to be offended by the image of the police callously disregarding our client's obvious disability and subjecting him to physical injury and psychological trauma by transporting him without adequate safeguards. We eventually settled for an amount that was extremely favorable to our client. This experience was very rewarding—we succeeded in reaching a resolution that thrilled our client and will help to generate important policy change.

Allison M. Rovner

Philadelphia
+1.215.994.2196
allison.rovner@dechert.com

Just a reminder . . .

all U.S.-based attorneys, including partners, counsel, associates and staff attorneys, are required to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono work a year. This policy is on an FTE basis, so part-time attorneys are only required to do a proportionate amount. We urge you to contact your Pro Bono Committee member now so you can find the type of project that best meets your skills and interests. If you have any questions about the policy or getting involved in the pro bono program, please contact Suzie Turner or any other member of the Pro Bono Committee.

Prisoner Civil Rights Program Round-up



by **Stephen D. Brown**

This has been an extraordinarily successful year for the prisoner civil rights program in Philadelphia. Five partners

and 30 associates have represented clients in 18 separate cases before district courts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The hard work and creative lawyering by Dechert associates and partners has led to more than \$350,000 of settlements and judgments on behalf of our clients in cases concluded this year. This brings the total amount obtained either in judgments after trial, settlements or attorney's fees in the life of our prisoner civil rights program to more than \$1.5 million.

A sampling of the results from this year to date are as follows:

1. **Michael L. Kichline** and **Sarah L. Westbrook**, with the assistance of **Justin C. Danilewitz** and **Wayne I. Pollack**, won a verdict in the *Hatchett* case—a non-jury trial before The Honorable Timothy J. Savage for \$116,000 alleging excessive force against three Philadelphia police officers. A petition for attorney's fees has been granted for \$80,000.
2. **Adam S. Tolin** and **Donald C. Le Gower** settled a case on behalf of an inmate against correctional officers for excessive force.
3. **Robert W. Ashbrook, Jr.**, **Sharon K. Gagliardi** and **Teri-Lynn A. Evans** settled an excessive force case against police officers outside of Philadelphia.
4. **Bruce W. Clark**, former associate **Brian Collins** and **Brielle M. Rey** settled a case against prison officials in federal court in New Jersey for failing to treat a broken foot.

Dechert Comes to the Aid of Haitian Children in Wake of Earthquake



by **Jennings F. Durand**

In the days after the January 12 earthquake in Haiti as I watched the television coverage unfold and read the heartbreaking stories, I wondered what I could do to help. A number of families in my hometown, some of whom had already fostered or adopted children living in difficult situations, approached me to find out if Haiti and the United States were looking for families to care for orphans. Those conversations inspired me to look for ways to help beyond just donating money—an important act, but one that leaves you wondering if, when and how the money will be put to effective use.

I asked **Ethan D. Fogel**, Philadelphia's pro bono partner, if the firm would support an effort to coordinate a response within the Philadelphia community. Ethan gave his full endorsement and we reached out to leaders from the sizable Philadelphia-area Haitian-American community, the local pro bono bar, city hospitals and universities, city government officials and key Philadelphia services organizations that assist children, immigrants and refugees. In a surprisingly short time, we assembled the team that now calls itself the Philadelphia Initiative for Haitian Children (the Initiative).

After some preliminary research on the issue, we learned that the U.S. and Haitian governments were not planning any general foster or adoption program for newly-orphaned Haitian children. So instead of working on adoptions, we focused our efforts on three primary endeavors: (1) a "humanitarian parole" application program; (2) advocacy efforts; and (3) establishing a response network.

Through the humanitarian parole application program, the Initiative offers pro bono legal assistance to local Haitian-American families who have nieces, nephews or other closely-related children in Haiti who have lost their parents—a loss exacerbated by the difficult circumstances of living in a nation in chaos. Consulting with immigration attorneys from Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and Council of Philadelphia, a Philadelphia non-profit that provides legal and social services to immigrants and refugees, pro bono teams from firms across the city are working with identified families to apply to allow these

Haitian children to live with their relatives in the United States while the crisis persists. HIAS attorneys and I have met with representatives of the Haitian Professionals of Philadelphia and the Board of Directors of the Haitian Pastors Association to spread the word about the humanitarian parole program. Further, Gilda Jean-Louis, a prominent leader in the local Haitian-American community, invited me to her weekly local radio program to discuss the project and to answer listeners' questions about what types of applications might have the best chances of succeeding. Five families have approached us about submitting humanitarian parole applications on behalf of their child relatives, and we have matched those families with Philadelphia law firms who are participating in the Initiative. So far, we have pro bono teams from Dechert, Ballard Spahr and DLA Piper, and several more have indicated their willingness to help with future applications. Though every case is different, these are children who have seen their schools and homes crumble; who have seen their parents, friends and family killed or severely injured; who have lived in the most challenging conditions in tents, fields and temporary shelters; who have spent their days without schooling or structured activities; who have struggled to have their own medical needs met; and who have been affected by the troubling violence, crime and sexual assaults taking place in Haiti. As we finalize our existing humanitarian parole applications and await a response from the U.S. government, we are hopeful we can give these children the chance to live in a stable environment surrounded by their closest living family members.

Our advocacy efforts aim to show the community's support for helping Haitians rebuild their country and to facilitate immigration—be it temporary or permanent—so that they can find work and a more stable living environment here as rebuilding efforts proceed. We have been in touch with local government leaders and helped to facilitate an editorial in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* regarding the wisdom of authorizing immediate immigration for the many thousands of Haitians who have already received permission to immigrate but who would normally face a years-long wait. By allowing these qualified, documented Haitians to immigrate to the United States now, they will have a better chance to earn a living and—in the long-held custom of prior Haitian immigrants to the United States—to send remittances from their earnings back to their friends and families in Haiti.

Our third task has been to create a response network for issues affecting the local community. To note just one example of this work, the Philadelphia representative

for Partners in Health, a key service organization that provided medical services to thousands of Haitians after the earthquake, called me to ask for help for a group of Haitian girls who had come to Philadelphia for urgent medical care. I contacted members of the Initiative, and we quickly set up a time for the girls to meet members of the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians (a group that focuses on helping new immigrants become acclimated to our city) and to attend social functions and church services with the local Haitian-American community. We are also in touch with national response organizations, both as collaborators and as a network offering help, when national groups have clients with needs specific to Philadelphia.

There is so much to do, and the Initiative plays only a small role, but we remain hopeful that our work will improve the lives of Haitian children who have or would like to join our community.

Personally, I have learned how important it can be to act upon your passions, to admit your ignorance, to ask others for guidance and help and, of course, to get to work. I have been overwhelmed at the response from so many different people, firms, and organizations in our city in this unusual, but important, endeavor.

Jennings F. Durand
Philadelphia
+1 215 994 2271
jennings.durand@dechert.com

Pro Bono Highlight: Charlotte



by **Sarah A. Hall**

Dechert's Charlotte office recently began participating in a pro bono program jointly established by the North Carolina Bar Association and the N.C. Center for Nonprofits that coordinates pro bono services for non-profits across a statewide network.

Although we only recently started the project, we have already taken on a diverse set of issues for a variety of non-profits. I am working with a high school drama booster club to get their 501(c)(3) status and drafting their corporate documents; **Lorien L.L.M. Golaski** advised a battered women's shelter regarding zoning requirements; **Mary Bear** reviewed a publishing contract for a book by a craftsman society and advised a health research alliance on how to set up a new fellowship program and a lecture program so as to not jeopardize their tax exempt status; and **John C. Bumgarner** is drafting bylaws, a conflict of interest policy, and preparing the 501(c)(3) application for a mentoring group promoting artistry for juveniles.

By assisting non-profits with very diverse missions, Dechert has positively impacted the lives of many people throughout North Carolina.

Sarah A. Hall
Charlotte
+1 704 339 3128
sarah.hall@dechert.com

Awards & Recognition

- In the July 2010 issue of *The American Lawyer*, Dechert was ranked #3 in the annual pro bono rankings—a list of the 200 firms in the country that made the most significant contributions in terms of pro bono services. The issue featured Dechert's landlord-tenant work representing low-income tenants facing eviction.
- Dechert was presented with the Pro Bono Counsel Award at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty's 12th Annual McKinney-Vento Awards Reception & Dinner on October 14. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have advanced solutions to homelessness and poverty and pay tribute to two outstanding national leaders in the fight to end homelessness, Stewart B. McKinney and Bruce F. Vento. Our work with the Center has addressed issues related to unaccompanied homeless youth, access to education for homeless children, and the human right to housing.
- **José R. Almonte, David S. Hoffner, Sarah Mendola, K. Keely Rankin** and Dechert are among the recipients of the Legal Aid Society of New York's 2010 Pro Bono Awards. They were honored for outstanding service to The Legal Aid Society and its clients.

2010 Fall Associates Make Their Mark through Pro Bono Efforts

Prior to starting at Dechert, some of the Fall Associates spent time doing pro bono work for a diverse collection of nonprofit and governmental organizations.



William Allensworth. I served as a Special Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Woburn, MA. I argued cases before the Massachusetts Appeals Court and drafted appellate briefs and memoranda opposing motions for

new trial and a petition for interlocutory appeal. I also second-chaired a complex white collar criminal trial in the Middlesex Superior Court that involved extensive written and oral motion practice.



Jon Gaines. I had the opportunity to serve as a volunteer attorney for The Legal Aid Society of New York's Housing Development Unit, where I provided support to low-income tenant groups living with housing code violations. I helped these groups obtain repairs

through court orders and negotiated settlements. It was an incredible chance to not only work directly with clients, but also to have a tangible impact on the New York City community.



Carl Gismervig. I worked at Pacific Charter School Development (PCSD), a non-profit real estate development organization that funds and develops facilities for high quality charter schools in California. While at PCSD, I spent most of my time working on various legal and

policy research projects regarding California's charter school laws and charter school finance. I was also able to assist in preparing documents for a large bond offering that financed seven different school facilities for Aspire Public Schools. After completion of the bond deal, I was able to see the physical results of the financing, assisting one of the project managers in the construction phase of two of the schools funded by the bond.



Paul Goulet. I spent my deferment year as a volunteer attorney in the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Unit at Legal Aid and Defender in Detroit, Michigan, where I primarily assisted low-income homeowners faced with mortgage foreclosure. My duties included

providing initial legal advice to incoming clients about the foreclosure process and other potentially related issues. In an effort to prevent foreclosure my legal assistance included negotiating loan modifications with mortgage lenders and other potential workouts including deed in lieu agreements and short sales. I also provided advice to homeowners facing property tax foreclosure and negotiated repayment plans with the County Treasurer.



Grace Guisewite. I volunteered at the Law Offices of the Mohave County Public Defender in Kingman, Arizona. Most of my time was spent researching and writing motions to suppress, motions in limine and misdemeanor appeals. I also interviewed clients, assisted in jury

selections and helped formulate defense theories for numerous felony trials.



Ken Holloway. I worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia Municipal Court. I appeared in court on behalf of the Commonwealth almost every day, working on as many as 50 case files each day and litigating hundreds of felony preliminary hearings, pretrial

motions and misdemeanor bench trials. I had a great time and deeply valued the experience of working independently and having to constantly think on my feet in the courtroom.



Eric Lunsford. As the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Fellow at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Volunteer Legal Services Program, I spent the past year representing or advising low-income taxpayers in a variety of U.S. Tax Court Petition and IRS collections matters. I

also oversaw the tax clinic's day-to-day operations. Most significantly, I tried an I.R.C. § 6015 innocent spouse case before the U.S. Tax Court. In that case, I negotiated stipulations with IRS counsel, first-chaired at trial and submitted briefs to the court.



Kristen Maule. I spent the past year working as a legal educator at a non-governmental organization in Thailand, Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEACLE). At BABSEACLE, I directed legal education programs at a local women’s home and juvenile detention center, developing and teaching lessons on a variety of legal topics—including criminal law, family law, property law and citizenship law—then compiling these lessons into a curriculum for use by BABSEACLE as well as for distribution to other organizations. In addition to heading up these projects, I assisted in creating a manual on LGBT rights in Thailand and advised disadvantaged women regarding legal issues relating to citizenship, employment and domestic violence.



Nathan McClellan. As the National Programs Law Fellow at the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, I had the opportunity to organize panel discussions, edit research papers and draft both legal and non-legal memoranda. The experience gave me the opportunity to become familiar with a wide range of current issues in law and to work with high level attorneys and academics from around the country.



Sean McConnell. During my year as a deferred associate, I served as a volunteer attorney for the Philadelphia Homeless Advocacy Project, an organization that assists homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia with their legal and advocacy needs.

I counseled persons in a variety of areas including veterans’ benefits, social security disability, family law and landlord-tenant matters. Specifically, I successfully litigated a social security disability claim as well as a child custody dispute. I also drafted advocacy letters in support of providing cellular phones for homeless individuals and eliminating residency requirements for those persons attempting to stay in local shelters.



Holly McHugh. I worked as a Foreclosure Defense Legal Fellow for Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY). It was very educational to have the opportunity to be on the frontlines of the foreclosure crisis. The work I participated in ranged from legal research on emerging

foreclosure issues in the state of New York to helping low-income homeowners negotiate modifications to their mortgage loans or other appropriate workout options. I also worked on some landlord-tenant cases and assisted the office in administering their pro bono referral program. LawNY provided me with invaluable experience during my first year out of law school, and I had an opportunity to learn skills and substantive law that I believe are relevant to the work I’ll be doing at Dechert.



Kristina Moon. I worked for 14 months as an attorney with the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia, where I was a member of the team working on the federal civil rights action arising out of the “Kids for Cash” judicial corruption scandal in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. I co-authored a number of briefs in the complex motions practice for that case, including our successful responses to the defendants’ motions to dismiss. I also co-authored amicus briefs before the Third Circuit, Washington Supreme Court, and most recently, the U.S. Supreme Court, on issues related to adolescent development, juveniles’ access to counsel and the use of juvenile adjudications in subsequent adult criminal sentence enhancements, respectively. In addition, I had the opportunity to draft legislative amendments and legal analysis as part of Juvenile Law Center’s policy advocacy surrounding sexting legislation nationwide, including HB2189 currently under consideration in Pennsylvania’s General Assembly.



Katy Pape. Over the past year, I worked at the King’s County District Attorney’s Office as a Special Assistant District Attorney. The program started off with a three-week training program and a trial ad course, after which I was assigned to the Special Victims Bureau to oversee a case load of about 100 misdemeanors consisting of both victim and victimless crimes. My position included preparing the cases for either jury or bench trials, interviewing defendants before they were arraigned on felony charges, writing up complaints for arraignments, arraigning defendants in Criminal Court and preparing witnesses to testify. It was an invaluable experience learning how to put a case together for trial and prosecuting it in court.



Eric Reed. For the first half of my deferral, I served with the Life and Hope Association in northern Cambodia. While there, I worked to improve area schools and to build improved housing for local villagers. I also served as local counsel for the Life and Hope Association,

managing service contracts and providing advice on the emerging Cambodian legal system. I spent the second half of my deferral with the University of Michigan's Human Trafficking Clinic, where I analyzed trafficking patterns across southeast Asia and South Africa and helped to design a program for the clinic's international engagement.



Mark Sanofsky. I worked at Council for Children's Rights, a non-profit organization located in Charlotte, North Carolina that works primarily in the areas of special education, abuse and neglect, mental health, custody, domestic violence and juvenile justice. I spent most of my

time representing children between the ages of 10 and 16 who had been accused of committing criminal offenses. Throughout the year, I handled six first-chair trials, including one felony armed robbery case. In addition, as a court-appointed guardian ad litem, I represented several children involved in high-conflict custody disputes.



Yelena Shreyberg. I had the opportunity to work in the legal department of Continuum Health Partners, Inc., a non-profit organization of six hospitals in Manhattan and Brooklyn. I investigated and responded to Human Rights, EEOC and NLRB complaints by current and

former hospital employees; drafted physician employment agreements and other professional services contracts; sat second chair on an arbitration; and assisted in responding to subpoenas and other inquiries by the Office of the Attorney General. I also provided daily assistance with the various legal, employment and contractual matters arising in the hospital setting.



Darla Woodring. I spent the last year at the Children's Law Center (CLC), the largest civil legal services organization in Washington, D.C. Some of the highlights from my work include assisting in two competing caregiver adoption trials in which I prepped witnesses and drafted

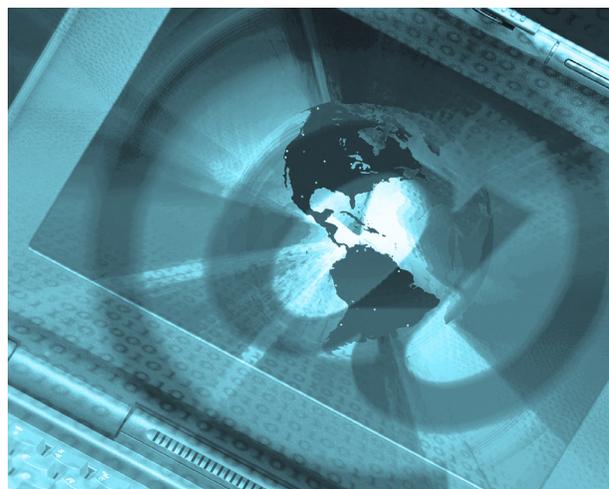
cross examination questions, motions and written

closing statements. I also attended IEP meetings with a client, for whom I drafted letters to the special education coordinator at her son's school and participated in the due process hearing—ultimately winning a private school placement for her autistic son. Finally, I completed a 50-state survey on practice standards that govern advocates appointed for children in custody cases.



Sumeera Younis. During the past year, I had the opportunity to work as a consultant for the legal department of the International Finance Corporation in Istanbul, Turkey. I helped to structure transactions and negotiate deals with clients from 21 countries in Southern

Europe and Central Asia alongside the IFC business team. I was able to work with local counsel to understand regional application of finance laws and assure that executed agreements could be enforced in diverse jurisdictions. The experience greatly helped develop my understanding of international finance and banking but most importantly helped instill a passion for developmental work that I hope to continue to build upon in some capacity as a lawyer for Dechert.



Pro Bono Net

www.probono.net is an internet-based pro bono resource. The site has some national practice areas as well as practice areas that are specific to certain cities/states. The site contains an online library of training materials and model pleadings, postings of volunteer opportunities, descriptions of legal services organizations, and a calendar of pro bono training events.

Dechert's Pro Bono Committee

If you are interested in getting involved in pro bono work, please contact any member of the firm-wide Pro Bono Committee or a member of your local office Pro Bono Committee.

Craig Y. Allison, Ph.D.
Silicon Valley
+1 650 813 4810
craig.allison@dechert.com

Kevin K. Babikian
Orange County
+1 949 442 6040
kevin.babikian@dechert.com

Joseph W. Beach
Charlotte
+1 704 339 3154
joseph.beach@dechert.com

Julia Braun
Munich
+49 89 21 21 63 20
julia.braun@dechert.com

Katherine A. Burroughs
Hartford
+1 860 524 3953
katherine.burroughs@dechert.com

Joybell Chitbangonsyn
Boston
+1 617 728 7171
joybell.chitbangonsyn@dechert.com

Bruce W. Clark
Princeton
+1 609 955 3212
bruce.clark@dechert.com

Steven R. Daniels
Austin
+1 512 394 3015
steven.daniels@dechert.com

Shane R. DeBeer
Moscow
+7 499 922 1133
shane.debeer@dechert.com

Ethan D. Fogel
Philadelphia
+1 215 994 2965
ethan.fogel@dechert.com

Jean-Louis Frognet
Luxembourg
+352 45 62 62 29
jean-louis.frogner@dechert.com

François Hellot
Paris
+33 1 57 57 80 85
francois.hellot@dechert.com

France Jaffe
San Francisco
+1 415 262 4539
france.jaffe@dechert.com

Christopher G. Karras
Philadelphia
+1 215 994 2412
christopher.karras@dechert.com

Angelyn Lim
Hong Kong
+852 3518 4718
angelyn.lim@dechert.com

Michelle E. Peters
Boston
+1 617 654 8617
michelle.peters@dechert.com

Sean H. Porter
New York
+1 212 698 3579
sean.porter@dechert.com

Charles I. Poret
New York
+1.212.698.3532
charles.poret@dechert.com

Jonathan A. Schur
Paris
+33 1 57 57 80 53
jonathan.schur@dechert.com

Richard J. Temko
Brussels
+32 2 535 5430
richard.temko@dechert.com

Suzanne E. Turner (Chair)
Washington, D.C.
+1 202 261 3361
suzanne.turner@dechert.com

Adam J. Wasserman
New York
+1 212 698 3580
adam.wasserman@dechert.com

Tracey Wright
London
+44 20 7184 7359
tracey.wright@dechert.com

About Dechert LLP

With offices throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, Dechert LLP is an international law firm focused on complex litigation and international arbitration, corporate and securities, financial services and asset management, business restructuring and reorganization, intellectual property, labor and employment, real estate finance, and tax law.

Dechert
LLP

www.dechert.com

© 2010 Dechert LLP. All rights reserved. This publication, provided by Dechert LLP as a general informational service, may be considered attorney advertising in some jurisdictions.

U.S. Austin • Boston • Charlotte • Hartford • New York • Orange County • Philadelphia
Princeton • San Francisco • Silicon Valley • Washington, D.C. • **EUROPE** Brussels • Dublin
London • Luxembourg • Moscow • Munich • Paris • **ASIA** Beijing • Hong Kong