

DOYOU KNOW US? JONES DAY AND OUR PRO BONO CULTURE

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Jones Day's Culture of Pro Bono.

Jones Day takes a different view of pro bono work. We identify problems and strategize on transformative solutions. We made an authentic, long-term commitment to pro bono years ago, and it has never wavered, whether representing undocumented women and children in immigration proceedings, leveraging our global resources in the fight against human trafficking, fostering reforms in policing, combatting hate crimes, representing veterans, or building out and participating in local legal aid efforts in the communities we call home.

Lawyers from every practice and every office contribute to the Firm's culture and tradition of pro bono, and while we are grateful for the opportunities and successes so far, we remain aware of the challenging work ahead. Get to know us, and get to know our pro bono efforts around the world.

DID YOU KNOW...

Jones Day has two partners dedicated full-time to Pro Bono and Community Initiatives and every one of Jones Day's more than 40 offices has a partner-in-charge of local pro bono matters. Lawyers at every level, as well as staff, work with community organizations, not-for-profits, healthcare providers, and other local resources to ensure that needs are identified and that legal assistance and help are effectively delivered.



DO YOU KNOW US? Immigration-The Border Project

In 2014, Jones Day launched the Unaccompanied Children Project ("UAC") representing migrant minors and mothers with their children, many of whom were detained by the U.S. government after fleeing life-threatening, gender-based gang violence in their home countries. In early 2017, Jones Day opened a full-time, fully staffed office in Laredo, Texas to serve these clients, and that phase of the Border Initiative became known as the "Laredo Project."

In 2021, Jones Day expanded our work to serve migrant children, women, and families by opening a new office in the Rio Grande Valley. We call our newest phase of our work—The Border Project 3.0.

Jones Day has provided legal education to over 10,000 migrants, and has managed more than 600 individual cases for women, children, and families. Over 1,100 lawyers from every domestic office and Mexico City have dedicated more than 280,000 hours to these cases.

We continue to provide aid and support to vulnerable migrant populations. When dangerous circumstances in the Middle East and Africa resulted in waves of refugees in Lesvos, Greece, Jones Day deployed lawyers from the region to help ensure that the laws governing humanitarian relief are properly applied, particularly women and children. More than 20 lawyers have dedicated in excess of 2,800 hours to this project.

Learn more about Jones Day's Border Project.

DID YOU KNOW...

The success of Jones Day's Laredo Project is due to a substantial, longterm commitment by the Firm and its lawyers. Click the thumbnail below to view our Border Project Timeline.



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Constitutional Policing and Civil Justice Reform.

Jones Day's Constitutional Policing and Civil Justice Reform Initiative was created following the events leading to the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota during May 2020.

The Firm's Managing Partner initiated the effort to demonstrate Jones Day's commitment "to advancing the rule of law governing policing in the minority communities." He emphasized that "an effective police force—one that is widely respected as honest, fair, and evenhanded both in protecting communities and enforcing order—is essential to the survival of any system built on the rule of law."

The Initiative coordinates efforts at the local and national levels to impact systemic reform in policing practices, policies, procedures, and culture. Specific activities include: leading a coalition of stakeholders in Minneapolis taking action on reform initiatives, representing the City of Minneapolis in efforts to improve accountability for police, representing the City of Chicago in an internal investigation, representing the Chicago Police Board on education and reform initiatives, co-chairing a task force in Los Angeles established by the mayor to propose police reform measures, and advising other stakeholders and local governments on arbitration and accountability issues for police. Jones Day is also involved in litigation on behalf of several victims of police abuse and misconduct.

DID YOU KNOW...

Jones Day presented a three-part webinar series on police reform in 2020. The programs focused on the Minneapolis Police Department, with topics that included collaborating for systematic change, transforming the police contract, and understanding and implementing various types of reform.



DO YOU KNOW US? Anti-Human Trafficking.

Jones Day represents individual victims of online sexual exploitation and sexual tourism and works with organizations like the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to provide training for lawyers, jurists, and prosecutors handling trafficking cases.

On the health care front, Jones Day, with the American Hospital Association, created the first-ever diagnostic codes for human trafficking and actively engages in national efforts to train health care organizations in their use. Jones Day transactional lawyers provide structural counsel to anti-trafficking organizations around the world, and the Firm's data and privacy lawyers work with financial institutions and government agencies to facilitate procedures related to detecting human trafficking.

Jones Day spearheads bold initiatives to prevent trafficking crimes. With support from the Jones Day Foundation, the Firm worked with the City of Houston to launch the Ten-Ten Initiative, which provides public awareness/preparedness training to cities throughout the U.S.

The Firm also leads a multinational effort focused on modernizing the anti-money laundering regime applicable to human trafficking.

Finally, Jones Day is leading the effort to create a compendium of all the laws of each country in the world related to human trafficking and human slavery.

Learn more about Jones Day's commitment to stop Human Trafficking.

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In early 2021, Jones Day introduced Human Trafficking and Health Care Providers: Legal Requirements for Reporting and Education, the first resource of its kind designed to help healthcare providers navigate their reporting and education obligations related to human trafficking crimes.



DO YOU KNOW US? Hate Crimes Task Force.

Initiated in 2017, Jones Day's Hate Crimes Task Force includes a team of lawyers, many of them former prosecutors, who support and represent the victims of hate crimes, as well as their family members. They work closely with local law enforcement, civil rights organizations, and agencies and departments at various levels of government.

Jones Day represented the family of a member of the U.S. military who was targeted and killed because of his race; defended members of the Charlottesville city counsel who were sued in their individual capacity as a result of their efforts to address iconography; and provided advice to individual cities that were seeking to quell the use of unlawful private militias and unauthorized paramilitary activity at public demonstrations. Jones Day also provided educational materials on the legal parameters of peaceful protest in cities across the country.

Jones Day is also spearheading an international project to address anti-Semitism and other forms of hate and extremism that manifested themselves in the Tree of Life killings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. With a multidisciplinary group of leading experts from around the world, Jones Day is working to drive global and actionable solutions to overt acts of hate and extremism.

Learn more about Jones Day's Hate Crimes Task Force here and here.

DID YOU KNOW...

Prior to joining Jones Day, several members of the Firm's Hate Crimes Task Force served as federal or district attorney, and prosecuted numerous hate crimes and related offenses.



DO YOU KNOW US? Veterans issues (Vetlex)

Jones Day has launched a multi-faceted response to the persistent lack of access to quality legal advice for so many veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

VetLex is the first national and centralized resource designed to provide legal service referrals to veterans. The VetLex platform connects veterans in need of legal assistance with the resources best-equipped to help them. Jones Day conducts outreach to law schools, industry, and others to marshal service providers through VetLex.

Jones Day also provides pro bono services to individual veterans in matters including benefits claims appeals, and discharge upgrades. In multiple cases, the Firm has successfully challenged the VA's disability ratings decisions, allowing the individual to receive the appropriate in compensation and accompanying benefits. Firm lawyers also provided pro bono resources supporting the shutdown of one of the largest veteran scam programs in the country. In addition, Jones Day lawyers create and participate in clinics, community activities, workshops, and seminars supporting veterans.

Learn more about VetLex

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VetLex lawyers, from Jones Day and other law firms, companies, and organizations, advise veterans on a wide range of legal matters, including healthcare, disability, housing, and consumer debt.



DO YOU KNOW US?

Jones Day in the Community.

While Jones Day's global pro bono initiatives target specific high-level societal problems and issues, our pro bono culture is rooted in the efforts of our individual lawyers and offices that are heavily engaged with, and committed to, our communities.

Pro bono partners in each Jones Day office coordinate pro bono opportunities, and match each engagement with the right lawyer. Jones Day brings the same dedication and commitment to pro bono matters that we bring traditional client work.

Our lawyers work with the courts and legal aid clinics to assist clients who cannot pay for representation. They serve on boards of not-for-profit organizations, and they assist small business start-ups with structuring, compliance, and tax issues. They volunteer at food banks and they provide legal counsel to charitable events. They march in Pride parades and they support the local arts community.

It's what makes Jones Day's Culture of Pro Bono.

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Jones Day lawyer's dedicate more than more than 185,000 hours annually to pro bono work. This includes providing legal counsel directly to individuals, serving in leadership and support roles in organizations committed to improving the community, and advising not-for-profits and start-up companies on operational and regulatory matters.

