

Pro Bono & Community Service

Williams Montgomery & John Ltd. and many of the firm's individual attorneys dedicate significant time, talent and resources each year supporting worthy community and charitable organizations and providing pro bono legal services to those in need. We are particularly active with organizations that assist children and families, provide educational opportunities, offer volunteer legal services and improve the quality of life for people in the Metropolitan Chicago area including:

- Providing pro bono representation of indigent clients in civil rights, employment, housing, family law, criminal and other types of cases.
- Working on the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc. Foreclosure Defense Project to assist *pro se* litigants with motions, responses and other legal documents.
- Serving on the Young Professionals Board of the [Center for Disability and Elder Law](#), which provides *pro bono* legal services to the elderly and disabled in Cook County, Ill.
- Serving on the Muskingum University Board of Trustees, providing expertise in governance and ensuring the long-term well-being of this institution.
- Supporting school reform and academic excellence at the primary and secondary school levels, including the South Loop Elementary School and Namaste Charter School.
- Providing *pro bono* service to the Young Professionals Board for Open Heart Magic, a Chicago-based organization that trains and staffs magicians at local hospitals.

The firm has participated in The Salvation Army's "Adopt-A-Family" Program , which provides gifts and donations to needy families during the holiday season. In past years, we have fulfilled "wish lists" for a mother and her three children as well as provided them with warm coats and clothing and grocery store gift certificates.

We field a team each year for the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services' Race Judicata 5k Run, which raises funds to support involvement of the Chicago legal community in voluntary *pro bono* representation. The team also participates in the annual Bastille Day 5K/8K race to benefit Chicago's Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.

In April 2011, retired partner Thomas Neuckranz and his wife received the "Governor's Volunteer Service Award" in recognition of their efforts on behalf of Erika's Lighthouse . This organization, founded in their daughter's memory, has a presence in more than 54 schools in the Chicago area and strives to educate young people about depression and good mental health.

Additional organizations and causes in which our attorneys have been actively involved include Golden Apple Foundation for Excellence in Teaching, John Fischetti Scholarship Fund Advisory Board, Literacy Chicago and the U.S. Peace Corps. Williams Montgomery & John attorneys also have raised thousands of dollars for the Chicago Bar Foundation, Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, American Cancer Society and National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Illinois Chapter.

Click on the links throughout this description for more information about these organizations and

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programs.