

COMMUNITY

Our philosophy of inclusiveness is reflected in our extensive and diverse civic leadership and volunteerism. Our attorneys and staff contribute financially, serve on boards and work for more than 200 organizations—in social services, education, the arts, youth athletics, politics and professional associations.

Those organizations include: Access to Justice, the Afro-American Cultural Center, American Heart Association, Arts & Science Council, Boy Scouts of America, Charlotte Emergency Housing, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Community Building Initiative, Girl Scouts of America, H.L. McCrorey Family YMCA, Hope Haven, Humane Society of Charlotte, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Nevins, Inc., Mecklenburg Bar Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Special Olympics of North Carolina, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Teach for America, Thompson Child and Family Focus, United Family Services Shelter for Battered Women, Uptown Men's Shelter, United Way, YMCA of Greater Charlotte Community Development, Youth Homes, Inc. and YWCA-Women in Transition Program.

In addition, our extensive and highly awarded pro bono program focuses on providing superior legal counsel to children, seniors and indigent clients as well as non-profit organizations. Our attorneys and paralegals generously donate their time and talents through The Council for Children's Rights, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, The Mecklenburg County Bar's Volunteer Lawyers Program and Charleston County, South Carolina. This year, one of our members was awarded Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Mecklenburg County Bar's Volunteer Lawyers Program. In 2008, four of our attorneys were recognized for performance of more than 100 hours of pro bono service over a three year period. In 2007, we were named Pro Bono Large Firm of the Year by the Mecklenburg County Bar.

Likewise, our attorneys participate and serve in leadership, governance and educational positions with the International Bar Association, American Bar Association and state bar groups, as well as in other professional and legal organizations, helping to advance legal ethics, knowledge and professionalism.