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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 the Afro-American Cultural Center, American Heart Association, Arts & Science Council, Charlotte Emergency Housing, Community Building Initiative, H.L. McCrorey Family YMCA, Hope Haven, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Nevins, Inc., Special Olympics North Carolina, Teach for America, Thompson Child and Family Focus and United Way. Because of our dedication to improving the community in which we serve, we were awarded the Multicultural Community Involvement Award by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

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. 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.