

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **NIJC's *Pro Bono* Projects Congratulate the Following Attorneys with Clients Who Were Recently Granted Immigration Relief:**

#### **Litigation**

**Jocelyn Francoeur** and **Kristen Klanow** of **McDermott Will & Emery LLP**, along with **Nicole LeBeau**, **Briody Meyers**, and **Geoffery Vance**, formerly of **McDermott Will & Emery**, obtained a substantial settlement in a Federal Tort Claims Act suit against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the Northern District Court of Illinois on behalf of Mr. Makowski, a U.S. citizen who was wrongfully imprisoned for 70 days due to an erroneously issued immigration detainer. Mr. Makowski became a U.S. citizen after being adopted and received a certificate of U.S. citizenship in March 1989. However, more than 20 years later, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) records still indicated that Mr. Makowski was not a U.S. citizen. When Mr. Makowski was arrested in July 2010, his fingerprints were automatically shared with ICE under the Under Secure Communities program. Without interviewing Mr. Makowski or performing any meaningful investigation, ICE lodged an immigration detainer against Mr. Makowski. In December 2010, Mr. Makowski agreed to plead guilty to a drug offense in exchange for recommendation to Illinois' four month boot camp program instead of a seven year prison sentence. Unbeknownst to Mr. Makowski, ICE's erroneous immigration detainer disqualified him from boot camp and he was instead placed in a maximum security prison to serve a seven year prison sentence. It was only after 70 days, and intervention by a family attorney, that he was properly placed in the rehabilitative boot camp program. After defeating the government's motion to dismiss, *pro bono* counsel secured a substantial settlement for Mr. Makowski, which included compensation for the time wrongfully imprisoned and corrections to DHS's records.

#### **Asylum**

**Joanne Caceres**, **Kathryn Dore**, **Lee Ann Russo** and **Samantha Woo** of **Jones Day** obtained asylum for a man from Eritrea.

**David Bauer**, **Matt Costigan**, **Maria Kutnick** and **T. Justin Trapp** of **Winston & Strawn LLP** obtained asylum for a woman from Kenya.

## **Citizenship and Permanent Residency**

**Laura Homan** and **Ginger Partee** of **Baker & McKenzie LLP** obtained citizenship for a man from Mexico.

**Sarah Maxwell**, formerly of **Baker & McKenzie LLP**, obtained citizenship for a woman from Albania.

**Betsy Stelle Morgan** of **Baker & McKenzie LLP** obtained citizenship for a man from Nigeria.

**David Serwer** of **Baker & McKenzie LLP** obtained citizenship for a woman from Mexico.

**William Bruce**, **Kelly Huggins** and **Eric Schmitt** of **Sidley Austin LLP** obtained permanent residency for two Palestinian asylees.

**Michael Gustafson** and **Kendra Stead** of **Sidley Austin LLP** obtained derivative asylum status for the son of an asylee from Guatemala.

## **DACA**

**James Huttenhower** of **AT&T** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Melissa Allchin** of **Baker & McKenzie LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico and collaborated with **Laurence Wilken** of **Caterpillar Inc.** to obtain temporary protection for another young immigrant from Mexico.

**Edward Fitzpatrick** of **Faegre Baker Daniels LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Colby Kingsbury** of **Faegre Baker Daniels LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Honduras.

**Stephen Legatzke** of **Goldberg Kohn Ltd.** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Luke Ruse** of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP** and **Bryce Budin**, formerly of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP**, obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Jason Fitterer** of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Poland.

**Brian Tweedie** of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Daniel Coyne** of **Perkins Coie LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Richard Rothblatt** of **Perkins Coie LLP** and **Sara Feinstein**, formerly of **Perkins Coie LLP**, in collaboration with **Lauren Cohn** of **Walgreens Co.**, obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Sandra Newman** of **Perkins Coie LLP**, in collaboration with **Larry Anderson** of **Walgreens Co.**, obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Richard Rothblatt** of **Perkins Coie LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Riley Mendoza** of **Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Matthew Wolfe** of **Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Megan Devaney** of **Winston & Strawn LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Sharick Naqi** of **Winston & Strawn LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Ivan Poullaos** of **Winston & Strawn LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Mexico.

**Jacob Schtevie** of **Winston & Strawn LLP** obtained temporary protection for a young immigrant from Belize.

### **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status**

**Katrina Quillen** and **Jeremy Pangan** of **Valparaiso University Law School**, along with former students **Sara Dietrich** and **Cecilia Lopez**, and **Geoffrey Heeren**, Director of **Valparaiso University Law School's Immigration Clinic**, obtained special immigrant juvenile status and permanent residency for a young immigrant from Mexico.