

“Pro bono service is at the heart of the legal profession. Fredrikson & Byron has a long, strong history of providing pro bono legal services to individuals and organizations that serve them. We are proud of the work of our lawyers and the nonprofit organizations that provide or facilitate legal services in an effort to expand access to justice for everyone.”

Pamela Wandzel
Director of Pro Bono and Community Service

If you ask lawyers why they went to law school, most of them will reply that they wanted to help people or wanted to make the world a better place for future generations. Many lawyers act on those early motivations by doing pro bono work helping individuals, families, organizations, nonprofits and other community organizations achieve their goals.

Our lawyers, along with many of our paralegals, interns and staff, help to ensure that individual freedoms and rights are protected, that people who are unfamiliar with the court system have assistance navigating this foreign world and, most importantly, that voices are heard where they otherwise would not be.

Fredrikson attorneys and staff contribute thousands of hours in pro bono services to individuals in need and nonprofit organizations throughout the community. The stories and the results of these efforts become a powerful tool for change by inspiring and encouraging the listeners to step forward and volunteer in some way, big or small, furthering the effort to make the world a better place one act at a time. Every year, we produce a book that highlights our clients. This year, Fredrikson’s Pro Bono Stories shares how our lawyers and professionals assisted dozens of people escaping torture and persecution; our team celebrated the release of a man from death row; they reunited a mother with her children who had been kidnapped by a non-custodial father. They defended the right of a mother and family to live in safe housing and helped another expunge a conviction so she could begin to make a new life for her and her family. In addition, our lawyers leveled the playing field by stepping in to represent defendants in civil court actions who otherwise would not have had the benefit of a lawyer. We hope you enjoy our stories.