

Jenner & Block Team to Receive Northern District of Illinois Pro Bono Award

Recognition

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The US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (NDIL) and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will honor a Jenner & Block team with the 2025 Pro Bono and Public Interest Award for Excellence on May 1 during a ceremony. The award recognizes lawyers who have made significant contributions to NDIL and the community through pro bono representation and advocacy.

The Jenner team was appointed by the NDIL to represent a client in a Hague Convention child abduction case. The client, who resided in Mexico, had legal custody of his three children before they were taken to the United States by their mother, who had claimed asylum. The team conducted a six-day hearing, and although the judge ultimately issued a final judgment against the client, the court issued a subsequent minute order thanking Jenner & Block for its pro bono service.

The team included Partners Reid Schar, Sarah Futernick, and Alexis Bates, Associates Hope Tone-O'Keefe, Megan Cahillane, Katherine Funderburg, Tomi Johnson, Michael Pearson, Senior Paralegal Micah Horan, former Associate Sara Hickey, and Summer Associate John Baisley.

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