



**3M AND CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA WIN 2007
CPBO PRO BONO PARTNER AWARD™**

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The legal department of 3M has been selected to receive a national pro bono partnership award for their innovative partnership representing abused and neglected children with Children's Law Center of Minnesota.

Washington, D.C.-based Corporate Pro Bono (CPBO) presented the fifth annual **CPBO Pro Bono Partner Award** at the Annual Pro Bono Institute Seminar/Forum on March 2, 2007 at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. The CPBO Pro Bono Partner Award recognizes unique pro bono partnerships between in-house corporate legal departments, law firms and public interest organizations. Thomas F. Beddow, Staff Vice President, Public Affairs and Government Markets, 3M Company and Gail Chang Bohr of the Children's Law Center accepted the award on behalf of the partner organizations.

Children's Law Center's partnership with 3M Company began in 2000 when 3M invited Children's Law Center to develop a pro bono project with 3M to provide pro bono representation for children in the foster care system. Since then 3M has steadily increased its recruitment of teams of attorneys, paralegals, and support staff to represent children in juvenile court. In addition, 3M hosts Children's Law Center's training programs and assists in the training of volunteer attorneys.

As Gail Chang Bohr, the Executive Director of Children's Law Center, noted "3M lawyers make children's voices heard in the systems that affect them so profoundly."

3M volunteer attorneys meet with the children they represent in the child's own setting in accordance with the ABA Standards for Representation of Abused and Neglected Children. In their role as both counselor and advocate, the attorneys take the time to get to know the child and to explain an often-complex and bewildering process. By researching the available options and explaining those options to their clients, they assist the child in the navigation of the court system.

The source of the Pro Bono Partner award, CPBO is itself a partnership between the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center. CPBO is a national outreach program designed to enhance the participation of in-house lawyers in pro bono service. More information is available at www.cpbo.org.

About 3M

3M is a diversified technology company with a worldwide presence in the following markets: consumer and office; display and graphics; electronics and communications; health care;

industrial and transportation; and safety, security and protection services. What makes the company so diverse is their ability to apply their technologies – often in combination – to an endless array of customer needs.

About Children’s Law Center of Minnesota

The Children’s Law Center of Minnesota opened in October of 1995 as a result of eight years’ hard work on the part of attorneys, social workers, teachers, pediatricians, and other children’s advocates in Minnesota. CLC promotes the rights and interests of Minnesota’s children in the judicial, child welfare, health care, and education systems. Through representing children (including foster care children and state wards), in court and working with courts, government agencies, and social service agencies, CLC works to change policies that fail children.

About Corporate Pro Bono

Corporate Pro Bono (www.cpbo.org) is a national outreach project cosponsored by the Association of Corporate Counsel (www.acca.org) and the Pro Bono Institute (www.probonoinst.org). Through online services, technical assistance to the in-house community, and educational outreach, CPBO encourages and supports the participation of in-house counsel in pro bono services.

About the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center

Established in 1996, PBI is a non-profit organization with a mandate to explore and identify new approaches to the poor and disadvantaged unable to secure legal assistance to address critical problems. In doing so, the Institute identifies and develops innovative programs and undertakes rigorous evaluations to ensure that these new approaches are workable and effective.

The Institute administers a number of projects designed to enhance access to justice, including: the Law Firm Pro Bono Project, the Corporate Pro Bono Project (CPBO), Second Acts, Global Pro Bono, and the Reinventing Pro Bono Project for public interest organizations.

About Association of Corporate Counsel

The Association of Corporate Counsel is the in-house bar associationSM, serving the professional needs of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations and other private sector organizations worldwide. The association promotes the common interests of its members, contributes to their continuing education, seeks to improve understanding of the role of in-house attorneys, and encourages advancements in standards of corporate legal practice. Since its founding in 1982, the association has grown to 20,801 members in 71 countries who represent 9,028 corporations, with 47 Chapters and 14 Committees serving the membership. Its members represent all of the Fortune 50 and Fortune 100 companies. Internationally, its members represent 42 of the Global 50 and 74 of the Global 100 companies. For more information, go to www.acc.com.