



Best Practices in Pro Bono

*Law firms, legal services organizations, and corporations
in dialogue to improve the business of doing pro bono.*

Impact Litigation **Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

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Ted Howard, Wiley Rein, LLP
Chinh Le, The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

Welcome – Nancy Lopez & Paul Lee

- I. Introductions & examples of recent impact litigation
- II. Why impact pro bono? The importance of impact litigation in general, with a particular emphasis on local impact, and the role pro bono attorneys can play.
- III. How do impact cases come to be? Identifying the right issues, clients, and pro bono partnerships.
- IV. Nuts and bolts – case staffing (or re-staffing), co-counseling letters, division of labor, expenses, attorneys' fees clauses, etc.
- V. Pitfalls to beware – where things can go wrong, and how to avoid them.
- VI. Looking to the future – areas where impact litigation may play an important role in the future, and how firms and providers can best connect over these issues.

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Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

ADINA APPELBAUM

Program Director, Immigration Impact Lab, Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition

Adina created and leads the Immigration Impact Lab, CAIR Coalition's first-ever federal courts and appellate impact litigation project. She has litigated several individual and class action impact cases on behalf of detained immigrants facing deportation involving asylum law, due process and conditions of detention, and the intersection of criminal and immigration law, including *Martinez v. Sessions*, 892 F.3d 655 (4th Cir. 2018) and *Mauricio-Vasquez v. Whitaker*, 910 F.3d 134 (4th Cir. 2018). As an adjunct professor, Adina co-teaches a seminar on the intersection of criminal and immigration law at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.

From 2015-2017, Adina was an Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by the Arnold & Porter Foundation at CAIR Coalition, where she created and led the Crim-Imm Pro Bono Project to expand access to counsel trained in the intersection of criminal and immigration law and impact litigation to defend detained immigrants facing deportation due to convictions. For this Project, Forbes highlighted her in its 30 under 30 Law and Policy list.

Adina graduated from Georgetown University Law Center with joint Juris Doctor and Master of Public Policy degrees, a Certificate in Refugee & Humanitarian Emergencies, and as a Public Interest Law Scholar and Global Law Scholar. She represented clients at Georgetown Law's Center for Applied Legal Studies Asylum Clinic and Juvenile Justice Clinic and completed legal internships at the Arlington Immigration Court, CAIR Coalition, the Maryland Office of the Public Defender Immigration Program, the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Asylum Access Ecuador.

Prior to law school, Adina was a Fulbright Scholar in Cairo, Egypt, where she provided legal aid to refugees fleeing persecution from across Africa and the Middle East. She holds a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis in Urban Studies and International Area Studies and is admitted to practice law in Virginia, the District of Columbia, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

THEODORE A. HOWARD

Pro Bono Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Ted is the firm's first full-time Pro Bono Partner, a position in which he oversees the firm's pro bono activities and initiatives, and fosters relationships with the public interest legal services community. Prior to his appointment as Pro Bono Partner in May 2014, Ted's practice focused on counseling and representing domestic and international insurers and reinsurers in a broad range of insurance coverage disputes and related litigation in state and federal courts. He also has considerable experience in other forms of complex civil litigation. Ted was named one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Insurance by *Chambers USA*.

Ted has extensive pro bono litigation experience including death penalty, landlord-tenant, child custody and adoption, and prisoners' rights matters, with a particular focus on claims involving conditions of confinement of incarcerated persons under 42 U.S.C. §1983 and the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of D.C. Law Students in Court, the D.C. Bar Board of Governors, the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal

Services of the District of Columbia Circuit Judicial Conference, the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, the American Bar Association, the Advisory Council of the Legal Aid Justice Center, and the Board of Directors of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.

In 2015, Ted received the "Wiley A. Branton Award" for Civil Rights Advocacy from The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. In 2006, he received the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia's 17th Annual Servant of Justice Award.

He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.

CHINH Q. LE

Legal Director, The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

Chinh Q. Le is Legal Aid's Legal Director. In that capacity, he oversees the organization's legal program, which includes roughly 55 attorneys and fellows, 4 loaned associates, 9 legal assistants and intake coordinators, and a case manager. From 2013 to 2016, Chinh served as Co-Chair of the D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers, a coalition of more than 30 legal services organizations in the District of Columbia. From 2011 to 2013, he was Co-Chair of the Access to Justice Task Force of the ABA Section of Litigation.

Immediately prior to joining Legal Aid in July 2011, Chinh was the Director of the Division on Civil Rights in the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General, where he led the state's enforcement of state and federal civil rights and family leave laws. Between 2001 and 2006, he served as assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., in New York, New York, the first two years as a Skadden Fellow. Chinh spent the 2008-2009 academic year as a practitioner-in-residence at Seton Hall Law School and an adjunct associate research scholar at Columbia Law School, where he was affiliated with the Center for Institutional and Social Change. He has also worked as a litigation associate at Jenner & Block LLP.

Chinh received his B.A., with high distinction, from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as Notes Editor of the Virginia Law Review, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and received several awards, including the Margaret G. Hyde Award, the Alumni Association's Distinguished Student Award, and the Mary Clairborne & Roy H. Ritter Prize. Upon graduation, Chinh served as a law clerk to the Honorable Walter K. Stapleton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Chinh is a member of the Board of Directors of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, the Board of Directors of the Washington Council of Lawyers, the PART Advisory Committee of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, and the Advisory Board of the D.C. Community Legal Interpreter Bank. He also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Racial Justice Institute of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law and on the faculty of its Affirmative Litigation Training. Chinh was recognized as one of D.C.'s Rising Stars by the National Law Journal in September 2014, and he received the Community Service Award from the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund in March 2018.