

## Pro Bono

We consider pro bono representation a professional responsibility and a community obligation of the firm. Lathrop Gage employs a full-time attorney whose sole responsibility is serving clients who cannot pay; at any given time, she manages 75-125 active cases in family court.

In addition, Lathrop Gage attorneys donate their time through court appointments in criminal, domestic and juvenile law, and we provide counsel to welfare agencies and domestic violence shelters, among others. Because we recognize that this kind of representation provides opportunities for professional growth, the firm allows up to 50 hours of pro bono work to be counted directly toward associates' annual goals.

Highlights of recent pro bono representation:

- Through mediation, Lathrop Gage, working with Goodwin Procter LLP, settled a wrongful conviction matter with the insurers of Ayer, Mass., and recovered \$3.2 million for Mr. Maher.
- A mercury spill at a charity-run thrift store required costly cleanup and a temporary closure. Lathrop Gage obtained a settlement with the organization's insurers to cover the expense.
- Regularly represent student journalists nationwide in First Amendment matters through referrals from the Student Press Law Center.
- Regularly prosecute claims of excessive force and other violations of due process for arrestees and inmates under Section 1983 in the U.S. Northern District of Illinois.
- Major contributor to the Chicago Bar Foundation (the charitable pro bono arm of the Chicago Bar Association), including having a partner who serves on the foundation board of directors and the nominating and governance committee.