

A. All dare to imagine a better world.

At Manatt, our clients have great expectations, and so do we. We believe that everyone should have equal access to the justice system. While our dedication is evident from the hours we commit every year to an extraordinary number of diverse *pro bono* projects, what you can't see from the statistics is the pride we take in helping worthy individuals and groups receive the justice they had only dared to imagine.

BY THE NUMBERS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

◀ 32,402

NUMBER OF HOURS MANATT DEDICATED TO *PRO BONO* MATTERS IN 2008

◀ 1,450

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AFFORDED ACCESS TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM THROUGH MANATT'S *PRO BONO* REPRESENTATION IN 2008

◀ 85

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS PER ATTORNEY DEDICATED TO *PRO BONO* WORK IN 2008 [*Am Law 200* average is 32 hours per lawyer]

◀ 69

PERCENTAGE OF ATTORNEYS WHO DEDICATED MORE THAN 20 HOURS TO *PRO BONO* WORK IN 2008 [*Am Law 200* average is 38.4 percent]

◀ 4.5

PERCENTAGE OF BILLABLE TIME MANATT DEDICATED TO *PRO BONO* MATTERS IN 2008

Restoring justice to Holocaust survivors nationwide.

Manatt “rewrote the *pro bono* playbook” by creating the Holocaust Survivors Justice Network in partnership with Bet Tzedek Legal Services. So said *The National Law Journal* when it recognized the Justice Network as the largest coordinated *pro bono* effort in United States history—and one of the country’s top four projects for 2008.

Inspiration struck after 20 Manatt attorneys helped two dozen Los Angeles-based Holocaust survivors successfully complete a complex and emotionally taxing application for German reparations relief. Manatt understood that this work was life-transforming for survivors and attorneys alike, and that it possessed unique resources that could be leveraged to reach survivors across the country.

In short order, we created and deployed legal training materials to facilitate attorneys’ ability to navigate the German reparations program. We then recruited and united more than 100 law firms and corporate law departments in 30 North American cities to form the Justice Network.

Over the course of just six months, our Justice Network engaged 2,600 volunteers, served close to 4,000 survivors, and placed over \$1 million into the hands of survivors. The Justice Network continues to thrive, with plans to expand its reach to address additional needs and communities.

Assuring due process for immigration detainees.

The plight of immigrants kept in federal detention facilities is both underpublicized and deeply disturbing. It was brought home to us when we were asked to represent an HIV-positive immigrant who had been detained despite a favorable ruling from his asylum hearing officer.

Following the death in custody of one HIV-positive detainee—apparently due to a denial of vital medicines—several other HIV-positive individuals in the same facility, including our client, were moved to another state without warning, explanation, or notice to their families or attorneys. It took tremendous effort by our attorneys—involving multiple federal, state, and local agencies—just to locate our client, ensure his proper medical care, and meet an aggressive calendar of court dates.

After several months of zealous legal work—far longer than originally projected—we secured humanitarian parole for our client. Representing three additional detainees in 2008, we secured asylum for two Tibetan women and continue to represent a transgender detainee from Mexico.

Defending California's water supply and fisheries.

It was being called a “back room sweetheart deal,” and the consequences could have been disastrous. The residents of a former mill town in McCloud, CA, turned to Manatt to help fight a project that would have led to the building of a million-square-foot water-bottling plant in their tiny town.

With almost no public notice or input, and with a deeply flawed environmental impact report, the town had entered into a one-sided contract with Nestlé Waters of North America. Nestlé would pay the town roughly \$115 per day for pristine water that was worth \$2 billion per year at retail—a 4.7 million percent markup. In a drought or shortage, Nestlé would have rights to the water before the residents. The plant would have affected area fisheries and could have led to environmental problems affecting millions of Californians.

The range of legal issues involved played to Manatt's cross-disciplinary strengths and, once we took the lead, the tide began to turn. Ultimately, Nestlé abandoned the contract, safeguarding the rights and quality of life for residents of the area.

2008 *Pro Bono* NLJ Award

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

2008 Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award

PUBLIC COUNSEL LAW CENTER

2008 Law Firm of the Year

BET TZEDEK

2008 Distinguished *Pro Bono* Service

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

2008 *Pro Bono* Service Award

LEGAL AID FOUNDATION
OF LOS ANGELES



Recognized with five of the industry's most prestigious *pro bono* awards in one year, Manatt sets the bar when it comes to providing *pro bono* legal representation to those in need.

2009 Bet Tzedek's Rose L. Schiff Commitment to Justice Award

2009 *California Lawyer* Attorneys of the Year Award

2008 *The National Law Journal's Pro Bono* Project of the Year

2008 Bet Tzedek's Law Firm of the Year Award

2008 Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles' *Pro Bono* Service Award

2008 State Bar of California President's Distinguished *Pro Bono* Service Award

2008 Public Counsel Law Center's Law Firm *Pro Bono* Award

2008 Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights—Bay Area's James T. Caleshu Award

2008 Los Angeles County Bar Association's Benjamin Aranda Outstanding Public Service Award

2008 Mississippi Center for Justice's Champion of Justice Award

2008 The Constitutional Rights Foundation's Private Sector Lawyer of The Year Award

2008 Five New York State Bar Association Empire State Counsel Awards

