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## ***Pro Bono Briefs***

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**Provided below please find a sample of recent pro bono projects placed with CLR volunteers.**

## Employment Placement

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Cam Evans of [Honigman, Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP](#) has been busy this summer working on a number of employment matters, including matters for Corktown Citizens District Council and ARC Downriver.

Corktown Citizens District Council acts as a liaison between Corktown, the oldest neighborhood in Detroit, and the City government by representing community views on zoning issues, historic preservation and other development issues.

[ARC Downriver](#) works to improve the quality of life for children and adults with mental disabilities in the downriver area of metropolitan Detroit. ARC Downriver has been offering recreational and vocational opportunities for these individuals since 1954.

## Tax Placement

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Chris Dine and Tina Torossian of [Bodman, LLP](#) are working with Summer in the City, an organization that brings suburban high school students to Detroit during their summer vacation to work with Detroit nonprofits.

In 2003, approximately 250 students took time out of their summer vacation to volunteer through [Summer in the City](#). Among other activities, these students helped demolish vacant housing, cleaned graffiti and built a playscape for neighborhood children.

## Real Estate Placement

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Joel Kellman and Tony Ilardi of [Dykema Gossett PLLC](#) has provided legal assistance to Warren Conner Development Corporation for the past few years. The Dykema Gossett attorney and paralegal teams working with Warren Conner have been described as "heros" by the organization.

[Warren Conner Development Corporation](#) has been working to improve the lives of Detroit's east-side families for the last 20 years. Its programming includes youth development, promotion of neighborhood revitalization, business and workforce expansion and real estate development. One example of Warren Conner's success was highlighted in a recent [Detroit News article](#).

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