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Pro Bono Briefs

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Major Victory

Our last *Pro Bono Brief* highlighted the work of [Dykema Gossett](#) attorneys Zora Johnson,

Ken Kalousek and Peggy Costello on behalf of [Oceana's Home Partnership](#). Since that edition, they achieved a major victory.

Oceana's Home Partnership is located in Oceana County and has a long history of building affordable housing, providing homebuyer and homeowner assistance, offering homeless prevention services and general supportive services to the community. While building their latest affordable housing project, the organization encountered a number of challenges from the local municipality. Oceana's Home Partnership reached a point where they needed legal assistance to advance construction. After much time and effort, Dykema Gossett successfully obtained a court order allowing Oceana's Home Partnership to continue building as planned with no further interference from the local government.

Recent Placements

Felicia Duncan of [Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.](#) is working with Creekside Community Development Corporation on employment matters. Creekside Community Development Corporation is located on Detroit's east-side and is in the process of constructing 45 single family homes for low-income families.

Clark Doughty of [Bodman LLP](#) is working with the [Community Development Corporation of Warren](#) on a real estate matter. The Community Development Corporation of Warren works exclusively in south Warren promoting commercial development and new housing.

David Bargamian of [Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, P.L.L.C.](#) is working with the [ARC Downriver](#) on a corporate matter. The ARC Downriver has been improving the quality of life for children and adults with mental disabilities in the downriver communities since 1954. The organization offers extensive educational and vocational opportunities for those that qualify.

Thanks

After more than two years at Community Legal Resources I am moving on to a new opportunity. In my role as Legal Director I have witnessed an extraordinary amount of volunteerism from Michigan attorneys. I want to thank everyone who has worked with me or helped Community Legal Resources' clients. Over the last two years, we successfully found attorneys willing to volunteer for every nonprofit that qualified for Community Legal Resources' assistance. - Alan Reiter

Community Legal Resources is also currently searching for my successor. Interested candidates can view the job posting [here](#) or call Angie Zemboy at 313-964-4130.

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