

PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Making an actual, direct impact on the communities we serve, a tradition passed on from our founders, remains important at KMK. This tradition involves our attorneys and staff contributing to the community and providing pro bono services to organizations devoted to the betterment of communities, and to individuals who are unable to pay for needed legal services.

KMK's Pro Bono Contributions

For many years, KMK has made a strong commitment to the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, both in terms of financial support as well as providing legal services to indigent clients. One of KMK's founding partners, Donald P. Klekamp, is currently serving as president of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. In the past year, KMK has contributed approximately 500 hours to Volunteer Lawyers Project cases, received from the Legal Aid Society. Approximately 74% of KMK associates participate in pro bono work.

KMK is recognized in the Cincinnati Legal Community for its pro bono contributions. During the year, the firm expended approximately 200 non-billable hours in the representation of the Legal Aid Society of Cincinnati in a trademark infringement action. In 2008, KMK filed suit and successfully obtained an injunction to cease infringing uses of the Legal Aid name in the Cincinnati area.

In addition, KMK attorneys have contributed more than 2,600 hours of pro bono work in the past year to various non-profits and charitable organizations.

KMK's Commitment to Community and Civic Service and Charitable Support

In the past two years, our firm has financially supported various local charities, schools, and civic organizations, contributing more than \$500,000. In addition to our monetary donations, our attorneys and staff volunteered a significant number of service hours to varying causes throughout the Greater Cincinnati region.

John Muething, one of KMK's founders: "Community involvement has been, and will remain, something that we are proud of and foster and encourage. I think it broadens a person, makes a person a better lawyer, because it requires them to make decisions to do matters they might not have experienced before."