

## Pro Bono

Eimer Stahl lawyers are dedicated to serving individuals and groups in need of legal representation at home and abroad. This commitment to public service has been an important and defining part of our culture since the firm's inception. Attorneys are encouraged to pursue any pro bono projects they feel passionate about, but Eimer Stahl historically has had close relationships with and done a large amount of pro bono work with certain nonprofit and legal aid organizations, such as the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, the National Immigrant Justice Center, and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center. Our lawyers also serve in leadership positions at legal aid organizations and contribute financial support to many not-for-profit groups.

Some of our recent representations include:

- Representing a prisoner subjected to twenty years of solitary confinement without justification.
- Representing families and neighborhood groups to stop CPS's planned closure of a top-performing elementary school in order to open a new high school to serve a nearby fast-growing, affluent neighborhood.
- Helping food truck owners challenge Chicago's mobile vendor ordinance requiring that trucks remain at least 200 feet from most establishments that serve food. The ordinance limited truck owners' ability to compete for customers and required that trucks submit to GPS monitoring by the City, which subjects owners to improper searches.
- Representing Uber and Lyft drivers who seek to intervene in support of the City in a suit brought by taxicab companies against the City. The taxi companies claim that the City's ridesharing ordinance does not regulate ridesharing companies sufficiently or to the same extent as taxis.
- Counseling and representing victims of hate crimes in civil proceedings, including a woman assaulted on the basis of her national origin and a man threatened on the basis of his sexual orientation.
- Securing over \$200,000 in defaulted child support payments for a single mother in by seizing certain life insurance and retirement account proceeds that would otherwise have gone to the defaulting father.

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- Recovering death benefits for a widow from her deceased husband's employer, which had denied her claim.
- Teaching second through eighth-grade students to better understand the U.S. Constitution, our legal system and law-related careers by participating in the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago's Lawyers in the Classroom program.
- Successfully assisting a plaintiff before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in his suit against his employer for retaliatory discharge following a workplace accident that left him disabled and unable to work.
- Representing victims of a military bombing of a village in Colombia before the Inter-American Commission on Human Relations.