

PRO BONO

MDM&C attorneys have a history of dedication and commitment to public service. Through training, we encourage our lawyers to participate in *pro bono* activities early on in their professional development so that it will continue throughout their careers. "We also encourage our attorneys by allotting them up to fifty hours billable hour credit for pro bono work per year. According to managing partner, Ed Deutsch, "We put a huge effort into it and have rededicated ourselves to it."

The Firm has ongoing relationships with a wide variety of legal services organizations, including but not limited to: Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, ReLeSe, Partners for Women and Justice, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Wills for Heroes and New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.

Our lawyers also regularly pursue § 1983 claims, *pro bono*, through assignments from the District Courts and Superior Courts of New Jersey and New York. They also perform pro bono criminal defense work, through participation in assignments from the federal Criminal Justice Act panels for the District of New Jersey.

As a result of these efforts, MDM&C was recently recognized by the New Jersey Law Journal for its upward trajectory in pro bono service, jumping six places in a survey regarding *pro bono* service at top twenty law firms.

MDM&C accepts individual *pro bono* representations generally by referral from legal services organizations. If you qualify for pro bono legal representation, you may be able to find help at one of these organizations:

- Pro Bono Institute
- Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
- Partners for Women and Justice
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Wills for Heroes
- NJ Institute for Social Justice
- Sandy Hook Advisory Commission