

City Year Honors WilmerHale for 20 Years of Pro Bono Service

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WilmerHale was recently honored by City Year at its inaugural Legal Community Leadership Breakfast in Boston, MA. The firm was recognized for 20 years of service representing City Year as its pro-bono national counsel.

"It is not often that lawyers get to be on the ground floor of an organization that revolutionizes the way our country thinks about community service, corporate social responsibility, and the inspiration and social education of young people," said John Regan, co-chair of the firm's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee. "We thank City Year for this award and also for giving WilmerHale the opportunity to be its partner in service across the nation."

Two decades of WilmerHale partners have represented City Year, including WilmerHale's former Managing Partner John Hamilton and retired partner Hugh Jones. Currently the lead partners serving as pro-bono national counsel for City Year are William Benjamin and Thomas Ward. In addition to these named individuals, there are many other WilmerHale lawyers from a variety of practice groups, who have provided City Year with sophisticated legal advice as it expanded its services throughout the United States and internationally.

City Year was founded in Boston in 1988. Its mission is to unite young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors and role models, these diverse young leaders help children stay in school communities across the United States, as well as through City Year's international affiliates in London and South Africa.