

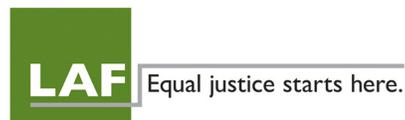
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Katten Receives Beacon of Justice Award From NLADA

The Katten Legal Clinic at Jose de Diego Community Academy, a joint venture of Katten and [LAF](#), has won national recognition. Based on a nomination by Mara Block, LAF director of Volunteer Services, the firm has been honored with the [National Legal Aid & Defender Association's](#) (NLADA) Beacon of Justice Award. The award honors "law firms that have created and implemented innovative strategies to improve life outcomes for those unable to afford counsel." The review committee stated that it was genuinely impressed by Katten's use of groundbreaking and original ideas, tools and technology to create new delivery models of significant pro bono representation, and acknowledges the depth and impact of the firm's work to advance policies and practices that provide pathways to justice and opportunity. Director of Pro Bono Services **Jonathan Baum** accepted the award on behalf of Katten at NLADA's annual dinner in Washington, DC on June 26.



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Los Angeles Associates Win Summary Adjudication for Defrauded Widow

Los Angeles Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates **Nicholas Gross** and **Tami Kameda Sims** won summary adjudication and recovered the home of their client, an 86-year-old widow suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The client and her daughters sought the help of [Bet Tzedek](#) and Katten to recover her home, which she had owned for 62 years, from a neighbor who claimed she had knowingly signed away 50 percent of her ownership interest to him for no consideration. Trial is set for July on the remaining claims, which allege that the neighbor also misappropriated thousands of dollars from the client using her bank card and pin code.



Mark Grossmann Featured in PILI Alumni Spotlight

Mark Grossmann, head of the Corporate practice, was the focus of a [Public Interest Law Initiative](#) (PILI) [Alumni Spotlight](#). In 1997, Mark served as a PILI Fellow—sponsored by Katten—at [Loyola University's Community Law Center](#). The profile discussed Mark's efforts to engage more Corporate attorneys in pro bono work, along with Katten's role as a leader in prioritizing pro bono work



to attorneys. Mark also shared his personal community service priorities and added that supporting a healthy pro bono practice at Katten is part of what has made him successful. “There are different ways to measure success,” he explained. “We always think of financial measures, but fulfillment is important too. Doing pro bono work is what helps me feel fulfilled as a lawyer.”

New York Attorneys Negotiate Agreement for SHFT Mobile Kitchen

New York Intellectual Property partner **Doron Goldstein** and associate **Jessica Garrett** represented [SHFT Mobile Kitchen Classroom](#), a nonprofit organization founded by actor-filmmaker Adrian Grenier and producer Peter Glatzer, in the negotiation of a program development agreement with [Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture](#). The mission of Mobile Kitchen Classroom is to provide high school students in New York City with opportunities to learn about sustainability, healthy eating and food. Stone Barns, a pioneer of the farm-to-table movement, aims to create a healthy and sustainable food system through youth education and training for farmers. The program development agreement will enable Stone Barns to establish a presence within New York City, while allowing Mobile Kitchen Classroom to deepen its curriculum with the expertise and hands-on learning opportunities provided by Stone Barns. Ultimately, the two organizations hope to start a mobile classroom built into a food truck, bringing food and sustainability education to students throughout the New York metropolitan area.



Katten Joins Clemency Project 2014

Katten is excited to be involved with the development of [Clemency Project 2014](#), a ground-breaking, nationwide pro bono initiative organized by the Federal Public Defenders, the [Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law](#), and the [ACLU](#), among others. The project addresses the large number of federal inmates who are serving unjust and disproportionately long sentences. Katten, along with other leading firms, will help the Justice Department identify nonviolent prisoners who, if sentenced today under current sentencing laws and policies, would have likely received substantially lower sentences. To be eligible for a commutation, an inmate must be a relatively low-level offender; have demonstrated good conduct while in prison; not have significant ties to large-scale criminal organizations, gangs or cartels; have no “significant criminal history” or history of violence either before prison or while incarcerated; and have served 10 years in prison. It is estimated that between 23,000 and 26,000 applicants will meet the basic criteria.



Volunteers will serve a crucial role in implementing the Clemency Project. The first step will be a basic factual review to determine whether applicant inmates meet the threshold requirements. This will then be followed with a more detailed review resulting in a recommendation memo to the Clemency Project Steering Committee. If an applicant inmate receives the Steering Committee’s approval, the volunteer attorney who drafted the recommendation memo will then submit a brief to the Department of Justice.

Katten hopes to have a strong contingent of attorneys and paralegals volunteer to assist the Clemency Project, and many have already stepped forward. If you are interested in joining their ranks, please contact [Bill McGonigle](#) in the Washington, DC office for more information.

Spotlight: Katten-Public Counsel Pro Bono Adoption Program



In 2013, Katten volunteers accepted an impressive fourteen (14) cases to assist low-income California families in finalizing adoptions of foster care children, many of whom suffer from physical and emotional disabilities. With the help and hard work of volunteers such as Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates **Robert Dwyer**, **Nicholas Gross**, **Danielle Raymond**, **Gloria Franke Shaw** and **Brian Tanada**; Real Estate associate **Douglas Pyle**, **Wendi Sklaver** and **Sean Torres**; Entertainment and Media associate **Melanie Tomanov**; and attorney recruiting and development assistant **Jennifer Angeles**, all 14 adoptions have been finalized and children placed with their adoptive families. Katten also helped families that adopted children with disabilities obtain critical funds for the treatment and management of their children’s disabilities.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate **Jessica Mickelsen** has served as co-chair of the program for more than two years, and **Brian Tanada** has served as co-chair for more than one year. Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate **Tami Sims** previously served as a co-chair.

The results of the adoptions are very rewarding and heartwarming. All of the cases, families and volunteers deserve recognition and praise. One case in particular illustrates why Katten believes in this program after years of continuously running it in conjunction with [Public Counsel](#).

In 2013, **Danielle Raymond** assisted with an adoption for a same-sex couple (two mothers) who had been partners for 15 years. They had one adopted son, age 10, and wanted to adopt a daughter, age 4, whom they had been fostering since she was nine months old. The daughter had been placed in the foster care system because her birth mother suffered from a drug addiction, had been in and out of jail, and was unable to care for the daughter.

On the day of the adoption, Danielle arrived at the Children's Court to an expectant group of about 12 family members of the adopting parents, including grandparents, cousins and other extended family. Each family member wore a pin with a photo of the daughter and a pink ribbon that read "She's Official." Even Danielle was given a keepsake pin to wear. The family also arrived with a "memory book" in which everyone wrote a letter to the daughter with photographs so that the daughter could remember, and be reminded of, this special day. Danielle was asked to sign this book as "the lawyer," and wrote that the daughter was part of a wonderful family and lucky to be surrounded by such love. The judge and the court reporter signed the "memory book" as well.

That was not all. The family created a big poster that resembled a legal document, with pictures of the daughter and her new brother around it. The "legal document" was an attestation from the brother to his new sister. It read "I, as your brother, agree to the following 5 things," including "Do you promise to hold your sister's hand when you go across the street?" and "Do you promise to love your sister everyday of your life?" After Danielle earnestly asked the brother each question before the judge in court, and the brother answered "yes" to each, the brother, the daughter, Danielle and the judge signed it. In the future, if the brother ever disobeys a question, the parents can say, "But didn't you promise to uphold these standards in front of a judge?"

After this, the adoption ceremony proceeded and the adoption was finalized. Upon finalization, the daughter received her rightful teddy bear and photos with the judge.

The Public Counsel Adoption Program is the one of the largest pro bono projects run continuously from Katten's Los Angeles offices, in terms of both the attorneys who volunteer their time and the pro bono clients served. The attorneys of the Public Counsel Adoption Program help low-income parents with the adoption of children from the foster care system and assist adopting parents with obtaining necessary access to adoption assistance benefits and any special services.

Chicago Attorneys Win Favorable Settlement and Judge's Praise in Discrimination Case

Pursuant to a federal court appointment, Litigation and Dispute Resolution partner **Monica Mosby**, Employment Law and Litigation special counsel **Nineveh Alkhas** and Real Estate Litigation partner **Timothy Patenode** obtained a favorable settlement for a woman who suffered discrimination and retaliation by her employer. The employer unfairly dismissed her, violating the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Family Medical Leave Act. In approving the settlement agreement, US Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole stated,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Timothy Patenode and Monica Mosby of Katten, Muchin, Rosenman LLP, who were appointed to represent the plaintiff in this case. While it is true that "[m]embership in the bar is a privilege burdened with conditions,...[and that lawyers are] received into that ancient fellowship for something more than 'private' gain," ... their efforts in this case far exceeded what would have been sufficient to satisfy her obligations as appointed counsel.

London Office Participates in Legal Walk 2014

On May 19, Katten participated in the [London Legal Walk 2014](#). The Katten team, organized by paralegal [Ana Aller](#), completed the 10 km walk in 2.5 hours and raised in excess of £300 for [The London Legal Support Trust](#).

Legal Walk team (L to R): Joe Payne, Rhodri Preece, Gavin Vollans, Kimberley Heyes, James Clark, Ana Aller, Keely Ingram, Fred Goodwright and Emma Bosworth.



Chicago Office Helps Reclaim13 Fight Sexual Exploitation of Children



Several Katten attorneys in the Chicago office have been assisting [Reclaim13](#), a new nonprofit organization focused on the prevention of child sex trafficking in the Chicago area. Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate [Patrick Harrigan](#), who serves as a board member and pro bono general counsel for Reclaim13, has been able to leverage the breadth of Katten's knowledge to assist the organization in a number of areas. Corporate associate [Dan Silverthorn](#) assisted Reclaim13 in obtaining 501(c)(3) status and advising on corporate governance issues. To help achieve Reclaim13's goal of establishing a residential safe house facility for child trafficking victims, Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates [Dan Elrod](#) and [Kristina Liu](#) have advised the client on DCFS licensure issues and pending Illinois legislation related to human trafficking. Intellectual Property associate [Jeff Wakolbinger](#) has also counseled Reclaim13 on licensing issues related to website content and, with the assistance of paralegal [Deb Wing](#), prepared an application to the US Patent & Trademark Office to register its trade name and service mark.

Sheldon Zenner Honored for Public Service by Northwestern Law



[Sheldon Zenner](#), national head of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice, was honored by Northwestern University School of Law at the 11th Annual Alumni Public Service Benefit Dinner for his outstanding contributions to public service and the legal community. The Alumni Public Service Benefit Dinner—sponsored by the [Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship Program](#) (SFPIF)—serves as a forum for SFPIF to celebrate the achievements of Northwestern Law alumni. Sheldon used his acceptance speech as an opportunity to inspire other attorneys to perform pro bono work, stating,

Let me tell you something about Katten Muchin Rosenman that makes me so very proud. Katten provides lawyers with an opportunity to thrive. . . . Over 20 years ago, my friend Jonathan Baum, who was working at Sidley at the time, came to me and said that Katten had offered him a position as a "Pro Bono Partner," a position that did not exist anywhere in the Midwest at that time. The position would allow him to focus exclusively on the delivery of pro bono work. I told Jonathan that if the firm was truly committed to pro bono work, then he should do it. The firm was indeed committed to changing its face and its practices, and Jon took the job. And now 20 years later the firm is really a remarkable place. Jonathan coordinates the firm's entire pro bono participation by attorneys in both litigation and transactional law. He finds and matches pro bono opportunities with the best-suited and most interested attorneys and monitors each pro bono matter. In addition to traditional pro bono litigation, he identifies pro bono work that is compatible with Katten's diverse areas of practice, such as advising on nonprofit corporate governance, assisting with affordable housing and community development transactions, and providing trust and estate planning services to underserved populations. As a law firm Katten has been a leader in partnering with community organizations to not just talk the talk but to walk the walk: we were the first firm in town to partner with the Cristo Rey High School in the Pilsen community, hiring their students with the money they earn going towards paying their tuition and giving the students life lessons in responsibility so that they

can compete in the workplace. And as other firms in town cut back on this program when the financial crisis hit, and god forbid partners' compensation might actually go down, we doubled down on the project, expanding it to take on the same program for the Christ the King College Preparatory School located at 5008 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Around the same time, we developed a partnership with the de Diego public elementary school located in Humboldt Park in Chicago. Katten lawyers have done everything from paint the walls of the classrooms, to read to the kids, conduct a mock trial class, and just last year in conjunction with LAF, with Jonathon's guidance and Vince's support, our lawyers created a legal clinic at the school to serve the residents of the community, realizing that the neighborhood school needs to be a gathering place for both parents and the children of the community. I am not going to try to tell you about all the different pro bono work that Katten lawyers are doing, because time simply doesn't allow it, but my point is simply this: ... there are many, many ways that you, as a lawyer can contribute meaningfully to the community. It can be in a prosecutor's office or at the public defender's office, it can be at a law school clinic or as in house counsel at a company. There is NO ONE WAY. And trust me, you can do a hell of a lot of good at a commercial law firm, if you are so inclined.

California Offices Transition to New Pro Bono Leadership

After many years of outstanding leadership, **Kristin Holland** has stepped down from her post as our California Pro Bono Chair and left Katten. Los Angeles Litigation and Dispute Resolution partner **Ryan Larsen** and associate **Andrew Demko** now serve as California Pro Bono Co-chairs, assisted by partner **Steve Cochran**.

Chicago Attorneys Secure Accommodation for Disabled Client in Fair Housing Act Matter



Chicago Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates **Liz McDonald** and **Yelena Shagall** reached a successful result for a client with a disability in matter concerning the federal Fair Housing Act. Working with [Access Living](#), the associates assisted the client in having a chair lift installed in his condo building. The installation of the chair lift eliminated the tremendous difficulty of carrying the client up and down the stairway and dramatically enhanced his independence and quality of life. The case was complicated by the fact that the condo building did not have a functioning board in place and it was, therefore, unclear which entity, if any, had to approve the request to install the chair lift. Fellow condo owners had objected to installation of the chair even at the client's expense. Since installation, the client's wife said the chair lift "has greatly increased my husband's quality of life and has boosted his morale."

Legal Community Comes Together to Fight Hunger in Los Angeles



This spring, Katten's Century City, Downtown Los Angeles and Orange County offices participated in the sixth annual [Food From the Bar Campaign](#) (FFTB) for the [Los Angeles Regional Food Bank](#). Summer can be an especially difficult time for children of low-income families—many who rely on school lunch programs go without meals while on break for the summer. In an effort to help with the fight against hunger, the legal community teams up with the Los Angeles Food Bank to host their annual FFTB campaign, which helps provide nutritious meals to families in need. Each year, the legal community competes in a four-week-long fundraiser, where participating firms earn points by raising funds, donating food, and volunteering time to the Los Angeles Food Bank. On May 17, a group of Katten attorneys, staff and friends volunteered at the Los Angeles Food Bank in Vernon, California, where they prepared care packages for distribution to those in need. The team set a one-day record after they helped fill 4,000 bins in just two hours. Food bins were also placed in Katten offices to collect food items to donate to the Food Bank. With the help of generous team members, Katten was able to raise \$3,000.



New York Summer Associates Volunteer for Citymeals-on-Wheels

On June 11, the New York summer associate class spent the morning volunteering for [Citymeals-on-Wheels](#). As part of this community service project, pairs of participants visited New York's Hell's Kitchen and Midtown West neighborhoods to deliver lunches and check on homebound elderly persons.



Katten Sponsors 11th Annual Public Counsel Run for Justice

Katten once again served as an official sponsor of [Public Counsel's Annual Run for Justice](#), held on March 8 as part of the ASICS LA Marathon weekend. This is the ninth year the firm has sponsored the event, which raises money to support Public Counsel's work to fight injustice and promote fairness for children, families, veterans and many others. Katten received first place for Team Participation and third place for the Karen Paull Justice Cup (in Recognition of the Most Money Raised). In addition, **Tanya Russell**, regional office administrator for the firm's California offices, won the award for Most Money Raised by an Individual for the second year in a row. Numerous Katten team members also received individual awards based on race time, including **Rene Cerritos**, **Anderson Fuentes**, Securities and Litigation partner **David Kettel** and Office Services vendor **Edgar Reyes**. Katten remains active in providing Public Counsel's low-income clients with pro bono assistance on immigration issues, unlawful detainer matters and adoption, in addition to handling civil rights and prisoners' rights cases through the organization.



Katten Attorneys File Amicus Brief to Defend City of Sunnyvale's Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazine Ordinance



San Francisco Bay Area Environmental associate **Julia Miller** and partner **Shannon Broome** along with **Jonathan Baum**, Katten's Director of Pro Bono Services, are representing the [Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#) and [Cleveland School Remembers](#) in the filing of an *amicus curiae* brief in the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The case involves a Second Amendment challenge to a Sunnyvale, California, ordinance that bans the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines (LCMs). The ordinance was enacted with 67 percent of the vote in a referendum last November. California state law has banned making, selling, giving and lending LCMs since 2000. The Law Center's *amicus* support of Sunnyvale comes at a critical time in the country's examination of its firearm-related regulations, with reports of 74 school shootings since the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Chicago Associate Wins Asylum for Eritrean Refugee

Chicago Intellectual Property associate **Matthew Holub**, under the supervision of Litigation and Disputer Resolution partner **Alex Vesselinovich**, has won asylum in the United States for a refugee fleeing persecution in Eritrea. The government argued that the client was merely a deserter from the Eritrean army and that all governments have the right to punish deserters. Matt succeeded in persuading the immigration judge that Eritrea's forced-conscription practices far exceed its legitimate right to maintain an army, and that Eritrean authorities violated even their own laws by holding the client far beyond the period of his mandatory service, confiscating his personal property and jailing him in a crowded cell with meager daily rations. This is an important decision in asylum law, and marks the end to the client's four-year battle within the immigration system and the decade-long limbo that he has been in since he departed Eritrea. After rendering her decision (which the government is declining to appeal), the judge specifically complimented Matt for his outstanding representation of the client.

New York Attorneys Represent El Museo del Barrio in Claims Resolutions



Attorneys in the New York office are representing [El Museo del Barrio](#), a museum located on Manhattan's Museum Mile and New York's leading Latino cultural institution, in a variety of matters, including resolution of claims arising from damage to artwork, a dispute with an architect and issues arising from the bankruptcy of El Museo's art storage facility. Litigation and Dispute Resolution partner **Bruce Sabados** and Insolvency and Restructuring partner **Matthew Olsen** and associate **Bertrand Choe** have all participated in the representation.

From the Katten Legal Clinic at Jose de Diego Community Academy: Foreclosed Rental Tenant Gets Cash to Move On

In a case he took at the Katten Legal Clinic at Jose de Diego Community Academy, Chicago Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate **Charles DeVore** represented a rental tenant in an eviction case. Her landlord had purchased the building in a foreclosure sale and was taking steps to get rid of all the tenants so he could rehab the building. The tenant had rights under a Chicago ordinance protecting tenants in a building that has been purchased in a foreclosure sale, but she had failed to exercise those rights by the deadline; as a result, the landlord intended to initiate eviction proceedings within one week. While the tenant wished to relocate because the basement apartment was in severe disrepair and the new landlord was being hostile to her, she did not have the means to put down a security deposit and move to a new place. Negotiating with the landlord's attorney, Charles was able to obtain a "cash for keys" agreement for the tenant, under which she was able to remain in the apartment rent free for one month and the landlord paid her a sum of money to assist her in moving into a new apartment.

Katten Honored by National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Corporate of counsel **Steven Shapiro** accepted the President's Award on behalf of the firm at the Board of Trustees meeting of the local chapter of the [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#) (NMSS). Greater Illinois Chapter President John Blazek presented the award and praised Katten for its strong and ongoing support of the work the organization does in search of a cure for MS and to otherwise support people living with the disease. Steven serves on the Board of Trustees of NMSS, which regularly holds meetings at Katten's Chicago office.



Doreen Osbourne Honored as Park Police Volunteer of the Year

Washington, DC office technical trainer **Doreen Osbourne** was recognized as the Park Police Volunteer of the year on May 23. For four years, Doreen has been assisting with multiple assignments including Operation Park Watch, Prince George's County Fair, Lake Arbor Jazz Festival, National Night Out and the Kids Print Program. She received a letter of commendation for her more than 100 hours of volunteer service.

Chicago Attorneys Obtain Favorable Settlement for Client in Civil Rights Case

Pursuant to a federal court appointment, Katten obtained a settlement for a prisoner claiming violations of his civil rights under 42 U.S.C. 1983. Shortly after undergoing surgery to repair a shattered hip he suffered during a car accident, the man was incarcerated in a county jail in rural Illinois. The client alleged that he was denied proper medical care and that the staff of the jail were deliberately indifferent to his medical needs and safety, to the point of placing him in the felony block of the jail where he was assaulted by another inmate. White Collar Defense, Internal Investigations and Compliance partner **Dan Polatsek** led the team of Litigation and Dispute Resolution associates **John Anzels**, **Matthew Haws**, **Brian Poronsky** and **Natalie Wayne**, who obtained a highly favorable settlement for the client.

David Dormon Embodies Spirit of Lawyers in the Classroom

Katten's participation in the [Constitutional Rights Foundation's Lawyers in the Classroom](#) program, which places attorney volunteers in second- through eighth-grade classrooms to help students to better understand the US Constitution, our legal system and law-related careers, also provides pro bono opportunities for law students. Real Estate associate **Jason Gorczynski**, who runs Katten's Lawyers in the Classroom program, singles out **David Dormon**, who will join Katten in the fall, as "one of our most dependable 'attorneys' participating in the program. He has taken time out of his 3L schedule to come and help out all school year. And from the feedback I have gotten from the students, he is great."



Bill Kraus Profiled in Chicago Lawyers' Committee Newsletter



CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, INC.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution associate **William Kraus** was featured in the [Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.](#) April Volunteer Spotlight for his work representing an African American Mount Prospect family in a hate crime and discrimination lawsuit against their neighbor for racially motivated harassment against the family for more than four years. The profile notes that "Bill is not only a skilled attorney, but a valued ally in affirmatively furthering fair housing and increasing awareness of fair housing rights and responsibilities."

Mel Katten Recognized by Thornton Township

Founding partner **Melvin Katten** was inducted into the [Thornton Township High School](#) Hall of Fame on May 2 as part of the Fifth Annual Alumni Day. Mel was recognized for both his charity work and contributions to the legal field.

Six Cristo Rey Students Honored With Katten Four-Year Senior Awards



Katten's participation in the [Cristo Rey Jesuit High School](#) Corporate Work Study Program helps students finance 70% of their education by providing student employment throughout various departments in the firm. This year, Katten was pleased to recognize six student employees who have worked at the firm their entire four years of high school. Students and their employer supervisors were honored at the Cristo Rey Four-Year Senior Award Ceremony & Luncheon on May 13. Katten thanks all the students for their invaluable efforts throughout the past four years and wishes them the best for the future.

Nicolas Cervantes: Mailroom and Office Services

Nicolas plans to attend Morton College to study medicine or computer science. Working for both the mailroom and office services, he enjoyed the variety and fast-paced atmosphere, and learned that "hard work is all you need." Supervisors **Abe Hibler** and **DeLargo Lee** called him intelligent, a quick study and a regular staff member.



Claudia Delgado: Billing & Collection

This fall, Claudia will study psychology at Concordia University. She values her time at Katten for teaching her responsibility and teaching her that it is ok to make mistakes. Supervisor **Maria Ramos** called her a team player, adding "I wish everyone was like her. She's an employee I would feel comfortable hiring in the future."



Ivan Garcia: Accounting & Finance

Ivan will attend Concordia University in the fall, where he anticipates the communication skills he learned at Katten will serve him well. Supervisor **Suzanne Koehler** will miss his confidence and outgoing attitude, noting that he was comfortable dealing with all levels of firm leadership.

***Jesus Martinez: Records Center***

Jesus will attend Loyola University in the fall where he will study computer science or law. He says working at Katten helped him break out of his shell by forcing him to interact with staff at all levels. Supervisor **Elizabeth Avina** noted his charisma and ability to make sure the department ran smoothly, adding “Everybody will miss him.”

***Victor Solis: Supplies***

Victor is looking forward to a career in criminal justice as a police officer or detective. He values his time at Katten for teaching him how to work in a professional environment. Supervisor **Michael Castelli** said that Victor is leaving the department in good shape for the next person, and will miss his ability to prioritize time-sensitive projects and his strong work ethic.

***Angelo Villa: Office Services***

After being inspired by a service trip to the Dominican Republic, Angelo plans to study kinesiology at Universidad del Sagrado Corazón in Puerto Rico. He says his time at Katten taught him about the importance of precision, and dealing with diverse cultures. Supervisor **Abe Hibler** said “the entire Mail Room and Copy Center staff will miss Angel’s spirit of goodwill.”



Los Angeles Share a Meal Program Expands Through Food Trucks



Khalsa Peace Corps. “Share A Meal” program in Los Angeles donates a meal to someone in need for every meal that is purchased off its food truck. The truck is parked near the LA County Museum of Art on Thursdays at lunchtime, and also accepts one-time donations or monthly sponsorships for any amount. Los Angeles – Century City secretary **Kris Burson** volunteers regularly at Khalsa Peace Corps. and encourages everyone to visit the food truck or pledge a donation; email Kris for more information.

De Diego Teacher Recognized for Use of Buddy Bison Program

Jose de Diego Community Academy teacher Pam Alexandroff received the **National Park Trust**’s “The Buddy” National Teacher Award for Outstanding Environmental Stewardship based on her use implementation of the Buddy Bison program, endowed by Katten. As part of Katten’s continued partnership with de Diego, the firm provided funding for Pam and a guest to attend the award ceremony in Washington, DC.

