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Mintz regards civic engagement as a core element of our identity. Serving those in need is a tradition that began in the 1930s with the firm's founders; Benjamin Levin, Haskell Cohn, and Herman Mintz all came from humble beginnings and took seriously their obligation to contribute to the greater good. Because of the example they set over eighty years ago, Mintz has a vibrant and varied pro bono program, winning numerous awards and honors for our pro bono efforts.

The firm focuses on a range of issues in our pro bono work, including political asylum and immigration, affordable housing and homelessness, human rights, nonprofit incorporation assistance, bankruptcy, low-income entrepreneurs, environmental protection, and civil rights. In addition, Mintz has concentrated on eradicating gender violence through our Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Trafficking Project. In addition to our robust pro bono program, Mintz has long been engaged in substantial charitable giving, board service and other philanthropic work aimed towards improving our community.

At Mintz, we see service to our community not just as part of our professional responsibility as members of the bar, but as our social responsibility to the communities we serve. We will continue to dedicate ourselves to helping those most in need and to fighting for justice in Massachusetts and beyond.

### Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Trafficking Project

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Trafficking Project was started by two first-year associates in 1989. Since then, the firm has made a strategic commitment to focus on domestic violence as a signature initiative, both in its pro bono efforts and community service focus. On the pro bono front, Mintz spends about one-third of its pro bono time on initiatives to help those impacted by such violence so that underserved individuals and their families can live safely and with dignity. Mintz has represented pro bono hundreds of individual victims, filed appellate briefs in the state and federal courts, successfully lobbied for legislative reforms, and represented and served on boards of directors for dozens of related nonprofits. Recently, for example, our real estate team has been working with a local domestic violence shelter in

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acquiring a new housing facility for the organization's residents that will provide a safe harbor for its residents and the surrounding community. On the legislative front, Mintz attorneys successfully advocated for a new Massachusetts anti-trafficking law that creates a streamlined process for vacating certain criminal convictions for sex trafficking survivors.

### IN OUR COMMUNITY



total direct cash contributions to Massachusetts charities



total pro bono hours for Boston office in 2017



value of probono hours for Boston office in 2017

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### Back-to-School Backpack Project

Since 2003, the firm has provided more than 4,400 backpacks filled with school supplies, lunch boxes, and a new outfit to children living in domestic violence shelters in Boston. Organizations with children benefiting from this project include the Asian Task Force, Casa Myrna, Finex House, HarborCOV, RESPOND, Transition House, and Project Hope.

Mintz Levin recently completed our 16th annual Back to School Backpack Program, collecting 376 backpacks for children affected by domestic violence and/or poverty. It was a true team effort with sponsors hailing from each of the firm's U.S. offices. Each backpack is specifically tailored to a particular child and chock-full of school supplies and an outfit for the first day of school. Since 2003, we have provided over 4,400 children living in shelters with new backpacks. This year's participating organizations included Asian Task Force, Casa Myrna, Finex House, HarborCOV, RESPOND, Project Hope, St. Mary's and Transition House.