

# Allen Matkins PRO BONO



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**ALLEN MATKINS WORKS WITH PUBLIC INTEREST AND LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS ON A VARIETY OF PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING:**

- ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP AND FOSTER CARE
- IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- DEBT RELIEF
- REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
- REAL ESTATE DISPUTES

## RECOGNITION

**Human Rights First** honored Allen Matkins attorneys Peter Griffin, Emily Murray, Andrea Reynoso, and paralegal George Lopez with the 2016 Pro Bono Star Award. The team was recognized for their work on behalf of a political activist and her five-year-old son who fled to the U.S. from El Salvador seeking asylum after threats from a gang member with ties to a rival political party.

**Western Justice Center** awarded Allen Matkins the Defender of Justice award in 2016. The award recognizes law firms that demonstrate a continuous and distinguished record of supporting alternative dispute resolution, public service and community involvement. Allen Matkins has been a proud partner of WJC for over a decade with attorneys Marv Garrett and Emily Murray serving in leadership roles as well as providing pro bono legal advice to WJC's Haven Social Network.



“Allen Matkins has provided Episcopal Community Services outstanding pro bono guidance and support in crafting and negotiating master leases at six of our eleven supportive housing sites, ensuring that our formerly homeless residents’ interests will be served well into the future. We continue also to benefit occasionally by smart and sensitive counsel in response to challenging organizational and resident concerns.”

**Ken Reggio, Executive Director  
Episcopal Community Services  
of San Francisco**

“Partnering with Allen Matkins attorneys, the Alliance for Children’s Rights recently obtained a great result in a high profile litigation matter – one that will benefit foster youth at community colleges for years to come. We are so pleased to have Allen Matkins on board with our cause and look forward to partnering together again!”

**Laura Streimer, Legal Director  
Alliance for Children’s Rights**

“The SCRA program of the San Diego County Bar Association was set up to provide limited pro bono legal assistance to active duty military service members who are named in a civil lawsuit or family court matter. Through this program, Allen Matkins has applied for stays in several proceedings pursuant to the Service Members Civil Relief Act, thus protecting active duty service members from default judgments at a time when they are serving their country.”

**Gloria L. Varela, SCRA Coordinator  
San Diego County Bar Association**



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