

# Chapman and Cutler LLP

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## Chapman and Cutler LLP Receives Recognition for Volunteer Efforts

*Chapman and Cutler named the CGLA Volunteer Law Firm of the Year.*

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CHICAGO (June 26, 2013) – Chapman and Cutler was named by Cabrini Green Legal Aid as the 2012 Volunteer Law Firm of the Year.

Chapman attorneys have been actively involved with CGLA for over twenty years, and have provided hundreds of hours of pro bono work to CGLA clients. Chapman attorneys routinely assist CGLA clients file clemency petitions with the Illinois Prison Review Board. Further, Chapman attorneys regularly volunteer at the CGLA's Daley Center Help Desk to help clients assess their options, under Illinois law, for clearance of criminal records.

Over the past year, Chapman attorneys Joe Lombardo, Bryan Jacobson, Mia D'Andrea, Molly Carney, Brittany Viola, Sarah Thrasher, Joe Saverino, Chris Hirst, Zach Oswald, Jim Audette, Charles Calloway, and Liz Wazny have all volunteered for CGLA.

Chapman was honored at the Cabrini Green Legal Aid volunteer appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, June 26. Joe Lombardo, Chapman's Pro Bono Partner, accepted the award on behalf of Chapman. "We feel like it is both our duty and our privilege to contribute to CGLA," he said, "it's amazing the interest it sparks in people. I started filing clemency petitions eight years ago and all I had to do was come back to work and talk about it, and other Chapman attorneys wanted to get involved."

Two Cabrini Green Legal Aid clients, previously represented by Joe Lombardo, were granted clemency recently by Governor Quinn in 2012. These were Joe's third and fourth CGLA pro bono clients to have received clemency.

Beth Johnson, CGLA Program Director, congratulated Chapman saying that the firm's involvement over the years has gone from a one man show to quite an operation. "This year they really amped up their level of service," she said. CGLA also featured Chapman and Cutler in their fall 2012 newsletter, applauding the firm's pro-bono commitments and contributions to CGLA's clients. They recognized Chapman attorneys as "leaders in their field, as well as leaders in their community."

### **About Chapman and Cutler**

*Chapman and Cutler has been focused on finance for 100 years and serves a broad spectrum of clients that participate in the global financial markets. Founded in 1913, the firm has more than 200 attorneys with offices in Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Washington DC. For more information, please visit [chapman.com](http://chapman.com).*

**About Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

*Since 1973, CGLA has offered free legal assistance in areas deemed most critical to the lives of the poor: family (including custody, visitation, contested divorce, guardianship, and order of protection), housing (focusing predominantly on public and subsidized housing), criminal defense (involving those who are unjustly accused, juveniles, the mentally ill, first time offenders, or those whom CGLA believes its intervention can make a positive difference in the individual's life), and the clearing of criminal records (both through an in-house practice and at CGLA's Expungement Help Desk at the Daley Center).*