

Proskauer Insights

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Scott Harshbarger Honored by Citizens for Juvenile Justice

For 17 years, CfJJ has advocated for a fair and effective juvenile justice system that promotes positive outcomes for children and youth. Scott was honored in recognition of his passionate and consistent advocacy for these goals throughout his career, including: as a public defender, launching the public defender's office juvenile justice unit; chairing the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services task force for secure facilities, mitigating pressure for more draconian sentencing and treatment of juvenile offenders; as Middlesex County District Attorney, establishing a juvenile justice office that was recognized by the American Bar Association with its Livingston Hall Award; and, as Massachusetts Attorney General, launching the safe neighborhood initiative with a major focus on juvenile crime.

Scott was presented with his award on his birthday at CfJJ's 2011 Leadership Celebration, held at the Boston Bar Association and featuring keynote speaker Vincent Schiraldi, Commissioner of Probation for New York City. Proskauer has been a lead sponsor of the annual CfJJ event for five years. CfJJ is one of our pro bono community partners and several of our associates have done pro bono work for the organization.

Scott is a Senior Counsel in the Boston office whose practice focuses on strategic counsel and litigation, corporate investigations and defense, corporate and not-for-profit governance and government regulation.

The American Lawyer Names Proskauer Among Top Three National Labor & Employment Firms

The firm "delivered results in the media spotlight" and "deft[ly] handl[ed] high-profile litigation," according to *The American Lawyer*. This included victories in numerous high-stakes cases on behalf of clients, including: the National Football League, National Basketball Association, Time Warner Cable, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Condé Nast and *Parade* magazine, among many others. We also won a landmark victory in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the New York real estate industry in *14 Penn Plaza LLC et al. v Pyett et al.*, changing 35 years of labor law.

The American Lawyer solicited submissions from every firm in The Am Law 200 for the "Litigation Department of the Year" competition. We were selected as a finalist based on the breadth and nature of the matters handled, overall litigation record, which included trial, appellate, pre-trial and arbitration proceedings, and commentary from clients and opposing counsel.

Solera Sponsors Annie's, Inc. in Planned Initial Public Offering

Proskauer represented Solera Capital LLC as sponsor, controlling stockholder and selling stockholder in the filing by Annie's, Inc. of a registration statement on S-1 for its planned initial public offering. Annie's, Inc. is a natural and organic foods company. The size of the offering, primary/secondary allocation and initial offering price have not yet been determined.

Solera Capital, the majority stockholder of Annie's and a regular Proskauer client, is a private equity investment firm based in New York City. Annie's offers more than 125 products and is present in more than 25,000 retail locations in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1989, the company is committed to operating in a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable manner, and its products are made without artificial flavors, synthetic colors and preservatives.

Proskauer's team was led by Partner [Julie M. Allen](#) and also included Associate [Daniel L. Forman](#).

Project Girl Performance at the New York Office Impresses and Inspires

Project Girl Performance Collective is a groundbreaking, girl-led organization that provides a "fearless" space for girls aged eight through 20 to write and perform their own works. Project Girl empowers girls to recognize the strength of their voices and their ability to use their voices to effect change in their communities and the world.

For the performance at the firm, the girls hand-selected a collection of their pieces that addressed issues both personal and global, and they used songs, dance and the spoken word to share their messages with us. The girls touched on important issues, such as forced child marriage, sex trafficking, family relationships, body image and more. While the girls have performed many of the pieces before, including for First Lady Michelle Obama, as part of the United Nation's Girl Up campaign and at a recent TEDx event, the girls also wrote a song just for Proskauer called "Proskauer, You've Got Girl Power." Following the performance, Jessica Morris, Executive Director of Project Girl, led a lively Q&A discussion during which attendees asked the girls about their performance pieces, their inspiration and goals.

Proskauer is a proud supporter of Project Girl Performance Collective, and the firm is excited to have hosted this well-attended event, which was presented by the [Proskauer Women's Alliance](#) and the [Proskauer Alumni Network](#), with significant assistance from Gloria Kwan, [Mary Bresnan](#), Audrey Tesora, Lisa Cohen, [Katie Gerber](#), [Stacey Fahey](#), [Katharine Parker](#) and [Daryn Grossman](#).