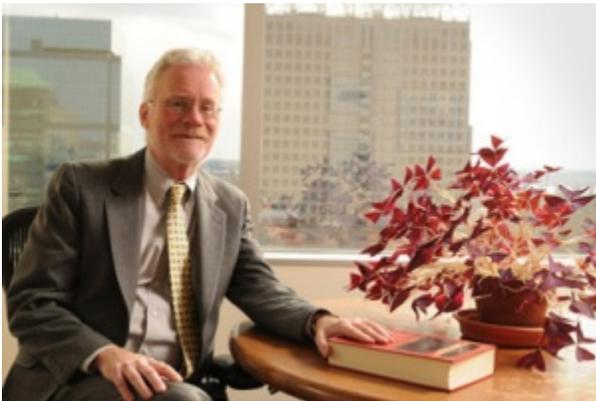


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Chris Brown continues as a champion of social justice!



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As a member of the Public Justice Center's Litigation Partnership, C. Christopher Brown of **Brown, Goldstein & Levy LLP** finds new ways to use the law to create change. He recently took on a wage theft case as co-counsel with the PJC. "Chris's contributions were invaluable to our work," said PJC Staff Attorney Andrea Vaughn.

Chris and his firm also donated 100% of his attorney's fees earned in the case to the PJC. According to PJC Legal Director Debra Gardner, "Chris and other lawyers like him increase our capacity to take our clients' struggles to the courts, both by pitching in and by funding our future work. That's been our vision for the Litigation Partnership, and it's great to see it working. We're grateful to Chris for showing how it's done!"

The PJC's Litigation Partnership is an opportunity for individual attorneys and law firms from the private bar to provide assistance on specific PJC projects, whether by serving as co-counsel or by offering consultation or networking. If you or your firm is interested in serving on the PJC Litigation Partnership, please contact Legal Director Debra Gardner, 410-625-9409 x228, gardnerd@publicjustice.org, for more information.

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The Public Justice Center lost a friend and passionate supporter of social justice this month. Rikki Fleisher passed away on May 1, 2012. She was one of the PJC's greatest cheerleaders, sending words of encouragement and attending events when she could. We are grateful for the many people who have made gifts to the PJC in her memory.

A few years ago, Rikki wrote, "Your work is so exquisitely to the point and so obviously effective in areas which have concerned me for so long. On behalf of those of us who (currently) watch from 'outside the fray' as well as those who benefit, please keep it up."

Thank you, Rikki – we will keep it up.

Just Kids bill signing



Photograph courtesy of the Office of the Governor

The campaign for kids to be treated as kids in the criminal justice system took a step forward this month when the Just Kids Partnership had its first bill signed on May 7. The bill, HB 1122, requires the Department of Juvenile Services to report on its efforts to “work toward ensuring that youth charged as adults can be detained in juvenile facilities.” The report will include much more information about youth who are initially charged in the adult system than we’ve been able to gather in the past. This additional information will be useful as we continue to advocate for youth to be held in juvenile facilities and reduce the numbers of youth funneled into the adult criminal justice system. For more about Just Kids, visit justkidsmaryland.org.

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