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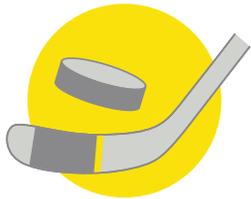
It's true that Ballard Spahr is a top national law firm and a great place to grow your career. It's also a thriving and supportive community with a culture defined by its vibrant history, innovative projects, diverse and inclusive environment, and strong commitment to pro bono work.

## **We launched our own business incubator called BASE (Ballard Academy for Student Entrepreneurs).**

We support budding business visionaries with legal advice, seminars, and programs, culminating in BASE Jump—a Shark Tank-like opportunity for entrepreneurs to pitch their enterprises to potential investors.

## **We take care of each other and the community.**

Hawa Abdallah Mohammed Salih, a human rights and women's rights activist from the Darfur region of Sudan, met firm Chair Mark Stewart when she sought political asylum in the United States. After Mark won asylum for Hawa, she joined the staff of Ballard Spahr—and is now a U.S. citizen.



## **We have a long history of supporting women in sports.**

A Ballard Spahr pro bono team helped the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team make history when it negotiated a contract providing fair pay and equitable support for women's and girls' programs nationwide. We also represented the U.S. Women's Soccer Team for more than 20 years in its fight for equitable treatment.

## **Our real estate team played a leading role in laying the groundwork for the Comcast Technology Center.**

The Center is the largest private development in Pennsylvania history. And we get to see the results of our work—the building is right next door to our Philadelphia office.

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## **Our pro bono program won the ABA's highest honor.**

The American Bar Association recognized our program—now in its fourth decade—with the Pro Bono Publico Award, honoring the firm's outstanding commitment to providing volunteer legal services to underserved and disadvantaged populations.

## **We were named one of the top 100 law firms in the nation for female attorneys by *Law360*.**

And we continue to dedicate significant time and resources to not only supporting women in the legal profession, but to also increasing the diversity of our lawyers and of the legal community as a whole. Ballard Spahr lawyers come together to support these goals through involvement in the firm's active business resource groups.

## **We have Big News. Literally.**

Our Media and Entertainment Law practice represents many of the most prominent names in the industry, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *ABC News*, *CBS News*, and *NBCUniversal*.



## **We are proud to honor our nation's first responders by making Wills for Heroes our Public Service Project.**

Dan McKenna, a partner in Ballard Spahr's Litigation Department, played a key role in the national growth and success of the Wills for Heroes Foundation, which provides free wills, living wills, and health care and financial powers of attorney to first responders and their spouses or domestic partners.