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Philadelphia VIP understands the everyday demands and time constraints that our volunteer attorneys face. We value all volunteers and recognize with this honor those who handle multiple VIP cases, dedicate numerous hours to complex matters and take on cases outside of their general practice area. Philadelphia VIP volunteers serve our clients with compassion and offer hope to those without. Philadelphia VIP is proud to recognize volunteers who are truly helping achieve access to justice for all.

This month Philadelphia VIP recognizes Sharon Gagliardi of Dechert LLP for outstanding volunteer assistance to her clients. Congratulations,

Sharon Gagliardi



Sharon Gagliardi is an associate in Dechert's intellectual property group. She began her pro bono work with Philadelphia VIP in 2002. Ms. Gagliardi has consistently stepped outside of her practice area to assist clients in need. In 2005, Ms. Gagliardi helped a 3-year-old girl amend her birth certificate so that she would be able to attend preschool. This case was particularly rewarding for Ms. Gagliardi because her client's name was listed as "Little Girl _____" on her birth certificate after she had been put up for adoption. Recently, Ms. Gagliardi assisted a client in adopting his stepson, whom he had cared for since infancy. Philadelphia VIP is proud to honor Sharon Gagliardi for all of her hard work and dedication.