

Justice in Action -- Criminal Justice Matters for Kids

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Our Justice in Action Projects are pro bono efforts to continue the thinking and dialogue from the Children's Rights Summit. Baker McKenzie will partner with in-house attorneys looking to engage in any Justice in Action projects.

What? Appeals and amicus briefs in juvenile justice and criminal matters for children for organizations around the State and the country.

Why? At the cutting edge of the highest levels of judicial consideration in the last five years has been the question of what is an appropriate answer to children who commit crimes - especially serious crimes. Acknowledging that "kids are different," the US Supreme Court and other appellate courts have started moving in the right direction. However, there remain challenging failures in the juvenile justice system that must be addressed.

How? We need writers, researchers and drafters to help us bring amicus briefs in cases under appeal at higher courts. The topics hit a wide range of issues including access to and waiver of counsel, motions to suppress statements by children, identifications in court, extreme sentencing, guns and school arrests, school to prison pipeline and more.

Get involved with this work with National Juvenile Defender Center and other organizations -- reach out to probono@bakermckenzie.com!

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