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## Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) Names Simpson Thacher Attorneys “2021 Pro Bono Team of the Year”

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Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) is recognizing outstanding attorneys and volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their assistance to unaccompanied children this year. KIND’s New York Office has selected a team of Simpson Thacher attorneys as its “2021 Pro Bono Team of the Year,” based on our six-year representation of a child asylum seeker from El Salvador. Our representation extended through a merits hearing in Immigration Court, an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

The Simpson Thacher team includes Alan Turner, Chris Janszky, John Santacruz, and Austin Vance, as well as former colleagues Nick Jackson, Daniel Feder, Uzezi Abugo, Stephen O’Connor, Avery Johnson, Lauren Repole and Meredith Hunt.

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