



Volunteer Attorney Accomplishment for Internal and External News



Date:	March 29, 2022
Name of Attorneys:	Wenhong You
Name of Firm:	DLA Piper LLP (US)
Client Served:	The Grace Children's Foundation
Accomplishment:	Guided The Grace Children's Foundation in drafting and updating governance documents, ensuring the organization's internal systems were current, accurate, and efficient.

Specific Case Highlights:

The Grace Children's Foundation (GCF) has been improving the lives of children in need since 1997 by providing consolidated access to medical support and care. Confronting the critical global problem for millions of children who have little or no access to medical resources or continuous care, GCF recently partnered with innovators at Microsoft to evolve GCF's existing model into the Children's Resource Exchange (CRE), a single digital portal for connecting children to treatment and ancillary medical support. This portal will allow caregivers, doctors, and advocates to coordinate care, fundraising, documentation, legal aid, transportation, and so much more. The CRE will accelerate delivery of vital healthcare resources through its online platform, leveraging GCF's already extensive network of care, expertise, and funding. GCF's innovative and creative approach has drastically lessened barriers that previously prevented children from obtaining excellent medical care.

In March of 2021, The Grace Children's Foundation requested a governance review and update to ensure the organization was complying with the most current nonprofit requirements and to reflect the diversity and expertise that the expanding board of directors were bringing to The Grace Children's Foundation and the Children's Resource Exchange.

Wenhong You of DLA Piper LLP (US) assisted GCF by reviewing and updating the organization's bylaws, as well as creating a tailored conflict of interest policy, annual disclosure questionnaire, and whistleblower policy. With this pro bono legal help, The Grace Children's Foundation has been able to ensure that it can focus its efforts on assisting children in need, with assurance that its internal governance structures are sound.

Nancy Robertson, President and CEO of The Grace Children's Foundation, said the DLA Piper volunteer "worked diligently" and "shaped the legal content to align with some specific requirements that support our strategy." Nancy Robertson specifically wanted to highlight Wenhong You "for his outstanding efforts in the restructuring of our bylaws and policies...he was genuinely eager to hear of the progress we made on behalf of the children our nonprofit serves, always taking into account the circuitous route required in the CRE's path. There was nothing cookie cutter here; Wenhong combined his expertise with care, consideration, and agility. We are grateful for his contribution."

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