

Despite the long hours they put in, most lawyers at least *try* to have lives outside of work, and many engage in exciting or offbeat pursuits.

They might also carve out time to give something back to their communities. And then there are lawyers like Lowenstein Sandler bankruptcy associate Timothy Wheeler, who combines both objectives in his off-hours pastime.



ROCKTOBERFEST!

Timothy sings lead vocals and plays bass in a rock band, the Subscribers, whose other members are hedge fund industry professionals. The band plays exclusively for charity, with its main beneficiary being A Leg To Stand On (ALTSO), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that makes corrective surgery and prosthetic limbs available to disabled children in developing countries.

One of the original Subscribers founded ALTSO in 1999, after witnessing the plight of these children during an overseas trip to target investment opportunities for his then-nascent fund. Soon after, he, Timothy, and two others formed the band and agreed on its unique mission.

Music is more than a hobby for Timothy; in the years between college and law school, he was a professional musician in several rock bands. Playing in a band while also practicing law—or managing hedge funds—does present some challenges. (Timothy's full-time employers, however, are understanding, to the point of reserving a Lowenstein Sandler table at the last big Subscribers show.) The band squeezes in rehearsals when they can, and although the full lineup isn't always able to appear

together at every gig, the five current core members take part in most performances.

And they're very much in demand. The Subscribers have performed at events raising money for a variety of organizations, including Teach for America, Building with Books, MFY Legal Services, Inc., Taste of the NFL, and the Waterkeeper Alliance, among many others.

But ALTSO remains the Subscribers' prime beneficiary. They raise funds for the group in several ways. Most prominently, they perform at benefits organized by the charity that cater to the hedge fund community. Their signature event is Rocktoberfest, held (unsurprisingly) every October and featuring the Subscribers and several other bands with hedge fund industry ties. Last year's third annual Rocktoberfest attracted more than 1,000 attendees and raised \$250,000 for ALTSO. The Subscribers also donate the proceeds from sales of their first CD, *Clarksdale 9*, to the organization. Altogether, the Subscribers have added over \$750,000 to ALTSO's coffers.

As a result, more than 550 children from Asia and South America have received prosthetics and Ponseti braces or have undergone corrective surgeries. ALTSO also designs and executes numerous training programs and establishes medical camps and clinics. And as long as Timothy Wheeler and the other Subscribers continue to jam, the work of ALTSO will continue as well.

PRO BONO ROUNDUP

In May 2006, the *New Jersey Law Journal*, in its annual rankings of pro bono programs, awarded the firm a grade of A+ for our pro bono work in New Jersey.

The Volunteer Lawyers for Justice held its annual gala in September, where **David L. Harris** was honored with a Community Service award, **Robert C. Boneberg** with the Pro Bono Coordinator award, and Lowenstein Sandler with the Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year award.