

DC VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31

**Pro bono legal services
for survivors of domestic
violence, at-risk children,
& immigrant survivors of
gender-based violence**



2022

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DEAR FRIENDS,

With your support, DCVLP made a tremendous impact in our community in 2022. Over the last year, **more than 450 volunteer attorneys contributed 48,000 hours valued at \$18M in free legal services**. Thanks to the contributions of our volunteers and funders, we were able to help over 2,000 clients escape abuse who are domestic violence survivors, immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, and vulnerable children at the center of high conflict custody cases.

DCVLP is on the **front lines of the justice system**, and I am pleased to share that our 2022 impact expands much further beyond the number of clients served. In **96% of cases** last year, DCVLP attorneys achieved our client's primary legal goal in court. Similarly, judges adopted our attorneys' recommendations in over **95% of cases** where DCVLP volunteers serve as court-appointed Guardian ad litem. These outcomes demonstrate that **having access to a lawyer makes a tangible difference in the lives of our clients** and sets them on a path forward to long-term safety and stability.

DCVLP is devoting **increased resources to impact advocacy to address systemic issues** through both appellate litigation and policy work. In 2018 and 2019, DCVLP attorneys, advocates, and former clients worked with others in the community to lobby for the Intrafamily Offenses Amendment Act which was passed in December 2020 and went into effect in May 2021. Under this amended law, Civil Protection Orders, which previously lasted for one year, can now last for two years. This is monumental for domestic violence survivors because they do not have to return to court to re-engage with their abuser or the legal system on a yearly basis. I am delighted to share that in 2022, **88%** of the Civil Protection Orders granted to DCVLP clients were for two years.

2022 also marked a tremendous milestone in DCVLP's history with the organization's **expansion into Montgomery County, Maryland**. Over the last several years, our neighbors in Montgomery County have also experienced an unmet need for representation of domestic violence survivors in protective order and family law cases. In response to this need, we were invited by the Family Justice Center in Rockville to explore the possibility of bringing our services to Montgomery County.

Following an extensive pilot project, in September of 2022 our Board of Directors unanimously approved DCVLP's geographic expansion into Maryland. I am thrilled to report that we successfully began operating out of the Family Justice Center in January of 2023 with two full time attorneys. Since January, we have already made **meaningful contributions** representing many survivors in their protective order and family law cases.

As you read the enclosed report, I hope you sense the **critical role that DCVLP plays in our community**. Legal services are a lifeline for the client population we serve, and we could not do this important work without the contributions of our volunteers and donors. **From all of us at DCVLP, thank you to every organization and individual who invested in our mission in 2022 – you are closing the justice gap and saving lives.**

With gratitude,

Sara B. Tennen

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Executive Director



WHO WE ARE

DC VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT, EST. 2008

MISSION

TO ADVOCATE

for domestic violence victims, at-risk children, and other vulnerable individuals through comprehensive pro bono legal services;

TO EMPOWER

victims with knowledge, resources, and on-going support; and

TO BROADEN OUR IMPACT

by engaging, training, and supporting a strong and diverse network of volunteer lawyers and community volunteers.

VISION

WE BELIEVE THAT A LIFE FREE OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT.

We are passionate about improving the lives of domestic violence survivors, immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, and at-risk children. Our small but experienced staff recruit, train, and support hundreds of dedicated volunteer attorneys each year to handle protection order, family law, and immigration cases on behalf of our clients.

We operate free virtual and in-person walk-in clinics throughout the District so domestic violence victims, caregivers of at-risk children, and immigrants can access free legal services on a wide range of issues, social service referrals, crisis support, and safety planning.



OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We maintain meaningful partnerships with over 30 other local organizations to provide holistic services to our clients.

DCVLP is committed to providing trauma-informed legal services that address the comprehensive needs of our clients. Our attorneys, volunteers, and advocates help clients achieve long-term safety and stability by connecting survivors and at-risk children to our community partners for assistance during and beyond the closing of their case.

Our clients and their children frequently face job loss, food insecurity, housing instability, and limited access to quality healthcare. DCVLP's dedicated Client Advocates directly connect our clients to community partners for crisis response and intervention, safety planning, physical health services, substance use treatment, housing assistance, emotional wellness, and other critical needs.



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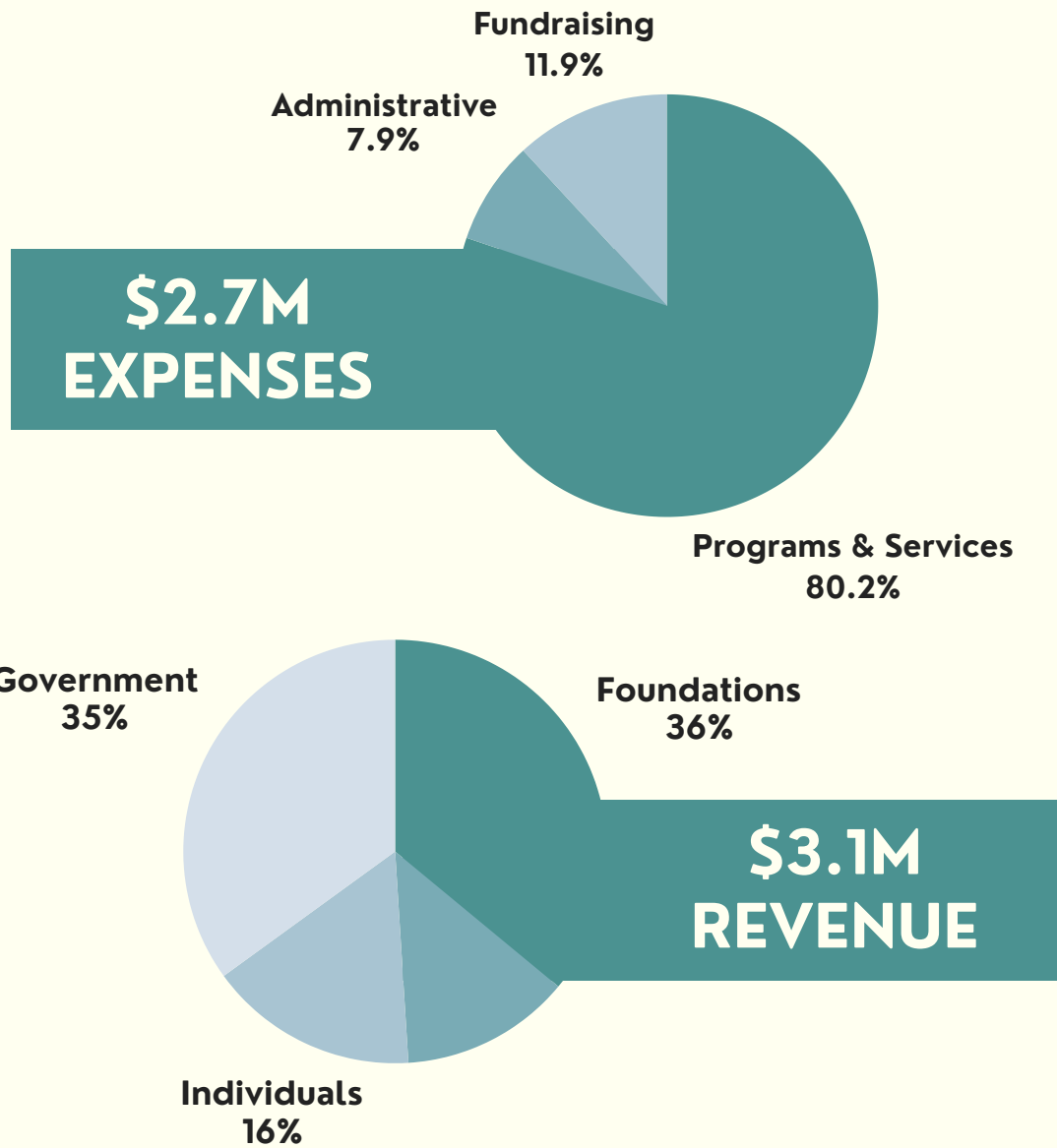
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2022 OPERATING BUDGET



33 Staff
recruiting, training, and mentoring volunteer lawyers

450 Active Volunteers
providing \$18M+ in pro bono legal services annually

2,000 Domestic Violence Survivors, Immigrant Survivors of Gender Based Violence & At-Risk Children
escaping violence & establishing safe and stable homes

DCVLP LEVERAGES OUR UNIQUE MODEL OF PAIRING VOLUNTEERS WITH SUPERVISING ATTORNEYS SO THAT

EVERY \$1 IN REVENUE TRANSLATES INTO \$6 IN FREE LEGAL SERVICES

Providing high-quality legal services is at the core of everything DCVLP does. The organization's innovative volunteer model is one of DCVLP's biggest assets in ensuring clients receive the best legal representation possible. For every case and clinic, volunteers are paired with an experienced supervising attorney who helps develop legal strategy, reviews written work, provides guidance, and even accompanies the volunteer to court.



Through our volunteer model, DCVLP provides pro bono attorneys with all the training, tools, and resources they need to be successful in court. Similarly, a client advocate is assigned to each case to provide holistic support and address the non-legal needs of survivors and their families. DCVLP's client advocates assist with safety planning, trauma-informed crisis intervention, ongoing emotional support, and access to critical social services such as housing assistance, counseling, and parenting classes from our many partners.

IN 2021, VOLUNTEERS DONATED 35,000 HOURS WORTH \$13 MILLION;

IN 2022, 450 VOLUNTEERS DONATED 48,000 HOURS

WORTH \$18 MILLION IN FREE LEGAL SERVICES

For every supervising attorney, client advocate, and program coordinator we add to our staff, DCVLP can expand our services and broaden our reach exponentially. In 2022, increased support from our funders allowed us to significantly grow our staff, resulting in deeper community impact. Our 2022 revenue came from a variety of sources, including government grants, private foundations, law firms, corporate partners, and individual donors. This funding is critical to our day-to-day operations and makes it possible for DCVLP to provide comprehensive, high-quality legal services to thousands of clients each year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Having access to an attorney significantly increases a survivor's chances of escaping violence and securing long term safety from an abuser. Tragically, the shortage of legal assistance in the District of Columbia for domestic violence survivors means that most victims will have to face their abusers in court alone. The need for legal representation in our community is staggering, with 88% of survivors who seek protection orders against their abusers being unrepresented.

DCVLP's Domestic Violence Program is a critical resource that helps close the justice gap for low-income survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and gender-based violence. Our Domestic Violence team provides comprehensive, trauma-informed legal services to indigent DC residents in Protection Order, Custody, and Divorce cases. With an extensive network of in-person and remote clinics, collaborations with many cross-referral partners, and targeted outreach, we reach the most underserved victims in DC.



PRIYA'S STORY

2022 IMPACT

454

PROTECTION ORDER
CASES ACCEPTED

287

VICTIMS & THEIR
CHILDREN
HELPED IN FAMILY
LAW CASES

DCVLP helped Priya in 2020 to obtain a Civil Protection Order (CPO), or "stay-away" order, after her former partner attacked her with a knife and she was hospitalized. In 2022, when Priya's protective order was set to expire, our attorneys took her case again for full representation to ask for an extension. **While her extension case was pending, Priya's abuser violated the CPO by approaching her in public, becoming verbally aggressive and intimidating her before running away.**

Following this incident, Priya's DCVLP attorneys filed a request to the Court that would **hold her abuser responsible, facing criminal charges for violating the protective order and putting her safety at risk.** At trial, the Judge found Priya's abuser guilty. DCVLP attorneys supported Priya as she gave her victim impact statement, stating that she was still experiencing trauma from his initial attack and wanted to be left alone. **The judge also granted a 2-year extension allowing Priya to move forward in her life with peace of mind and stability.**

CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Since 2008, Family Court judges have appointed attorneys at DC Volunteer Lawyers Project to represent child victims living in dangerous homes where they are being physically abused, sexually abused, and/or witnessing domestic violence. By serving as court-appointed Guardians ad litem, our Child Advocacy Program attorneys represent the best interests of child victims in contested custody cases, many of which include allegations of child abuse and domestic violence.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dramatic impact on the children and families we serve, with more than two years of isolation, increased stress, and reduced access to social supports. We have seen an increased need for our services, not just in the number of cases, but also in the severity of our child clients' needs. The work of our Child Advocacy Program is essential in the District, as DC Superior Court Judges continue to express a need for more Guardians ad litem to provide victim-centric representation to these children.

2022 IMPACT

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AT-RISK CHILDREN,
WHO ARE AT THE
CENTER OF HIGH
CONFLICT CUSTODY
CASES OFTEN
INVOLVING ABUSE
AND NEGLECT, WERE
GIVEN A VOICE IN
COURT.



DALIA'S STORY

Dalia is a teenager who lives with her mother. **Due to the tense conflict in custody between Dalia's mother and father,** DCVLP Child Advocacy attorneys were appointed to determine the best visitation schedule consistent with Dalia's wishes. Over the course of the investigation, Dalia's father, who suffers from serious substance use and anger management issues, behaved erratically with her on numerous occasions, including during his visitation. He had numerous DUI arrests and continued to drive with Dalia despite being ordered not to. Dalia was very anxious at the prospect of visits with her father and uncomfortable expressing her feelings to him. Sadly, Dalia's father was not ready to address his substance use issues or to acknowledge the impact of his behavior on his daughter.

Consistent with Dalia's wishes, her attorneys recommended that she have discretion regarding whether and when to initiate contact with her father. **Dalia can now go back to being a normal teenager, in the safe and stable care of her mother,** without the disruptive anxiety caused by the prospect of scheduled visits with her father.

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

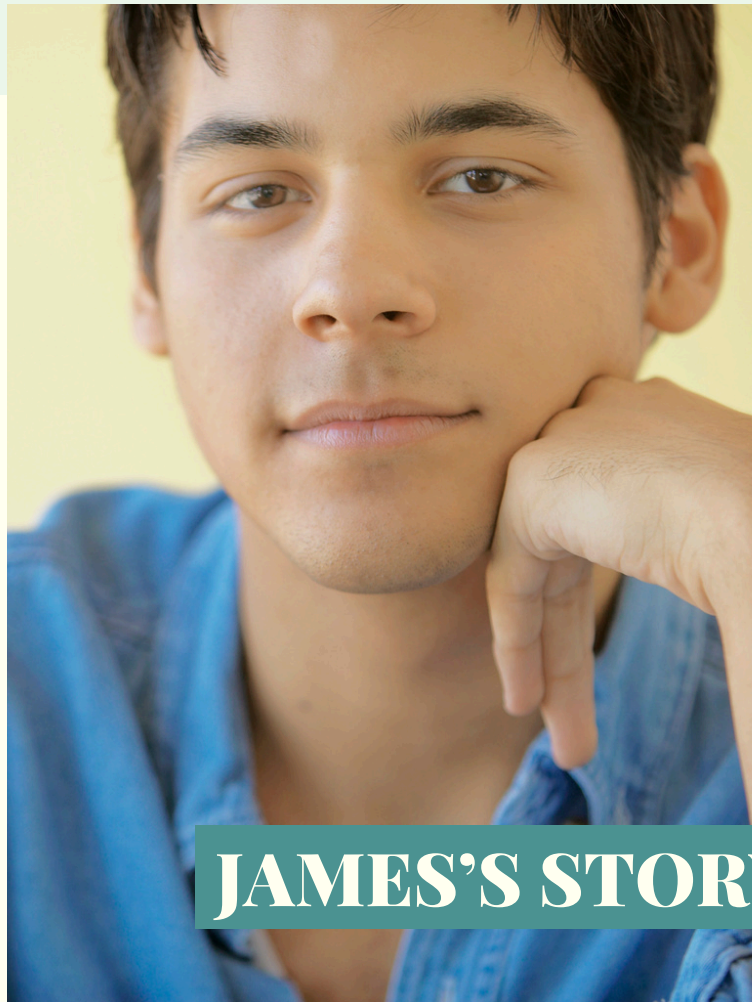
Rates of domestic violence and sexual assault are higher among low-income immigrants as they often face barriers to support services and may be unfamiliar with the U.S. legal process. There are legal remedies that can provide status for survivors, but the system is complex and immigrant survivors are often scared to reach out for assistance. An attorney can make an enormous difference in the way a client's case is presented and can ensure that a survivor understands their legal options.

Through DCVLP's Immigration Program, attorneys provide legal services, including full legal representation, to immigrant victims and vulnerable children. Services include assistance with asylum claims, Violence Against Women Act self-petitions, battered spouse waivers, U-visas for victims of criminal activity, T-visas for victims of human trafficking, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, work authorizations and other humanitarian forms of immigration relief.

2022 IMPACT

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IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS
OF GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE AND
VULNERABLE IMMIGRANT
CHILDREN RECEIVED
LEGAL REPRESENTATION
IN THEIR IMMIGRATION
CASE.



JAMES'S STORY

James was brought to the U.S. by his father. His father exhibited symptoms of mental illness and they moved around frequently, depriving James of a stable childhood and preventing him from attending school regularly. The pair stopped in Washington, DC for a brief stay with family and James's father left him in DC with **no plans to care for his welfare.** James's cousin took him in and enrolled him in school.

With the supervision of DCVLP, our pro bono attorney sought sole legal and physical custody of James on his cousin's behalf in D.C. Superior Court. The attorney also asked the Court to consider James's eligibility for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status ("SIJS"), which is an immigration classification available to certain undocumented immigrants under the age of 21 who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by one or both parents. **D.C. Superior Court awarded James's cousin full custody and found that James is, in fact, eligible for SIJS.** Upon winning full legal and physical custody, our pro bono attorney applied for SIJS status on James's behalf.

His application was **approved** and he was granted deferred action in July 2022. With his current immigration status, James will be eligible to adjust to legal permanent residency in the coming years. James has an Immigration Court hearing in May 2023, and we fully expect the Judge to dismiss him from removal proceedings because of his SIJS status. **James is set to graduate high school in DC in June 2023 and will begin college in the fall.**

LEGAL CLINICS

2022 IMPACT

625

VICTIMS
SERVED AT OUR
8 WEEKLY
LEGAL CLINICS

DCVLP in the Community

DCVLP first began offering clinic services in 2013 with 1 community-based clinic. Since then, our clinics have grown into an integrated network of access points across the city. Access points include court-based and community-based locations, medical-legal partnerships on site at local healthcare providers, and virtual clinics.

In September 2021 we returned to in-person walk in clinics while maintaining virtual access points for clients, and in January 2022 we established a dedicated remote clinic to maintain expanded services. As it has become clear that the need for remote services will endure, we have incorporated remote clinics into our overall service model.

COMMUNITY BASED WALK-IN CLINICS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FAMILY LAW & IMMIGRATION CLINIC

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library | 3160 16th St NW

Every **Wednesday 1pm-4pm**

Counseling available from **My Sister's Place**

Housing Services provided by **DASH (District Alliance for Safe Housing)**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & FAMILY LAW CLINIC

The Commons at Stanton Square | 2375 Elvans Rd SE

Every **Friday 10am-1pm**

Healthcare & Housing services available from **Community of Hope**

Education, Food, & Family services available from **Martha's Table**

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

Immigration & Family Legal Assistance

Children's National at Columbia Heights | 3336 14th St NW

Every **Friday 9:30am-4:30pm**

AIDS Healthcare Foundation | 650 Pennsylvania Avenue SE

Every **Monday 9:30am-4:30pm**

REMOTE LEGAL CLINICS

CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CLINIC

Every **Tuesday 9:30am-1:30pm**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & FAMILY LAW CLINIC

Every **Monday 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

Every **Tuesday 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

MAKING
JUSTICE
ACCESSIBLE



POLICY & APPELLATE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

With the knowledge and perspective gained from our work on the front lines of the legal system, DCVLP is uniquely situated to engage in policy and advocacy efforts that aim to dismantle institutional frameworks that perpetuate domestic violence, child maltreatment, and generational poverty.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

DCVLP attorneys frequently provide oral and written testimony regarding legislation that directly affects our clients' safety, stability, and access to legal services. In 2022, DCVLP testified before DC's elected officials on the following pieces of legislation:

B24-0760, THE OMNIBUS FIREARM AND GHOST GUN CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022 (IN FAVOR)

To amend the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 to clarify requirements involving ghost guns, permit the possession of properly serialized self-manufactured firearms that are not otherwise prohibited, regulate carrying of firearms by off-duty law enforcement officers, and expand the prohibition on carrying a pistol while impaired.

B24-0726, THE ENHANCING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTIONS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022 (IN FAVOR)

To protect those who support and assist individuals seeking to self-terminate a pregnancy and to shield those who provide, dispense, or transfer any product used for self-managed abortions from any penalties.

B24-0808, THE HUMAN RIGHTS SANCTUARY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022 (IN FAVOR)

To prevent the District from cooperating with interstate investigations in furtherance of proceedings that have the potential to infringe upon the exercise of reproductive freedom and to create a private right of action against parties engaged in conduct that infringes on reproductive freedom.

D.C. ACT 24-553: MIGRANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022 (IN FAVOR)

To authorize, on an emergency basis, the Mayor to establish and administer programs to provide services and supports to recent immigrants to the United States; and to make conforming amendments to the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005.

APPELLATE ADVOCACY

We recognize that our frontline work is more effective and impactful when there is good law. Providing opportunities for DCVLP volunteers to engage in appellate advocacy is a means to address and remedy unjust legal decisions. In 2022, DCVLP volunteers provided 755 pro bono hours valued at \$283K representing clients in appellate cases where trial judges issued decisions inconsistent with the law and that set dangerous precedent.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

2022



OVERALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

ISMARÍ RAMOS-MEDINA
DC Air National Guard

MELISSA GIAGRANDE
Hogan Lovells

CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Nicole Banton | Hogan Lovells

CUSTODY AND DIVORCE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
Stefan Schropp | Ropes & Gray
Rebecca Simon | Nixon Peabody

CHILD ADVOCACY VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
Monica Hernandez | Amazon
Jill Sayenga | Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

IMMIGRATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Sabrina Escalera Flexhaug

LEGAL CLINIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Hassan Elsouiri

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF THE WORK WE DO AT DCVLP.

In 2022, more than **450** volunteer attorneys donated a record-setting **48,000** pro bono hours valued at **\$18M**. We are deeply grateful for every volunteer who provided their time and legal expertise to help domestic violence survivors, immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, and vulnerable children have a voice in court. We have done our very best to ensure the accuracy of this listing. Please bring any errors or omissions to our attention by contacting Sara Jamison at sjamison@dcvlp.org.



HIGH HONORS 100+ HOURS

Chafica Khodr Agha
Anna Aguillard
Jasmine Amensua
Kim Andrews
Santiago Roca Arribas
Nicole Banton
Christina Bassick
Andre Batson
Marina Beckhard
Jennifer Bisgaier
Jeff Black
Laura Bladow
Lauren Bocanegra
Mary Bohan
Dylan Boivin
Kristen Bonner
Karen Bosshart
Nanci Bramson
Megan Braun
Mark Brennan
Tyler Bridegan
Rachel Buff
Michaela Burroughs
Emily Campo
Arda Cankat
Paula Ortiz Cardona
Derek Centola
Joe Charlet
Yannie Chen
David Chen
Chi Chukwuogo
Ali D'Amelio
Kyle Dandelet
Gloria Danziger
Blair Decker
Patrick Decker
Stevie DeGroff
Kerrie Dent
Ankur Desai
Molly Diamondstein
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Erin Drenning
Mary Dunbar
Hassan Elsouiri
Sara Falk
Patrick Flaherty
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Olga Fleysh
Sergio Fontanez
Floyd Frank
Judy Gallagher
Ray Gans
Rupinder Garcha
Jane Garrido
Melissa Giangrande
Lauren Gibbons
Conor Gilligan
R. George Grandison
Donnequa Grantham

Nicole Greenstein
Laura Griffen
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Nellie Guzman
Lara Hakki
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Jennifer Hill
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Yarmi Vidal Horscheck
Aaron Hsieh
Marylenny Iglesias
Melvin Jarrett
Rana Jazayerli
Adriane Jemmott
Jerrod Jones
Isaac Katz
Debra Jenkins-Kearney
Sarah Killory
Benjamin Kim
Stacy Lacroix
Soren Lagaard
Paul Lee
Elizabeth Lietz
Jason Livingood
Jessica Black Livingston
Michelle Lockard
Geoffrey Loudon
Susannah Loumiet
Amber Lowery
Paige Machover
Annie Madding
Karen Marcou
George Marcou
Peter Masciola
Alicia Matarese
Jimmy McEntee
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Petr Polasek
Christine Pamba Popp
Monica Pyles
David Redl

Alexandria Reid
Linda Rhodes
Alexandra Rice
Jesus Alvarado-Rivera
Colleen Robertson
Anna Rodriguez
Denise Rosado
Emma Rose
Debbie Roumell
Nancy Rubenstein
Daniel Rubin
Rebecca Rubin
Sydney Rupe
Matt Ryan
Pamela Sauber
Jill Sayenga
Chelsea Schinnour
Stefan Schropp
Sonya Schwartz
Robin Seegers
Chris Serrano
Chelsea Shaffer
Erik Lampmann-Shaver
Katherine Shin
Cary Silverman
Rebecca Simon
Tal Simon
Bradford Singh
Lisa Soronen
Michaela Sporo
Nancy Stade
Rachel Stuckey
Erin Sullivan
Tziporah Tapp
Khaled Al Tarazi
Juhi Tariq
Audrey Tchamda
Carina Tenaglia
Joshua Toll
Jennifer Toth
Ryan Traeger
Taylor Tremont
Sarah Tunney
Eddy Valverde
Tyra Walker
Emani Walks
Victoria Wallace
Jinling Wang
Liz Wangu
Tiffany Watson
Cassidy Webb
Ilene Weinreich
Matthew Wexler
T. Clark Weymouth
Katharine Weymouth
Katherine Wheatley
Kristin Whidby
Molly Wooldridge
Eunsung Yoo
Wanyu Zhang
Katherine Zhao
Patrick Zinck
Karen Zizmor
Tracy Zorpette

HONORS 50-99 HOURS

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Heather Artinian
Sophie Baum
Kathleen Blanchard
Anne Bonfiglio
Henry Brewster
Christina Brito
Shane Bryan
Nicole Cary
Alicia Cassis
Eric Clamage
Matt Cohen
Glenda Coleman
Lauren Cury
Olukayode Dada
Cayla DeJaco
Martha Dickey
Ryon Dixon
Leslie Edelstein
Yetunde Fadahunsi
David Finklestein
Brenda Gruss
Carrie Hammer
Ashley Hayes
Jin Hyung
Mike Jacques
Melinda Jakab
Sarah James
Nghia Jones
Andrew Kaplan
Shanell King
Eduarda Lague
Heather Lamberg
Natalie Laroche
Genevieve Lewis
Lori Licata
Tania Martinez
Rachel May
Patrick Miller
Samantha Moench
Molly Mulligan
Theodore Nastase
Shannon O'Neil
Ben Reese
Amy Rios
Sierra Rogers
Katharine Saunders
Markley Schlegel
Susan Schneider
Raquel Martinez-Sloan
Kathryn Steinberg
Beth Stekler
Maureen Taylor
Christine Vlasic
Taylor Walz
Eric Wang
Melinda Warner
Luyao Zhang

OUR CORPORATE & LAW FIRM PARTNERS ARE CRITICAL ALLIES IN DCVLP'S WORK.



With the partnership of volunteer attorneys from more than 70 law firms and corporations, we help thousands of clients each year access lifesaving legal resources. In 2022, volunteers affiliated with the corporate and law firm partners listed below contributed an incredible 25,670 pro bono hours valued at \$9.5M in legal services across all of DCVLP's practice areas.

\$250,000+ Contributed in Pro Bono Hours

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Hogan Lovells US LLP
King & Spalding LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP
Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Verizon Communications Inc.

\$100,000 - \$249,000 Contributed in Pro Bono Hours

Abt Associatees
Clifford Chance US LLP
Covington & Burling LLP
DLA Piper LLP
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Hewlett Packard Enterprise
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Tara, whose fellowship is sponsored by the Crowell & Moring Foundation, works at the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence by representing clients in Civil Protection Order (CPO), Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), and family law matters.

Through her fellowship, Tara represents survivors who have suffered gun violence or were threatened by gun violence. In addition to representing clients in CPO and ERPO matters, Tara provides representation in a limited number of family law cases where a child custody order or divorce decree would provide continued stability and violence prevention. To help educate the community about the availability of ERPOs, Tara works with DCVLP's partner organizations to hold know-your-rights presentations.

ERPOs were enacted in 2019 by the DC Council to create a new – and urgently needed – form of protection aimed at preventing gun violence. Like most “red flag” laws, this measure permits law enforcement to seek a restraining order against an individual who would be a danger to themselves or others if they possess or purchase firearms. However, these orders have been extremely underutilized, and fewer than 30 have ever been filed. Tara's Equal Justice Works project is helping address the shortage of services available for survivors in DC as well as providing a specific legal tool for intervening before gun violence happens.

Maddie, whose fellowship is sponsored by DLA Piper LLP (US) and Verizon Foundation, has created a medical-legal partnership co-located at Children's National Primary Care in Columbia Heights and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. This partnership serves low-income survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of gender-based violence in immigration, protection order, and family law cases.

Maddie conducts legal intakes on site and provides survivors with direct legal representation. She also trains health care providers to spot potential signs of violence and identify immigration issues to refer to her clinic. Every day in Washington, D.C., survivors of gender-based violence go without needed legal services. 88% of petitioners in the D.C. Superior Court Domestic Violence Division lack legal representation. Survivors may fear seeking protection orders or a divorce without representation due to concerns about retaliation or losing custody of their children.

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Stephanie Bergman joined DCVLP as a Roxana Cannon Arsht Law Fellow in March 2021. Stephanie was a DCVLP volunteer representing at-risk children as a court-appointed Guardian ad litem from 2017-2021. She previously practiced law as a litigation associate at prominent firms in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA. Stephanie also previously served as a staff attorney at the National Endowment for the Humanities. Following her fellowship, Stephanie was hired as a full time Supervising Attorney in our Domestic Violence Program. Stephanie earned a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. from Lehigh University

Amy Coles joined DCVLP in 2021 as a Roxana Cannon Arsht Law Fellow. Prior to her fellowship, Amy was a volunteer with DCVLP. Before that, Amy practiced law as a securities attorney. After law school, Amy clerked for The Honorable Deborah S. Byrnes, on the Court of Special Appeals in Maryland. She received her J.D. from the University of Baltimore Law School and her B.A. from Loyola University. Following her fellowship, Amy has been hired as a full time Supervising Attorney in our Domestic Violence Program.

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