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The City Bar Justice Center's mission is to increase access to justice by leveraging the resources of the New York City legal community. Drawing upon our relationship with the New York City Bar, the Justice Center provides legal assistance to those in need; mobilizes lawyers, law firms, corporate legal departments, and other legal institutions to provide pro bono legal services; educates the public on legal issues; fosters strategic relationships; and impacts public policy.

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**25,000 LOW-INCOME
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**\$17 MILLION WORTH
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OUR PARTNERS SPEAK ON WORKING WITH THE JUSTICE CENTER

"One of the most meaningful moments you can have as an attorney is standing up with your pro bono client in immigration court or at a welfare fair hearing and being able to tell them, 'You've won your case. You don't have to be afraid anymore.' Taking on a pro bono case with the City Bar Justice Center means that you have the opportunity to change someone's life, and you're supported every step of the way by the Justice Center's expert staff."

— Mei Lin Kwan-Gett, Citigroup Inc.

"Working with CBJC is a pleasure. They support pro bono partners at private firms at every step in the process. Everyone I have dealt with at CBJC has real expertise and wants to help us make a difference for our clients."

— Ann Kramer, Reed Smith LLP

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CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER PROJECTS

CANCER ADVOCACY PROJECT (CAP)

CAP provides cancer patients, survivors, and their families with legal information and pro bono legal assistance on issues relating to advance directives, wills, health law, and discrimination in the workplace.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PROJECT (CBP)

CBP provides legal assistance to low-income consumers with outstanding debts, assists debtors filing pro se bankruptcy petitions, and provides pro bono representation to debtors in contested matters.

ELDERLAW PROJECT

The Elderlaw Project maintains the dignity and independence of elderly people by training pro bono attorneys to assist with end-of-life planning matters.

FEDERAL PRO SE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

The Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project is housed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York Brooklyn courthouse. The Project assists pro se litigants with legal matters in civil rights and employment discrimination cases, among others, through review of papers, drafting assistance, research, advice, and referrals.



FORECLOSURE PROJECT

The Foreclosure Project provides legal assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners facing foreclosure, with the goal of keeping people in their homes whenever possible.

LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS (LCH)

LCH provides advice, advocacy, and representation to families who are residents of homeless shelters on a variety of matters related to public benefits. The Project sponsors legal clinics at homeless shelters, with services provided by a partnering law firm or corporate legal department.

LEGAL HOTLINE

The Legal Hotline offers legal information, advice and referrals to low-income New Yorkers on a range of civil legal issues, including family law, housing law, domestic violence, and debt collection and benefits. The service assists nearly 1,000 callers a month and can handle calls in any language through interpreting services.



LGBT ADVOCACY PROJECT

The LGBT Advocacy Project offers free legal advice and representation to low-income LGBT New Yorkers in the areas of family and marital law, life planning, discrimination, housing and foreclosure, and transgender name and gender changes.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTREPRENEUR LAW PROJECT (NELP)

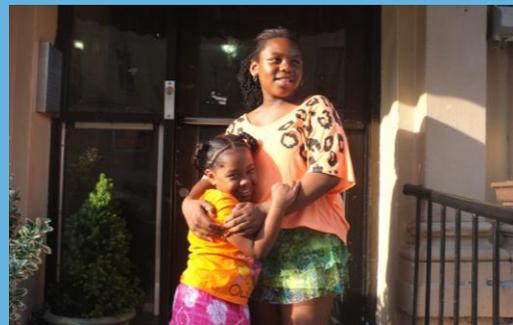
NELP provides legal assistance to low-income micro-entrepreneurs with matters such as incorporation, contracts, and patents to ensure that their businesses start off on sound legal footing.

PLANNING AND ESTATES LAW PROJECT (PELP)

PELP provides legal advice and assistance to low-income New Yorkers with matters pertaining to wills and estates, working closely with the Surrogate's Courts.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROJECT (VAP)

VAP recruits, trains, and mentors volunteer attorneys to provide pro bono assistance to veterans in connection with the filing of disability benefits claims before the New York City Regional Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.



IMMIGRANT JUSTICE PROJECT

The City Bar Justice Center's Immigrant Justice Project is comprised of the Immigrant Women & Children, Refugee Assistance, and Immigrant Outreach Projects:

The **Immigrant Women & Children Project (IWC)** assists low-income survivors of trafficking and other violent crimes in legalizing their immigration status under the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), U & T non-immigrant status (U or T visas), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and other immigration relief.

The **Refugee Assistance Project (RAP)** represents individuals who have suffered persecution in their home countries and are seeking asylum in the U.S. The Project also assists with filing relative petitions and obtaining asylum-related benefits such as employment authorization, refugee travel documents, and green cards.

The **Immigrant Outreach Project** conducts "know your rights" presentations to provide accurate information about immigrant rights and options, provides assistance in the preparation of naturalization applications, and trains volunteer attorneys to assist clients at immigration clinics.

WORK WITH THE CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER

The City Bar Justice Center, which is not funded by the New York City Bar, depends on the support of its pro bono partners and friends to help sustain and expand our ability to provide access to justice for low-income New Yorkers. Our annual donors are given priority for pro bono work, clinics and trainings. All of the Justice Center's projects utilize the services of pro bono attorneys.

Contact Carol Bockner, Director of Pro Bono Initiatives, to discuss pro bono opportunities at (212) 382-4714 or at cbockner@nycbar.org.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Law Firm & Corporate Appeal

Our Annual Law Firm & Corporate Appeal provides general operating support that secures both our existing pro bono projects and new initiatives.

Law firms and corporate legal departments are asked to make contribution at the \$5,000 \$10,000 or \$15,000 level, based on size of the New York office.

Annual Gala

Our Annual Spring Gala honors law firms and companies for their leadership and dedication to public service.

Law firms and corporate legal departments can support the event as an Underwriter (\$50,000), Benefactor (\$25,000), or Sponsor (\$15,000).