



Pro Bono at Legal Aid DC

Client Candy Page (left) with her pro bono attorney Kalena Kettering of Groom Law Group

Legal Aid DC's Pro Bono Program greatly enhances our ability to ***make justice real*** by expanding our impact and providing legal assistance and representation for hundreds of additional individuals and families in our community each year.



Client Brenda Green with her pro bono attorney George Hani of Miller & Chevalier

Attorneys who accept pro bono cases from Legal Aid can **make a difference by:**

- Preventing a family from being evicted
- Helping a survivor of domestic violence secure a child custody or support order
- Obtaining benefits and health care for someone with a disability
- Sealing an eligible criminal record that has caused barriers to accessing housing and employment
- Securing a tenant's rights to safe and well-maintained housing

"From the time I called until the time my record was sealed, I was treated with dignity; I was treated with respect. Knowing that this was taken care of and that there were people working on my behalf, it was a great feeling."

Rosie Martin
WilmerHale Record Sealing Client

Resources for Pro Bono Attorneys

Cases are screened initially by our attorneys and then referred to pro bono counsel. Legal Aid provides support for pro bono attorneys throughout a case, including:

- Training videos
- Written manuals
- Sample pleadings
- Strategic advice
- Mentorship from experienced attorneys

Gain Rewarding Experience

Working pro bono with Legal Aid is a great way to give back while also building your own skills:

- Maintain primary relationship with your client
- Lead case development and strategy
- Conduct discovery
- Participate in negotiation and mediation
- Draft and file pleadings
- Prepare for an administrative hearing or trial
- Learn a new area of the law
- Work with colleagues across practice areas



"I have found these cases to be accessible and fulfilling because of the direct impact."

Sam Sargent
Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

About Legal Aid DC

Legal Aid DC is D.C.'s oldest and largest general civil legal services organization. Since 1932, Legal Aid lawyers have been making justice real—in individual and systemic ways—for people living in poverty in the District.

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