

# LAW STUDENTS IN COURT

## HOUSING

Over the past five years, LSIC has provided critically needed attorneys and students to represent **7,000** low-income tenants at risk of losing stable, affordable housing.

## CLINICAL EDUCATION

Each year our clinical law students spend more than **30,000** hours dedicated to providing lasting justice for thousands of low-income DC residents.

## EXPUNGEMENT

We break down barriers to employment and housing for returning citizens. Since the programs' founding in 2017 we have provided criminal records expungement assistance to **1,058** people so they have the chance to overcome their past and realize their full potential.

**IMMIGRATION** - We represent immigrants at bond hearings to reunite families who have a loved one detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In the past five years our students and attorneys have fought to stem the tide of mass incarceration of indigent men, women, and children by representing **753** clients in criminal cases.

## SOCIAL WORK

We employ a "wrap-around model," advocating for our clients' needs in the courtroom and through direct social work services.



## OUR LEGACY

Almost 50 years ago, a consortium of District of Columbia law schools created the DC Law Students in Court Program (LSIC) as a response to the crisis in legal services for the poor. LSIC is the oldest legal services clinic in the District.

Today, the work of Law Students in Court is designed to make justice a reality for low-income residents of DC via both attorney and student representation.

Since our founding, we have protected the rights of more than **250,000** residents and trained almost **4,000** social justice advocates.

## PROCEDURAL JUSTICE

Our Civil Protection Order Project aims to reduce incidents of intrafamily violence by providing court-based mediation and litigation support services.

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## DC LAW STUDENTS IN COURT CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER PROJECT (CPOP)

### WHAT IS CPOP?

The Civil Protection Order Project (CPOP) is a new initiative of Law Students in Court, which began in 2017. CPOP provides litigation and mediation services to respondents in Civil Protection Order matters in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

CPOs may be overly burdensome or perceived to be unfair by respondents, and therefore may be less likely to be complied with. One of the goals of CPOP is to reduce the number of respondents who may violate CPOs by, for example, ensuring fair treatment and procedures, informing respondents of the legal or collateral consequences of CPOs, educating respondents about the CPO process and options available, and facilitating peaceful negotiations and resolutions.

CPOP provides a range of same-day legal services, including providing legal information and advice, brief services, limited representation, full representation at trial.

### CONNECTING WITH CPOP

CPOP has an office in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The office is located in Room 118A, which is a witness room right outside of Courtroom 118 (and across from the CPO Courtrooms 113 and 114). There are attorneys and volunteers in the CPOP office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 AM - 4:45 PM. Any respondent needing assistance can

### PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

CPOP welcomes the assistance of volunteers. Any attorney interested in providing pro bono assistance with CPOP may contact the LSIC Director of Pro Bono, Gwen Washington: [gwashingt@dclawstudents.org](mailto:gwashingt@dclawstudents.org).