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JUSTICE IS BLOOMING THIS SPRING

The official Legal Aid Works® E-Newsletter



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LAW champions fairness by advocating for those
with the least access to the civil justice system

CLIENT CORNER:

When “Iris” and her boyfriend, “Pablo” returned from a birthday party in September of 2014, Pablo became enraged that Iris put gas in their car without his permission. He grabbed Iris by her hair and kicked her in her stomach and back. When she struggled to call the police, he broke her phone, then fled when he knew the police were on their way. Over the next three months, Pablo eluded police and threatened Iris that he would harm her children in Guatemala if she did not relocate with him to New York City. A friend of Iris’ reported her abduction to police who found Iris and freed her. Pablo faced kidnapping and assault charges, and Iris got a two-year protective order. An attorney from Legal Aid Works submitted a U Visa application for Iris in 2015, and four long years later, received the good news that Iris got “deferred action” status in 2019, which meant that she could receive a work authorization card and begin working legally. Finally, in 2020, Iris was granted a U Visa and will be eligible to apply for Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) status in three years, in 2023, as long as she can prove continuous residency in the United States during that three year waiting period.

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Staffing updates

2021 Give Local
Piedmont recap

Save-the-date:
Jazz4Justice (J4J)

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NOW HIRING:

1. Three full-time positions (one for each of our branch offices in *Culpeper, Fredericksburg, and Tappahannock*) for **housing navigators**. 7 months, possible extension past that. Helping renters to apply for rent relief money through the statewide portal, and community education. Strong preference for Spanish bilingual. Salary for 7 months is \$29,167, based on an annual salary of \$50,000. <https://indeedhi.re/3igVxbS>
2. **Housing Staff Attorney** (*Culpeper*). Two year position. Must be current Virginia licensed attorney. Represent tenants to avoid eviction, and community education. Salary \$55,200 plus \$5,000 yearly for student loan repayment.
3. Three full-time **family law staff attorneys** (*Culpeper/ Fredericksburg/ Tappahannock*). Must be current Virginia licensed. Represent domestic violence victims in divorce and other family law cases. Salary \$55,200 plus \$5,000 yearly for student loan repayment.
4. Two full-time **bilingual paralegals** (*Culpeper/ Fredericksburg*) to work with attorneys on domestic violence victim divorces. Salary \$34,600. For more information on how to apply, go to <https://indeedhi.re/2RjwQAz>

So, what's it like *working at LAW?*

How can I really #dojustice while *working remotely?*

In response to a question on our annual performance evaluation which asked for a major accomplishment in the past year, our intake specialist Michelle said, "I feel the best major accomplishment is working from home and realizing that you can still advocate from your kitchen table, and it doesn't matter where you sit, it's where your heart is."



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Give Local Piedmont, one-day online giving event, a success!

YOU helped raise over \$6,200 to #dojustice on this special day.

Save-the-date: 2021 Jazz 4 Justice™



Legal Aid Works and the University of Mary Washington Jazz Ensemble present the 8th annual Jazz4Justice™ concert.

While we are hopeful that an in-person and/or hybrid event will be a possibility this year, for now, we will proceed with planning another virtual event until further notice!

If you need legal advice, please contact the local hotline program, Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV) at **(703) 778-6800** (choose Option #1) or **(866) 534-5243** (toll free) or you can apply online at **www.lsnv.org** (click on "Intake Application")

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[Although our offices are still closed to the public, LAW is fully operational and serving clients across our 17 counties.]

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