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Fragomen Fellow defends CBJC's youngest client in Immigration Court on surge docket.

EVERY CLIENT COUNTS:

2015 CBJC HIGHLIGHTS

2 NEW PROJECTS - Legal Assistance for the Self Represented (LASR) and EDNY Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project.

2 PILOT PROJECTS GROW INTO CORE PROJECTS AT CBJC - The Planning and Estates Law Project and the LGBT Advocacy Project.

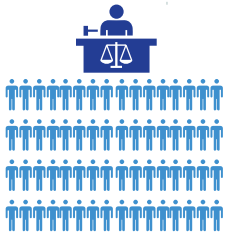
2 IMMIGRATION INITIATIVES TARGET SURGE IN CASES - Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows and Fragomen Fellowship.

PROGRESS MADE COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, domestic violence, elder abuse, stabilizing homeless families and disabled veterans.

$18 MILLION LEVERAGED IN PRO BONO and 1,300 pro bono cases matched.

13,000 HELPED on NY's largest free civil Legal Hotline.

EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

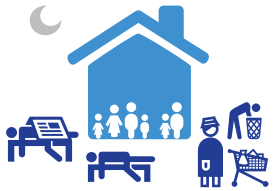


1.8 MILLION
NEW YORKERS ARE UNREPRESENTED IN COURT

MANY LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS face court problems without a lawyer. In response to overwhelming need, the City Bar Justice Center has established ground-breaking legal projects in partnership with our courts, partnering law firms and corporations, foundations and private funders.

1.2 MILLION
NEW YORKERS HAVE 3 OR MORE LEGAL PROBLEMS PER YEAR

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SELF-REPRESENTED, LASR, extends the work of the civil Legal Hotline by providing limited legal services to self-represented people. CBJC provides LASR clients with limited advocacy and drafting assistance for family law, landlord/tenant issues, debt, and employment law. The **PLANNING AND ESTATES LAW PROJECT** helps clients with Surrogate Court cases untangle estate problems and do their own end of life planning. These two projects strive to give the self-represented the support they need to successfully protect their legal rights.



4 OUT OF 10
NYC RESIDENTS LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL ($48,500 FOR A FAMILY OF 4)

The **FEDERAL PRO SE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT** is a new collaboration with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to provide information, advice, and limited-scope legal assistance to people proceeding pro se in a variety of federal civil cases. Clients helped have reached settlements in litigation, resolved disputes via out-of-court negotiation, added or withdrawn claims, filed more cogent court papers, and received pro bono placement. The Project is helping meet the needs of the Court for effective assistance to low-income people.

WAYS TO GIVE

The City Bar Justice Center (CBJC) provides free legal services to low-income New Yorkers. For this reason, donations of time and money to the City Bar Justice Center qualify for reporting in the NYS court's biennial pro bono reporting requirements for attorneys.

It is easy to support the City Bar Justice Center, and there are many ways to give:

- **GIVE** online at *www.citybarjusticecenter.org/donate*
- **DONATE** by check payable to "City Bar Justice Center"
- **MAKE A GRANT** through a Donor Advised Fund
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- **DESIGNATE** CBJC as a beneficiary as part of estate planning

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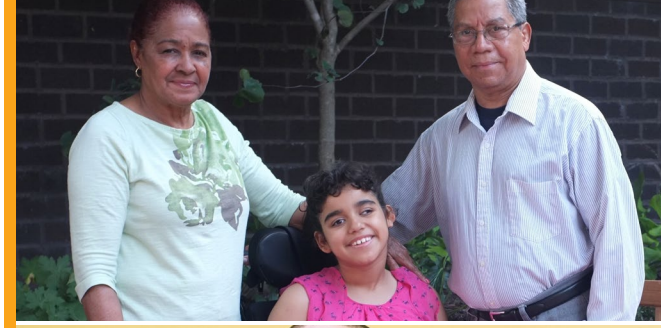
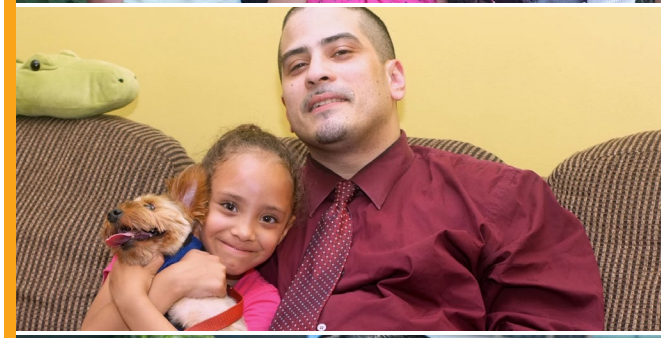
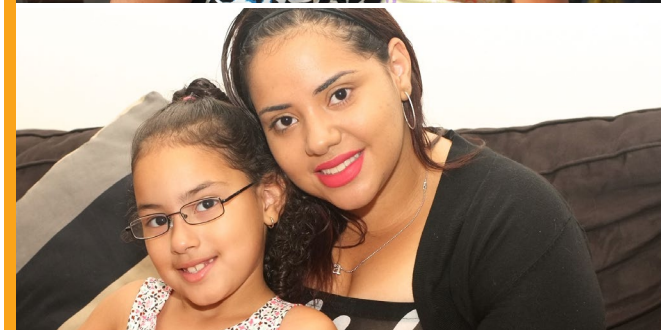
THANK YOU!

"**DEALING WITH CANCER** and the treatments that I had was nothing compared to the mental and emotional stress that I felt from a debt that I… would never be able to pay, and that would pursue me till my dying day...**I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU,** and to thank all of those who helped me, and to tell you--although I'm sure that you know--**HOW VITALLY IMPORTANT IT IS TO CONTINUE THE WORK THAT YOU DO, FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME.**"



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MISSION

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 Association, 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.

THE POWER OF **PRO BONO LEVERAGING**

30 STAFF + **1,300** PRO BONO ATTORNEYS MATCHED WITH CASES + **$3M** IN RAISED FUNDS = **25,000** LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS HELPED + **$18** MILLION WORTH OF FREE LEGAL SERVICES

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