



Raising the Bar in D.C. - A Funding Campaign for Legal Services

Law Firm Reporting Form - Donations in 2024

Reporting Deadline: February 28, 2025

Instructions

The D.C. Access to Justice Commission (“Commission”) is deeply grateful for your firm’s participation in the Raising the Bar in D.C. Campaign. For your firm to be formally recognized for its participation in 2024 the firm must submit the attached reporting form to Ernst & Young. This information will be kept confidential by Ernst & Young. Ernst & Young will only release the following information to the Commission:

- the recognition level (Platinum, Gold or Silver) for each participating firm;
- the aggregate amount of money donated by all participating firms to all eligible recipient organizations through this Campaign;
- the aggregate net change in the amount of money donated to all eligible recipient organizations through this Campaign;

Ernst & Young will not release any financial information about any individual firm. Only aggregated data will be released to the Commission.

For 2024- the Commission has also included a link to an anonymous and voluntary survey question on this form. Responses to this survey will go directly to the Commission and will not be reviewed by Ernst & Young or linked to any other information sent to Ernst & Young.

When calculating the firm’s recognition level and completing the reporting form, please keep the following in mind:

- Only monetary donations, donations of attorney’s fees awarded in cases, and payments for Equal Justice Works or other fellowships sponsored by the firm at one of the eligible recipient organizations listed below count toward meeting the benchmark level. The value of pro bono work, the value of loaned associates, in-kind donations made by the firm, and donations made by individual attorneys do not count.
- Only donations to the eligible recipient organizations listed below count toward meeting the benchmark level. *New for 2024: For the 2024 Campaign moving forward, firms may include the full amount of contributions to the D.C. Access to Justice Foundation, if applicable, in their calculations.*
- D.C. office revenue should be calculated as an average of the previous three years’ revenues. For this year, revenue should be calculated as the average of D.C. office revenue for 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- Fellowship donations may be prorated over a five-year period. Please alert the Commission (diana.sisson@dcaccesstojustice.org) if the firm is electing to utilize this option.

Reporting Information

Please provide the total amount of monetary donations (this includes cash donations, donations of attorney's fees, and payments for fellowships sponsored by the firm at one of the eligible recipient organizations) made by the firm to eligible recipient organizations in 2024:

\$ _____

Please certify the benchmark level (Platinum, Gold or Silver) that this donation amount represents for the firm:

- Platinum (.11% of D.C. office revenue)
- Gold (.09% of D.C. office revenue)
- Silver (.075% of D.C. office revenue)

If the firm increased or decreased its giving to eligible recipient organizations between 2023 and 2024, please provide the aggregate net increase or decrease in giving. This will permit the Commission to quantify how much additional monetary support was generated through the 2024 Campaign:

\$ _____

** Voluntary Survey by the DC Access to Justice Commission **

The Commission is reviewing benchmark levels for the Campaign and may consider updating them in future Campaign years. This could include the creation of a higher benchmark recognition level. We are requesting the following information, on an anonymous and voluntary basis, to assist with this planning.

Your response is anonymous and voluntary. Firms do not need to respond to this question to qualify for the Raising the Bar 2024 Campaign. The results for this survey question will go directly to the DC Access to Justice Commission, and will not be collected or reviewed by Ernst & Young.

If you would like to provide this information, please do so at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/hqmh59rwwg>

Please check off the organizations to which the firm made monetary donations in 2024 that are included in the total donations above. Do not list individual amounts donated to each organization.

Eligible Recipient Organization	✓
Advocates for Justice and Education	
Amara Legal Center	
Amica Center for Immigrant Rights (formerly CAIR Coalition)	
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center	
Ayuda	
Bread for the City Legal Services	
CARECEN	
Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services	
Catholic Charities Legal Network	
Children’s Law Center	
Christian Legal Aid of D.C.	
D.C. Access to Justice Foundation	
D.C. Affordable Law Firm	
D.C. Bar Foundation	
D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center	
D.C. KinCare Alliance	
D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project	
First Shift Justice Project	
Human Rights First – D.C. Asylum Legal Representation Project	
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) – D.C. Office	
Legal Aid DC	
Legal Counsel for the Elderly	
Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project	
Mil Mujeres Legal Services	
Mother’s Outreach Network	
Neighborhood Legal Services Program	
Open City Advocates	
Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities	
Rising for Justice	
Safe Sister’s Circle	
School Justice Project	
Second Look Project	
Tahirih Justice Center	
Tzedek D.C.	
U.D.C. Summer Law Public Interest Fellowships	
University Legal Services (including Disability Rights DC)	
Volare (formerly NVRDC – Network for Victim Recovery D.C.)	
Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts	
Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs	
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless	
Whitman-Walker Legal Services	

**Note: For 2024 and moving forward, all amounts donated to the DC Access to Justice Foundation may be fully counted towards donation totals and benchmark qualifications.*

Law Firm Name (please list name as you'd like it to appear in campaign listings and materials)

Name of Individual Completing Form

Title

Signature

Address 1

Address 2

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email

Signed forms should be submitted via e-mail by February 28, 2025 to:

**Vesna Vidovic
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Please address any questions about completion of this form or about the Campaign to Diana Sisson at diana.sisson@dcaccesstojustice.org.