



"I adore your organization. My pro bono work provides me with so much joy."

*– Danielle Garten, Associate,
Arnold & Porter LLP*

"Your staff provide tremendous training to pro bono volunteers. Children's Law Center's sophisticated and talented lawyers are leaders in their fields, which gives me great confidence that our lawyers will receive outstanding guidance."

*– Don Salzman, Pro Bono Counsel,
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*

"If this was the only case I ever handled, the whole process of getting my law degree would be worth it. I changed someone's life."

*– Matthew J. Holt, Associate,
Latham & Watkins LLP*

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We partner with hundreds of dedicated legal volunteers to help children in crisis.

The Need

Children's Law Center is DC's largest non-profit legal firm – but many more children come to us than we can help.

Every day, families call us about children with disabilities who are languishing in classrooms. Or landlords refusing to clean up hazardous housing conditions making kids sick. Or children caught up in complex custody disputes or in foster care who need a permanent home.

The vast majority of people in family court do not have lawyers – leaving them without the expert help they need when life-altering decisions are made. The same is true in education and housing. Pro bono lawyers help fill this gap.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer to take one of the following types of cases and you will be deeply touched by your experience – because our cases are life changing:

- **Custody Guardian ad Litem:** represent the best interests of children at the center of complex custody disputes.
- **Caregiver Representation:** help foster parents, grandparents and others provide children with loving homes through adoption, guardianship or custody.
- **Special Education:** advocate on behalf of parents of children with disabilities to obtain critical educational services.
- **Housing Conditions:** give voice to parents of children with chronic health problems to ensure landlords address dangerous housing conditions.

Contact us to receive our twice monthly listserv of available cases. Attorneys must be admitted to practice in DC or eligible to practice under Rule 49(c) of the DC Court of Appeals.

Training & Mentoring

We provide mentorship, training and extensive materials so attorneys can be successful. This includes access to half-day trainings, reference manuals, model pleadings and more. Each pro bono case is assigned one of our experienced attorneys as a mentor to provide ongoing support.