



HER JUSTICE AT WORK

SEPTEMBER 2021

A Successful Season for our Summer Associate Program

The Her Justice Summer Associate Program connects Summer Associates at our Corporate Partner law firms with an opportunity to gain practical experience in litigated and non-litigated matters – all while supporting our clients with their urgent legal needs. **This summer, a total of 67 clients were connected with 132 attorneys and Summer Associates from 21 law firms.**

[Learn more about our Summer Associate Program here >](#)

Many thanks to our participating Corporate Partner law firms: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Allen & Overy LLP; BakerHostetler; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; Covington & Burling LLP; Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP; Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP; Dentons LLP; Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP; Jones Day; Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP; Milbank LLP; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Selendy & Gay PLLC; Seward & Kissel LLP; Sidley Austin LLP; Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP; White & Case LLP; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.



Shifting the Power Through Partnerships

We are deeply grateful for our generous funding partners who make the work we do possible.

New projects and grants include:

- Her Justice has launched Phase II of our [Towards Justice for Parents in Child Support Courts Project](#). Thanks to a 2-year grant from the **New York Community Trust**, this work will advance policy reform so that women like our clients can use equitable, empowering, and efficient processes to obtain the child support they are owed.
- A 2-year grant from **The Leonard & Robert Weintraub Family Foundation** will help to launch the [Trafficking Survivors Resiliency Project](#). This project will increase our ability to identify survivors and provide them with expert guidance and legal options that can help them obtain freedom for themselves and their families.
- Other new grants supporting our work include: funding from **Thomson Reuters** to support our clients who are survivors of intimate partner violence and are isolated by language and culture barriers; funding from **KKR Grants** as part of their Communities Grants program, to help advance economic justice for our clients impacted by the pandemic; and a 5-year grant for general operating support from the **Oversight Board for Judiciary Civil Legal Services Funds in New York** through the Office for Court Administration.

Immigration Policy Change: Faster Work Permits

On June 14, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) announced it would implement a process through which certain immigrants can get a temporary work permit more quickly, before their 5-year U Visa process ends.

This change is a positive step forward in supporting immigrant survivors like our clients. It represents progress toward a key Her Justice policy priority – ensuring that eligible immigrants get access to work authorization as quickly as possible because we know that they are vital in helping to gain a foothold toward economic stability and safety.



For more details about this important policy change, including an informational video and know your rights resources, visit www.herjustice.org/immigrationupdates.

A First for Her Justice: Filed Ninth Circuit Brief
with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

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A Her Justice client, who is an immigrant, a mother, and a survivor of intimate partner violence, has lived in the United States for over twenty years. While the USCIS has approved her application for lawful status, she

is unable to apply for a green card due to a deportation order issued ten years ago after she missed a court appearance because she was not properly notified.

After an Immigration Judge refused to terminate the deportation order, Her Justice appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals, which also refused to terminate the deportation order. With significant pro bono assistance from **Simpson Thacher and Bartlett LLP**, Her Justice has taken this case up on appeal to the Ninth Circuit Appellate Court to insist that our client's deportation order be terminated. If the appeal is successful, she will be able to continue her path to lawful residency in the U.S without fear of deportation.

Thank you, Simpson Thacher, for helping us go above and beyond for our clients!

We're Hiring!

Come join the Her Justice team! We are currently hiring for the following positions:

- [Director of Talent and Culture](#)
- [Office Administrator](#)

Her Justice in the Media

Her Justice Policy Report Cited in Testimony

Judge Anne-Marie Jolly, Deputy Administrative Judge for the NYC Family Courts, cited the Her Justice child support policy report in testimony at a hearing convened by the NYS Chief Judge about funding for civil legal services. [WATCH HERE >](#)

Advocating for Legal Services

Her Justice Supervising Attorney, Esther Limb, spoke at the New York Immigration Coalition press conference at City Hall to advocate for more immigration legal services funding. [SEE MORE HERE >](#)

Mentoring for Pro Bono Excellence *Practicing Law Institute's Pursuing Justice: The Pro Bono Files*
Hamra Ahmad, Her Justice Director of Law and Policy, shares best practices on training and mentoring lawyers looking to jumpstart their pro bono practice. [LISTEN HERE >](#)



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