



HER JUSTICE AT WORK

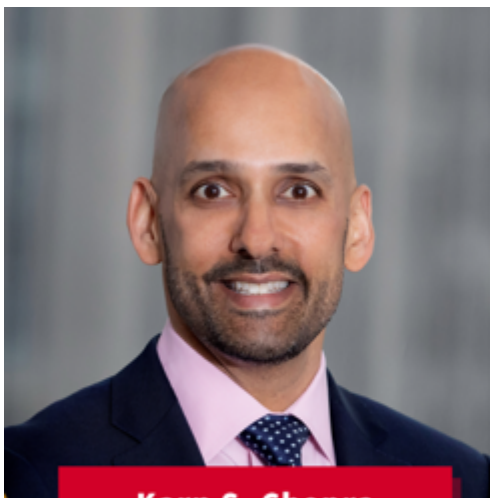
FALL 2023

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Board Members and Junior Advisory Board Members

Her Justice is thrilled to grow our community of advocates by welcoming **two new Board Members** and **eleven new Junior Advisory Board Members**.

We're honored to be partners in this work.

**Welcome to the Her Justice
Board of Directors!**



Karn S. Chopra
Centerview Partners

"My mother has spent much of her life working with and advocating for women who have suffered from domestic violence and, as a teenager, she encouraged me to volunteer at the local family shelter. With that as background, I have always been drawn to the mission of Her Justice and impressed at the impact the organization has on the community it serves. I am humbled by the opportunity to join the Her Justice Board of Directors and further support its efforts to address the systemic legal barriers facing woman and children living in poverty in New York."



Suzanne Gibbons
Davidson Kempner
Capital Management

"I am thrilled to join the Her Justice Board of Directors. The mission of Her Justice – offering legal services to women living in poverty in New York City – is critically important. And the effectiveness of the pro bono business model, which utilizes the arsenal of legal talent in the New York City area, allows Her Justice to accomplish so much for its clients."

**Welcome to the Her Justice
Junior Advisory Board of Directors!**



Charlotta L. Chung, Esq.
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Her Justice Named as an NYC Imagine Awards "Social Impact Finalist"

Her Justice Selected as a "Social Impact Finalist"

The NYC Imagine Awards acknowledge some of the city's most effective and innovative nonprofits. Social Impact Finalists were chosen because they go above-and-beyond achieving their mission to having a unique impact on New York City's wider community. We're honored to be in great company with the other category finalists: Women In Need (WIN), LiveOnNY, and Tunnel To Towers.

Winners will be announced on October 17th at the NYC Imagine Awards event. [LEARN MORE >](#)

Her Justice's Upcoming Original Research Report: The Impact of Work Authorization

**“The stability of having a fixed job
and waking up knowing that I will be
able to provide for my kids –
it’s like the world opens.”**

**– Fabiola, Her Justice Client,
received work authorization in 2018**



Her Justice is thrilled to announce our upcoming report **“Stories from Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: The Impact of Work Authorization”** coming this fall!

Based on original Her Justice research, the report captures stories and data critical to understanding how the U.S.’s immigration system and civil justice system work today. It also provides recommendations to reform these systems so that the greatest number of immigrant women can obtain and preserve the best possible immigration status through a process that prioritizes their safety and dignity.

We’re proud to continue our commitment to research, advocacy, and direct services that remove barriers built into our immigration and civil justice systems.

Another Successful Season of Our Summer Associate Program

Her Justice’s Summer Associate Program provides summer associates from our Corporate Partner firms with practical experience in litigated and non-litigated matters. It’s a way to experience their firm’s commitment to public service first-hand. And it’s an opportunity to advocate alongside women seeking to build a better future for themselves through the civil justice system. [LEARN MORE >](#)

This summer, a total of 51 clients were served by 105 attorneys and summer associates from 20 law firms.

Many thanks to our participating Corporate Partner firms: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; BakerHostetler; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; Covington & Burling LLP; Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP; Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP; Dentons; Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP; Jones Day; King & Spalding; Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP; Milbank LLP; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; Sidley Austin LLP; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP; Sullivan & Cromwell LLP; White & Case LLP; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

Shifting The Power Through Partnerships

Our generous funding partners make the work we do possible.

Thanks to our new funder **The Public Interest Law Foundation** for their support of our [Financial Freedom](#)

[Project!](#) This project provides legal services and advocacy for women living in poverty who face financial crisis caused by consumer and coerced debt, intimate partner violence, and divorce.

A heartfelt thank you for continued support from **The New York Community Trust** for its funding of Her Justice's **[child support initiatives](#)**, including our upcoming Report From Court initiative; to **The Leonard & Robert Weintraub Family Foundation** and **The New York Bar Foundation** for supporting Her Justice's **[Trafficking Survivors Resiliency Project](#)**; and to **The Alice Lawrence Foundation** for its generous general operating support.

Her Justice in the News

Divorce as a Social Justice Issue

In a compelling piece published by *TIME*, Executive Director Amy Barasch shares her expertise on the impact outdated divorce laws have on couples leaving marriages – and the implications for women seeking to leave abusive marriages. **[READ HERE >](#)**

Her Justice in the Community

Her Justice Reaches 1,078 People through 32 Training and Outreach Events

Since the beginning of summer Her Justice has shared our expertise at 32 events that reached 1,078 attorneys, policymakers, professionals, students, and more – building an NYC community that's connected, informed, and fighting the good fight.

Her Justice Trains Attorneys on Litigating Coercive Control

In partnership with the Rockland County Bar Association, Her Justice's Director of Family and Matrimonial Practice, Anna Maria Diamanti, trained attorneys on how to litigate coercive control given that there is currently no legislation outlawing or defining it. The training covered the dynamics of coercive control within intimate partner violence cases and how they play out in court – including best practices for interviewing survivors; how coercive control fits within family offenses; and how judges view coercive control and make decisions in those cases.

Reform Recommendations from Her Justice and Other IPV Experts Published

Her Justice was part of a coalition of leading survivor-advocacy agencies that convened to identify obstacles and reform opportunities to New York State's family law system in the October 2022 conference "Justice for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: Transforming an Inequitable Family Law System". Now, the conference report capturing the most important insights and recommendations has been released in the *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law*. **[READ HERE >](#)**

What We're Watching

Upcoming SCOTUS case *U.S. v. Rahimi*

On November 7th the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *U.S. v. Rahimi* to decide if abusive partners subject to restraining orders are allowed to possess guns. If ruled for Rahimi, this would dismantle current

federal and state protections designed to make our communities safer. [LEARN MORE >](#)

Progress Report on Racial Equity in New York State Courts

The New York City Bar has published “Progress Report and Recommendations: Creating Lasting Reform in the Wake of Secretary Jeh Johnson’s Equal Justice Report” to account for the ways the Unified Court System is working to implement recommendations from Jeh Johnson’s groundbreaking 2020 report and “end a second-class system of justice for people of color” in courts. [READ HERE >](#)



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