



HER JUSTICE AT WORK

JANUARY 2021

TOGETHER, WE SHIFT THE POWER

A heartfelt thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to our **#ShiftThePower** Campaign this Fall. Together, we raised **over \$675,000** to provide free legal services to women living in poverty in New York City, helping them to transform their lives by obtaining safety and economic security.

When our community comes together like this, there is hope for a better future.

#SHIFTTHEPOWER



40

INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

650

CONTRIBUTED
\$675,000+

Special Thanks to our Campaign Launch Partners:



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OUR FY20 ANNUAL REPORT



In case you missed it, our [FY20 Annual Report is here!](#)

In FY20, 14 Her Justice lawyers mentored 1,765 volunteer attorneys, serving over 6,900 women and their children for a total of 63,500+ hours donated, representing over \$38.6 million in value.

Our deepest thanks to all of our generous volunteers and donors for supporting our commitment to bringing forth justice for women living in poverty in our community.

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SUPPORTING OUR CLIENTS

- **Green Card Applications Approved for Her Justice Clients**

This week, more than six Her Justice clients were approved by USCIS to receive their green cards to remain in the United States. On average, these clients have been waiting three years for their application to be processed. **Many thanks to our volunteer attorneys from [Bracewell LLP](#), [Fragomen](#), [Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobson LLP](#), [Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP](#), and [Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP](#) who helped make this possible for our clients.**

- **Her Justice Client Pardoned by Governor Cuomo**

Rosa, a mother and grandmother, has worked with Her Justice since 2007. On December 24, 2020, Governor Cuomo granted Rosa a pardon for a drug crime that she committed over three decades ago at a time when she was trying to dull the pain of an abusive past. Director of the Her Justice Immigration Practice, Susanna Saul has worked with Rosa for the last ten years; she and Rosa's volunteer attorney made the pardon happen. **The Governor's pardon will give Rosa the best possible chance of obtaining a green card so she can stay in the United States, where she has lived for more than 30 years.**

- **Keeping ICE out of Courts**

The [passing of the Protect Our Courts Act \(POCA\) last month](#) marks significant progress towards the decriminalization of our communities. **At Her Justice, we advocated strongly for the passage of this law because we know it is an essential component to making justice accessible to all.**

TALKING JUSTICE

In November, we launched a new conversation series, [Justice Talks](#), to speak with experts in their fields for an inside look at issues that impact all of us, especially women like our clients.

Watch recent Justice Talks below & stay tuned for more!



Supporting Immigrant Communities

A Conversation with "The People's Lawyer," NY State Attorney General Letitia James



The Path Forward for Women & Families in NYC

A Look Ahead with U.S. Senator for New York, Kirsten Gillibrand

[Click here to watch these conversations!](#)



Racial Bias in the NY State Courts?

A Conversation with Secretary Jeh Johnson



From WFH to WTF?!

A Conversation with Carrie Goldberg on How the Pandemic has Increased Risks of Tech-Abuse

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Mentoring for Pro Bono Excellence *Practicing Law Institute's Pursuing Justice: The Pro Bono Files [PODCAST]*

Hamra Ahmad, Director of Law and Policy at Her Justice shares best practices on training and mentoring lawyers looking to jumpstart their pro bono practice.

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Civil Justice for All *American Academy of Arts & Sciences*

Rachel Braunstein, Director, Policy at Her Justice featured in civil justice reform recommendations from the Making Justice Accessible Initiative.

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