



HER JUSTICE AT WORK

WINTER 2022

Welcome New Members of Our Senior Leadership Council

Our [Senior Leadership Council](#) recognizes former board members who continue to support the work of Her Justice after their board tenure is complete. Council members play a critical role in advancing our mission by providing annual financial support, bringing their expertise to bear on strategic issues facing our organization, and broadening awareness of our mission within their networks. The newly expanded Council recently joined staff, our [Board of Directors](#), and our [Junior Advisory Board](#) at the 2022 Her Justice Strategy Summit for an engaged analysis of the historic and systemic biases which impact our clients, including discussion on how we can use our collective voice to enact substantial systems change.

Welcome New Members! **Lee Attanasio**; **Dale Berger**; **Bruce Dohrenwend**, Columbia University; **Jeffrey Brodsky**, Quest Turnaround Advisors; **Matthew Feldman**, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; **Marcia Goldstein**, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; **David Greenwald**, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP; **Elaine Johnston**, Allen & Overy LLP; **Cathy Kaplan**, Sidley Austin LLP; **David Koschik**, White & Case LLP; **Kevin Lavin**, Ankura; **Bruce Mendelsohn**, Perella Weinberg Partners; **Roopesh Shah**, Evercore; **Mary Singh**; and **Ken Ziman**, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

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AM Reyes Sponsors Legislation for Improved Access to Child Support

We are proud to announce that legislation led by Her Justice for improving the efficiency of the New York Child Support System has been [sponsored and introduced](#) to the New York State Assembly by Assemblymember Karines Reyes. The legislation was also included in the 2022 [People's Budget](#) of the New York State Legislature's Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Caucus.

[Our bill proposes](#) the piloting of a process for some child support cases to be handled in child support agencies, **instead of in court**. This would greatly expedite the assignment of child support orders for many parents while simultaneously freeing up the courts' time and expertise for cases where its resources are most needed. For a breakdown of the legislation, [click here](#).

Our child support reform efforts are supported, in part, by a grant from the **New York Community Trust**. We are deeply grateful for this partnership.



Shifting the Power Through Partnerships

It is our generous funding partners who make the work we do possible. New grants and projects include:

- Her Justice was awarded the **Michael L. Cook Extraordinary Grant by the American Bankruptcy Association**, which recognizes outstanding legal services organizations offering innovative and exemplary approaches to underserved populations. This grant supports our [Marital Debt Project](#) which works to advance economic justice by providing legal services and advocacy to women living in poverty who face financial crisis caused by divorce, domestic abuse, and consumer debt.
- A 2-year grant from the **Eugene M. Lang Foundation** will support the launch of the Civil Justice for Incarcerated Women Project, a new initiative which aims to support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in achieving safety, financial stability and autonomy upon reentry by providing essential and life-affirming free civil legal services in the areas of family and matrimonial law.

Save the Date for a Night
You Don't Want To Miss!

2022 ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY AUCTION + BENEFIT

MAY 10,
2022

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6:30 – 9:30 PM at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers

We hope you'll [join Her Justice](#) and leaders from across NYC for a celebration featuring our highly anticipated silent photography auction, remarks from our honorees, highlights about the impact of your support and plenty of time to reconnect with each other as a community.



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Recent Publications



- [The Her Justice FY21 Annual Report](#)

The achievements celebrated in this summary of FY21 represent the great strides we've made **together** along our journey toward a **more equitable civil justice system**, a system that is worthy of our clients, and all New Yorkers.

[Click here to read the report >](#)

Her Justice Policy Research Cited in Report on the Impact of COVID-19 on NY Family Court

Her Justice contributed to and was cited in a report on the consequences of the pandemic on the NYC Family Court. The report, led by the Fund for Modern Courts and the New York City Bar Association, details the dire need for reform as well as substantive recommendations for how to improve and modernize the system. [READ HERE >](#)

Expanding the Potential of Pro Bono (Legal-Tech Matters Podcast)

Her Justice Executive Director Amy Barasch speaks with Litera's Ari Kaplan about the power of pro bono, how Her Justice continues to collaborate with volunteer attorneys during the pandemic, and our latest policy report. [LISTEN HERE >](#)

Our Legal System's Response to COVID-19 & the Impact on Our Clients

Her Justice Director of Law & Policy Hamra Ahmad speaks about how vulnerable populations rely on legal systems during times of crisis, as a panelist in the APHA's conversation: Crisis Lawyering: Legal Responses to Public Health Challenges and Opportunities. [LEARN MORE HERE >](#)

Her Justice Testifies to the NYS Bar Association's President's Committee on Access to Justice and Committee on Legal Aid

Her Justice Supervising Attorney Anna Ognibene outlines barriers to justice within the New York City Family Court system, including court closures and severe case delays during the pandemic, plus recommendations for improving the system for all. [WATCH HERE \(at 32:06\) >](#)

KAFSC Recognizes Her Justice as a Catalyst Awardee

The Korean-American Family Service Center presented their Catalyst Award to Her Justice for our work supporting immigrant survivors and their families. [LEARN MORE HERE >](#)

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 >](#)



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