



HER JUSTICE AT WORK

WINTER 2024

Our FY2023 Annual Report is Here

The achievements we celebrate in our [FY2023 Annual Report](#) highlight the ways Her Justice is pursuing a better New York City.

We're proud to share how we're creating a stronger future for our clients, our organization, and the city we call home.

Thank you to our dedicated pro bono attorneys, hardworking staff, and the 1,137

generous supporters who made our work possible last year! Together we're making progress towards a more fair and functional civil justice system that's worthy of our clients and all New Yorkers.



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

2024 HER JUSTICE ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY AUCTION + BENEFIT

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 | PIER SIXTY AT CHELSEA PIERS, NYC

Each year, industry leaders across New York City come together to support Her Justice in building safer, stronger futures for women and families!

Join us for an evening honoring our community's steadfast commitment to creating a stronger civil justice system through the power of pro bono.

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For more information or to sponsor the event,
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Her Justice in the News

Legislators Issue Historic Call for \$102 Million Investment in Family Courts

Her Justice joined legislators, legal experts, and advocates in calling for a historic \$102 million investment in New York's Family Court System. [WATCH OUR COMMENTS >](#)

This action comes out of a November New York State Senate hearing that Her Justice testified in that was full of powerful testimony and smart solutions for how to make our system work better for all of us. Thank you to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Senator Jabari Brisport, Assemblymember Charles Chuck Lavine, and Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi for hearing the need and creating this proposal to fully fund the Family Court. [READ MORE >](#)

Her Justice Weighs In on How NYC Can Do Better For Migrants and All of Us

New York has drawn more than 140,000 migrants since spring 2022 – and this has drawn back the curtain on a complicated process with many legal and logistical roadblocks. But these roadblocks don't just apply to new arrivals. Today, many of Her Justice's immigration clients are waiting up to *five years* after filing to get their work permits. Her Justice works inside this system every day to deliver results to our clients. And that's why we know – it doesn't have to be this way!

Read our op-ed published in AM New York to learn what the city's plan gets right, where it goes wrong, and how we can right the course with smart solutions. [READ THE OP-ED >](#)

Her Justice's Original Policy Report Makes an Impact

Work Authorization Research Cited in Federal Immigration Lawsuit

Our newest policy report **Stories from Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: The Impact of Work Authorization** was cited in support of a class action lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security.

The National Immigrant Justice Center, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, and Winston & Strawn LLP filed the lawsuit on behalf of eight plaintiffs. The plaintiffs are survivors of crime who assisted law enforcement, filed U visa applications more than two years ago, and are still awaiting initial bona fide determinations which would provide them access to work permits and protection from deportation while they wait in years-long backlogs for their cases to be fully considered. [**READ MORE >**](#)

Policy Report Reaches Broad Coalition of Policymakers and Peer Organizations

Our team continues to build awareness of the findings and policy recommendations shared in *Stories From Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence*. To date, the report has reached the offices of 14 U.S. Senate and House representatives; Governor Hochul's office; key State and City government agencies; and 65 peer organizations. In-depth presentations have reached more than 80 policymakers, advocates, and other stakeholders.

Her Justice in the Community

Her Justice Reaches 789 People Through 19 Training and Outreach Events

This winter, Her Justice has shared our expertise at 19 events that reached 789 attorneys, policymakers, professionals, students, and more – building an NYC community that's connected, informed, and fighting the good fight.

Her Justice Presents to Government Officials on Structural Racism and Child Support

Director of Policy Rachel Braunstein served as a panelist for the NYC Human Resources Administration's Office of Child Support Services at their conference *Confronting Structural Racism in the Child Support Program* in October. She offered insight into program policies that have disparate impact on families of color and how to implement solutions. Attendees included State and City government officials, academics, researchers, parents, and advocates.

Her Justice Joins Roundtable on Gun Violence Prevention

In honor of January's National Gun Violence Survivors Week, Executive Director Amy Barasch participated in a discussion with Representative Dan Goldman, NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and 12 other expert organizations working to make our communities safer by reducing gun violence. Collectively, we have real, hard-earned community wisdom about interventions, programs, and policies that work. We're energized to be working alongside such fierce advocates.

Her Justice Supports New Bill to Protect Trafficking Survivors

We're proud to support the newly introduced New York CARES (Connect And Recognize Every Survivor) Act. This bill recognizes the need for compassionate and practical support for crime survivors, especially those without citizenship. Staff attorney Emily Sun spoke at a press conference held by Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas in January.

Shifting The Power Through Partnerships

Our funding partners make the work we do possible!

Thank you to **The Fortin Foundation of Florida** for its generous general operating support and to the **American College of Bankruptcy Foundation** for its support of Her Justice's **Financial Freedom Project**, which provides legal services and advocacy for women who face financial crisis caused by consumer and coerced debt, intimate partner violence, and divorce.

Thank you to **The New York Bar Foundation** for its continued support of Her Justice's **Trafficking Survivors Resiliency Project**, which provides survivors with a clear pathway to transformative legal services that ensure safety, financial stability, and freedom.





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