



## YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

### PROVIDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE THROUGH ENGAGING THE LEGAL COMMUNITY IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED.

As a non-profit legal aid organization, with the help of volunteers, we **fill gaps** and **meet legal needs** that other community agencies are unable to meet. VLPCNY offers free legal information, assistance, and representation in civil legal matters to low-income people throughout Central NY.

## TOGETHER FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE

In the past year, we provided assistance to **3,700** people, benefiting over **7,400** community members. We defended over 1,000 tenants in eviction court and supported marginalized communities, such as new arrivals from Afghanistan and Ukraine in pursuing asylum claims, and LGBTQ individuals fighting discriminatory treatment.

#### VLPCNY Programs Include:

- Community Clinics
- Debt Defense
- Elder Law, Surrogate Court & Wills
- Eviction Prevention & Tenants' Rights
- Family Law & Divorce
- Immigration Law
- LGBT\* Rights
- Small Business & Nonprofits
- Veterans

These services are provided by staff and volunteer attorneys with the help of paralegals and law students.

Our work is collaborative and dependent on the many people who come together for the greater cause. Our services are trauma-informed, responsive to the clients seeking assistance and prioritize racial and economic justice.



# IMPORTANT WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Volunteers are at the core of our mission. We depend on pro bono supporters to help community members who need access to free legal services. VLPCNY provides training, support and CLE opportunities to our pro bono team.



## CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE WITH A CHARITABLE GIFT

*While most of VLPCNY's operational costs are taken care of by government and foundation grants, we depend on individual and corporate donors to help with critical expenses that aren't covered by those funds.*

### EVENT SUPPORT

Sponsor our annual volunteer recognition fundraiser. Benefits include tickets to the event. All proceeds raised support VLPCNY.

### CORPORATE DONATION

Help ensure VLPCNY's sustainability and ability to respond to emerging community needs with a company donation. Corporate supporters receive website and social media recognition.

### INDIVIDUAL GIFT

Individual donations help our team provide advocacy, direct service, and education. **Consider a recurring, monthly gift** - it's easy to sign up and every dollar matters.

### Ready to get involved?

Visit [vlpcny.org](http://vlpcny.org) to learn more.

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