



Catholic Charities Legal Network

Newsletter Fall 2025

Will you Volunteer?

We are actively seeking volunteers to represent low-income clients in D.C. and Maryland. If you are an attorney who wishes to volunteer, click the Volunteer Today button.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

Staff Attorney Position (32 Hours)

We are looking for a part-time staff attorney to join us at the Legal Network's Hickey Center office in downtown Washington, D.C.

The Attorney provides legal advice and representation in accord with the best practices of the profession, recruits licensed attorneys in D.C. and Maryland for pro bono civil law cases, develops a pool of attorney mentors to guide less experienced attorneys, and conducts training sessions about the program to potential volunteers at identified organizations.

The position and its duties are described in greater detail in the link below.

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Thank You and Congratulations to Malicious Code!

On September 11, 2025, Malicious Code performed at the 10th Annual Law Rocks charity event as the sponsor for the Legal Network. The band comprises attorneys Darrell Stark on bass, Ben Christoff and Jon Knight on guitar, Justin Heminger on keys, Nathan Gibson on drums, and Kristen Bertch providing vocals.

As the overall winners this year, their superb sound and vocals helped the

Legal Network also win much of the \$149K raised that evening. We are deeply grateful for this contribution enabling us to continue providing low-income D.C. and local Maryland residents with access to pro bono civil legal services.

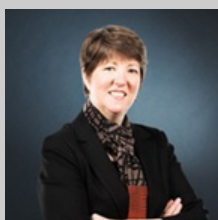
Malicious Code is composed of attorneys representing the firms BakerHostetler, Fish and Richardson, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister.

You can learn more about the event and the broader Law Rocks mission at: <https://lawrocks.org/new/2025/dc>

2025 Annual Red Mass



From left to right, Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, William E. Lawler III, Esq., and His Eminence Cardinal Robert McElroy. Photo courtesy of Christopher Newkumet.



On October 5, 2025, the 73rd Annual Red Mass sponsored by the John Carroll Society was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. His Eminence Robert Cardinal McElroy, the Archbishop of Washington, was the principal celebrant. Afterwards, a brunch was held in which four CCLN attorneys were recognized for their outstanding contributions to legal service.

The recognized attorneys are pictured to the left. From left to right, Kristine Dunne Maher, John E. McCarthy Jr. (who accepted an award on behalf of his firm, Crowell & Moring LLP), Nicholas Mowbray, and Andrea Halverson Harper.

CCLN Client Success Story

Many thanks to Attorney Fabian A. Zetina, an Associate at Baker Hostetler, LLP, who recently represented a Spanish-speaking client here in the D.C. He was successful in petitioning the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to amend the birth certificate of the client's child. Attorney Zetina is now preparing the application to Vital Records to finalize an amendment to the minor's birth certificate.



Mr. Zetina has been a key volunteer for the Legal Network, especially in outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. He took part in a live broadcast on Radio America in November 2023 and shared in Spanish the services offered by the Legal Network. As a result, the Legal Network received many telephone calls from Spanish-speaking residents in need of pro bono civil legal services. Since 2023, Mr. Zetina has conducted second stage intake for potential clients through

the Legal Network's telephone intake line. The program benefits from his ability to communicate with potential clients in Spanish.

As an associate attorney at Baker Hostetler, Zetina represents clients throughout Central America and other countries in international arbitration matters. He received a master of Legal Letters degree from Columbia Law School and his law degree from Universidad Francisco Marroquin Law School in Guatemala. He is a member of the D.C. and New York bars. He speaks French in addition to Spanish. Mr. Zetina was one of the recipients of the John Carroll Society 2024 Pro Bono Legal Service Award and Baker Hostetler LLP received the John Carroll Society's law firm Pro Bono Legal Service Award in 2021.



Welcoming Newcomers to our Annual Golf Tournament

We are pleased to thank Standard Solar for their participation in the 2025 Annual Golf Tournament and for their contribution to our mission. Pictured is Deacon Darryl Kelley posing with Jake Schwartz, Trevor Laughlin, and Eric Partyka. Patrick Chandler was another participant from Standard Solar, but is

not pictured. We are very grateful for their attendance, and hope to see them and other new players next year!

DC Walk for Justice 5K



From left to right: Brian Schwalb, Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Sarah Watkins, Opal-Dawn Martin, Estephanie Serna.

Congratulations to Ryan T. Brooks and Keiya Corrin Bell for passing the July 2025 Maryland Bar Examination! Both are former Legal Network interns. We are grateful for their past contribution to our mission, and wish them the best in their coming legal careers.

If any other former interns have passed a Bar examination, please let Jim Bishop know for inclusion in the newsletter.

Finally, we would like to wish the Legal Network and all its supporters a Happy Thanksgiving!



We would like to inform our volunteers and supporters to be on the lookout for the Legal Network's year-end appeal letter. It will be delivered to you by mail.

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Thank you, as always, for your support for our organization. Your generous support helps us to assist those in need of legal representation in the Washington, D.C., area.

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