

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

YOUR GIFT = ACCESS TO JUSTICE

VLPCNY is a nonprofit legal aid organization with a mission to expand access to justice by engaging the community in service to those in need.



BEHIND THE WORK

Our team of **29** dedicated staff and more than **600** volunteers—attorneys, law students, paralegals, undergraduate students, and interpreters—worked together to make equity and justice real for people across Central and Upstate New York. In just the past year, we served over **4,000** clients, touching the lives of more than **10,000** people in our community.



EQUITY IN ACTION

Every day, we help:

- Tenants avoid eviction
- Survivors of domestic violence find safety
- Immigrants secure stability
- Transgender people live with dignity and avoid discrimination
- Families fight unjust debt
- People with nowhere else to turn



Together, we:

- ★ Represented a single father of a one-year-old - who relies on a vital support network in his building - maintain his housing while facing eviction. We raised significant habitability issues, and the court ordered the landlord to make repairs and excused the client from paying rent until the work is completed.
- ★ Helped an Afghan client win asylum. We assisted in filing his adjustment application and accompanied him to his September interview, where he was granted permanent residency. This is one of several green card approvals our team secured this year in Syracuse and the North Country.
- ★ Worked with an elderly client with disabilities and only Social Security Disability income by drafting his first will. He couldn't afford an attorney and wanted to leave his few belongings to his brother. The client said he was thrilled to receive free help and felt at peace knowing his brother will be able to inherit his belongings more easily.



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GIVE JUSTICE TODAY

In 2025, VLPCNY lost more than \$500,000 in federal grants that were essential to sustaining our vital programs. While we've worked hard to fill these gaps, our year-end campaign is critical to ensuring we can continue our work. **Your charitable gift helps us:**

- Cover essential operational costs
- Provide critical legal services to those in need
- Train and support our team of dedicated professionals
- Advocate for systemic change that benefits our communities

With your support, we can continue to ensure that everyone has access to justice, regardless of their income. These services are more than legal assistance – **they are lifelines for people facing some of life's hardest moments.**



\$60

Covers 1 hour of interpreting services. Language access is directly tied to accurate legal representation and the safety of immigrant clients.

\$700

The professional fees, dues, or training costs that support our staff in strengthening their skills to better serve our community.

\$400

Pays for transportation costs so a client can attend their immigration hearing in Buffalo, allowing our team to advocate for them.



Year-end gifts help us fill gaps, innovate, expand services, and reach communities that might otherwise be left without help. Here are some real ways your philanthropy supports our mission!

Let's do this together.

Access to justice is possible, and by working together, we can make sure all our neighbors receive the civil legal services they need, regardless of income.

Visit us at www.vlpcny.org/donate to make your gift today.

