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Our members are an integral part of the Washington Council of Lawyers. Members are encouraged to become actively involved in Council activities and programs. Opportunities to volunteer with the Council include:

Issues Committee: The committee develops policy, advocacy, and public awareness projects, hosts panel discussions, and prepares amicus briefs on public interest legal issues.

Advice & Referral Clinic: Council members participate in the DC Bar Advice and Referral Clinic four times each year, providing those in need with legal assistance and referrals.

Mock Trial Program: Council members conduct a mock trial program at a local DC elementary school.

For more information about becoming involved, contact our Executive Director, **Nancy Lopez**, at 202.942.5063 or nalopez@wclawyers.org.

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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1971, the Washington Council of Lawyers is the DC area's only voluntary bar association dedicated to promoting pro bono and public interest law. Council members come from every sector of the legal community — law firms, public interest organizations, the judiciary, and government agencies.

"The Council is the foremost public interest organization working to unite lawyers around the city in a broad range of public interest and pro bono topics."

~ **Rod Boggs, Executive Director, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**

The Council is both a forum and a voice for cutting edge public interest issues. We are united in our conviction that the legal system must also serve the needs of the poor and powerless. The Council seeks to translate this conviction into action, and advance social justice in general.

The Washington Council of Lawyers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with an all-volunteer board of directors. The Council is dedicated to supporting pro bono service and the public interest practice of law.

WHAT WE DO

The Washington Council of Lawyers offers a varied menu of programs and services to strengthen awareness of and commitment to pro bono and public interest law.

Advocacy: The Council hosts panel discussions, issues letters of support, drafts position papers, and files amicus curiae briefs on public interest issues.

Mentor Program: Experienced lawyers offer guidance and networking opportunities to attorneys new to the public interest community.

Professional Development: The Council hosts affordable CLE courses, skills trainings, and career workshops.

Public Interest Jobs Clearinghouse: The Council publishes a monthly listing of public interest jobs in DC and around the nation.

Recognition of Outstanding Service: The Council honors government attorneys, law firms, and public interest attorneys, and endorses judicial nominees and candidates for DC Bar leadership positions who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest issues.

Substantive Legal Seminars: The Council offers timely panel discussions on issues impacting the access to justice and public interest practice of law.

Summer Pro Bono Forum: Over 200 summer associates and public interest interns learn about incorporating pro bono publico service into their legal careers.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

By joining the Council, you can participate actively in an organization that furthers the legal profession's long-standing commitment to pro bono publico service. Our substantive legal seminars and training programs help lawyers stay abreast of current issues, and hone their litigation skills. We offer opportunities to address public interest issues, to make professional contacts, and to find jobs in the public interest community.



WCL Board member **Steve Grumm** of NALP, **Jennifer Thomas** of the Public Defender Service of DC, and WCL Board President **Jarrod Shirk** of American University speak at a WCL career workshop.

"The Council introduced me to attorneys from law firms and public interest organizations. Through Council membership, these connections with the DC public interest community were invaluable in helping me obtain my current position."

~ **Taryn Wilgus Null, associate, Mehri & Skalet PLLC**