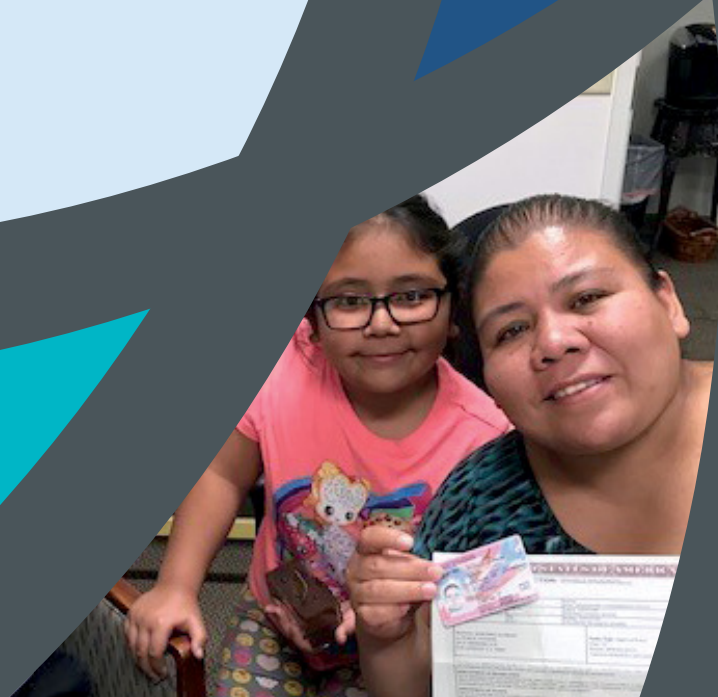




JUSTICE, HOPE, AND OPPORTUNITY



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Vision

Public Counsel envisions an equitable society where all people thrive, with systems and laws delivering the promise of justice to all.

Values

Coordinated Advocacy: Our direct legal work informs, complements, and is amplified by our impact litigation, policy advocacy, and community education and outreach efforts.

Mobilization: We proactively recruit and mobilize volunteers from a wide array of professions, organizations, sectors, and communities to join in the fight for equal justice.

Accountability: We are accountable to our clients, centering on their needs, goals, and personal expertise in providing our legal representation and services.

Power Building: We aim to align our legal advocacy with durable grassroots movements to build power, change unjust laws, and achieve lasting results.

Results: We get results through relentless, bold, and creative advocacy and leadership that place our legal services within a broader set of strategies and tactics.

Equity: We advance racial and economic justice by advocating for legal and policy reforms and by providing clients with lower-incomes and in communities of color with access to quality legal representation.

Respect: We respect the unique experiences of everyone with whom we engage. Our work is empathetic, trauma-informed, and strengths-based.

Mission

Public Counsel is a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to advancing civil rights and racial and economic justice, as well as to amplifying the power of our clients through comprehensive legal advocacy. Founded on and strengthened by a pro bono legal service model, our staff and volunteers seek justice through direct legal services, promote healthy and resilient communities through education and outreach, and support community-led efforts to transform unjust systems through litigation and policy advocacy in and beyond Los Angeles.

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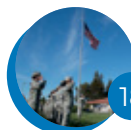
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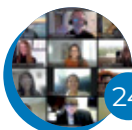
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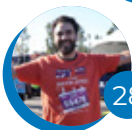
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A Message from Our Leadership



For more than half a century, Public Counsel has been a champion for racial and economic justice. In 2022, we remained steadfast in our commitment to advancing justice, providing vital legal assistance to thousands of clients with lower incomes, and standing alongside communities striving for a more equitable future. We take great pride in presenting this annual report, which showcases our notable accomplishments and significant milestones. In addition, the extraordinary circumstances of these times have prompted us to introspect and adapt. Throughout the past year, we embarked on a series of pivotal internal initiatives designed to ensure the optimal fulfillment of our mission, empowering us to better serve our communities and clients.

Public Counsel has always worked to improve the lives of our clients through direct one-on-one legal services. However, we also recognize that lasting change requires challenging unjust systems, laws, and policies through impact litigation, policy work, and amplifying the power of the communities we serve. In order to strengthen the impact of our work, we took a significant step in 2022 by establishing two pivotal leadership roles: the Director of Litigation (now the Senior Special Counsel for Strategic Litigation) and the Director of Policy & Coalition Building. These positions serve as catalysts for fostering internal collaboration across our program areas and strengthen our capacity to bring about meaningful and enduring transformation in pursuit of justice.

In addition, for more than 30 years, Public Counsel has been a pioneer in incorporating social work into our legal practice. We recognized early on that when a client walks through our door, they frequently come with an array of needs that extend beyond legal assistance alone. In order to strengthen and expand the role of social work at Public Counsel, in 2022, we established our first Director of Social Work position – a new management-level role responsible for overseeing and leading our efforts to nurture a trauma-informed and client-centered culture throughout the organization. This pivotal role has enabled us to expand the holistic and collaborative social-emotional support we offer to clients throughout our organization.

In 2022, we also launched a strategic planning process, spurred by the unprecedented challenges and evolving landscape that compelled us to reflect on how best to serve our community and clients. Public Counsel has been profoundly affected and influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the necessary racial reckoning following the tragic murders of George Floyd and others, economic turmoil, widening wealth disparities, the emergence of hybrid work environments, and transformations within the legal and business sectors. Our Strategic Planning Committee embarked on a comprehensive and inclusive strategic planning process, which resulted in a new five-year strategic plan for the organization.

As has been the case throughout our history, engaging and utilizing volunteers in the fight for justice remains a core bedrock value of Public Counsel. We recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of our partnerships and volunteers, as they bring forth a wealth of talent and funding that expands our capabilities and propels our achievements. If you wish to combat injustice, Public Counsel gratefully welcomes your participation and involvement. Together, we will work passionately and tirelessly to pursue our vision for a better tomorrow and promote justice, hope, and opportunity for all.

Sincerely, **Daniel Grunfeld**
2022 Chair
Public Counsel Board of Directors

Mónica Ramírez Almadani
Helen & Morgan Chu CEO
Distinguished Chair

Our Impact

In 2022 Public Counsel

Provided legal services to

10,000 People

300 Nonprofit organizations

Secured

\$75 million

in value for its clients

Of the 1,734 people to whom we
provided extensive services

91% achieved

Legal success

Provided

73,000+

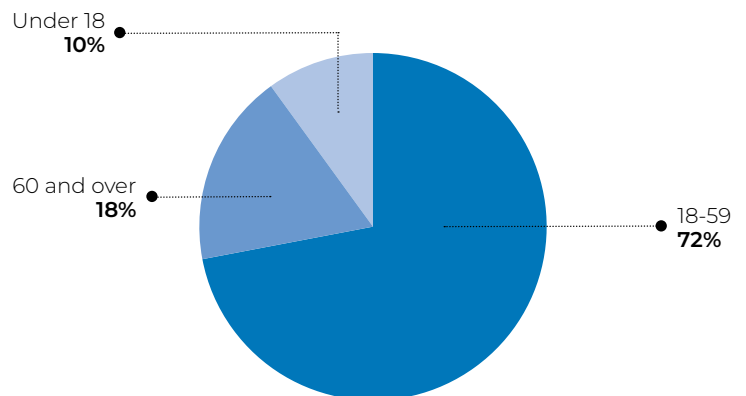
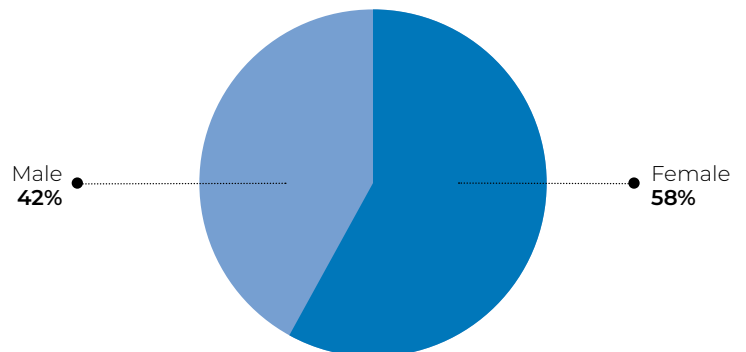
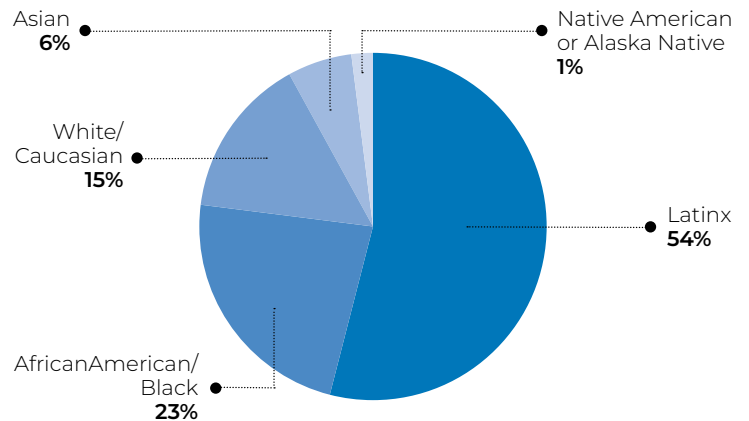
Volunteer hours

Value of services rendered

\$170 million

(including both staff and volunteers)

Client Demographics



- 21% Limited English proficiency
- 11% Veterans
- 14% Persons with disabilities



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Our Adoptions Project



Karen Ullman (left), Supervising Senior Staff Attorney, and Juli Newhouse, Senior Paralegal, launched the Adoptions Project in 1997.

Public Counsel launched its Adoptions Project in 1997 with two staff and a small office at the Children's Courthouse. Since then, the project has expanded to five staff that partner with hundreds of pro bono attorneys. This year, the project celebrated the finalization of over 10,000 adoptions for children in the foster care system!

Over the years, the project's work has grown from not just finalizing adoptions, but to advocating to ensure our adopting families have the services and funding they need to stay strong, stable, and together for years to come. Unfortunately, in many of our cases, we find that families are not getting the proper funding and services, and that these critical supports have been incorrect for several years, often jeopardizing the stability of the adoptive placement.

We're so grateful to have pro bono attorneys—whom we train and support in the work—who advocate for the right level of benefits for children with special needs. We have had cases

Arika (Right) stands with her brother at the Edelman Children's Courthouse in 2017 on the day of her adoption.

“This year, the project celebrated the finalization of over 10,000 adoptions for children in the foster care system!”

where pro bono attorneys have secured thousands of dollars of retroactive funding for families. In Los Angeles, the large majority of adopting parents are grandparents and other relatives who have opened their homes to a child with a complex array of special needs in order to keep the child connected to their family, community, culture, and kin network. Often these families are on a fixed income and never imagined that they would be caring for a young child (or a sibling group), especially a child with special needs. The benefits advocacy is a crucial part of our legal representation that sets families up for success and stability.

We are honored to have served so many incredible families over the years and to have partnered with hundreds of volunteers who are so generous with their time and talents. Thank you to all of our supporters who helped us reach this milestone and assist thousands of children and families in their journey toward security and progress.



Maria García, center, stands with the team that helped her secure \$11,000 in retroactive benefits from L.A.'s child welfare system: (L-R) Ana De La Noval, administrative assistant, The Walt Disney Company Legal Department; Brian Capra, senior staff attorney, Public Counsel; Ms. García; Maria Badillo, staff attorney, Public Counsel; Karen Frederiksen, Associate General Counsel, The Walt Disney Company.

Bruce's Beach – Land Returned to Black Family After 98 Years

In 1912, Willa and Charles Bruce purchased beachfront land in Manhattan Beach and built a popular destination resort for Black residents and vacationers. It was one of the few places in California where Black families could enjoy the ocean when many other beaches and resorts were off-limits due to segregation.



Chief Duane "Yellow Feather" Shepard is an extended member of the Bruce family and serves as a spokesperson and historian. He worked closely with Public Counsel in the effort to return the family's land.

But soon, the resort and its visitors faced violence and threats from white residents, and the local government and Ku Klux Klan launched an effort to drive the Bruces out. In 1924, the City of Manhattan Beach seized their land through eminent domain, ostensibly to create a public park. Instead, the land remained empty for decades. Today, the parcels of land are valued at tens of millions of dollars.



Charles and Willa Bruce purchased beachfront land in 1912 and built a popular destination resort for Black residents and vacationers.



In 2020, amid the Black Lives Matter protests, there was renewed interest in the history of Bruce's Beach. The Bruce family reached out to Public Counsel because of the organization's land use expertise, and Public Counsel began to explore if there was a legal remedy to return the land taken from their ancestors nearly 100 years ago.

Over a two-year journey, our team helped the family connect with invaluable pro bono support from Kirkland & Ellis; Munger, Tolles & Olson; and Sidley Austin. The law firms provided hundreds of hours of crucial legal research and advocacy. Finally, in the summer of 2022, Bruce's Beach was returned to the Bruce family 98 years after it was taken. Public Counsel was honored to play a role in helping to right this century-old injustice.



Aerial view of Bruce's Beach in the City of Manhattan Beach.



Directing Attorney Steph Carroll (left) stands with Ms. Martha Lowe, a victim of a defunct for-profit trade school.

From College Dreams to Legal Nightmares:

For-Profit Trade School Targets Former Students After Losing Federal Funding

Martha Lowe, a 59-year-old video editor, dreamt of returning to school to get a degree in film. She contacted her old trade school, Video Symphony, to inquire whether her credits were transferable to a college. At that time, she learned that her college dreams had become a legal nightmare.

Unbeknownst to Ms. Lowe, the Department of Education had withdrawn its federal funding after determining Video Symphony had violated numerous federal financial aid laws. Soon after, the school lost its accreditation and shut its doors, shifting to operate as a debt-holding company. The school had promised Ms. Lowe that federal student loans would cover 100% of her tuition, but the now-defunct school told her she supposedly owed \$7000.

Not long thereafter, Ms. Lowe was served papers informing her she was being sued. It was the beginning of the pandemic, and a court clerk erroneously told her that there was no deadline to respond since there was no court date. Relying on the clerk's misinformation, Ms. Lowe did not take immediate action, and a default was entered against her.

Fortunately, Ms. Lowe stumbled upon an LA Times article and learned that Public Counsel was helping former Video Symphony students. Despite her admission of nervous apprehension around appearing in court, Ms. Lowe credits the legal training and support from Public Counsel and Allen Matkins pro bono attorneys for preparing her to show up for a full week in court.

The judge, admittedly impressed by Ms. Lowe, granted her Motion to Set Aside and Vacate Entry of Default. Martha Lowe's two years of stress and misery were finally over.

Los Angeles Times

For-profit film school turned their Hollywood dreams into student debt nightmares

JAN. 22, 2020

Attorneys at Public Counsel, a Los Angeles nonprofit legal firm that has successfully defended several Video Symphony students, have argued in court that there may be issues of fraud if the cases are viewed as a whole.

Securing Humanitarian Relief for the Parents of a Violent Crime Survivor

Manuel and Maribel Martinez came to this country seeking sanctuary and looking to build a better life. While they found opportunity, tragically, their family also experienced a horrific crime. When their daughter was four years old, a stranger abducted and assaulted her and kept her in Griffith Park overnight.



Manuel and Maribel Martinez, with one of their children, at Public Counsel on the day they received their U visas in 2017.

The family was devastated and did everything possible to assist in the law enforcement investigation. Gratefully, their daughter was found and returned the following day. She is now a thriving young woman, wife, and mother who continues to receive the love and support of her family.

Manuel and Maribel came to Public Counsel many years after this crime seeking immigration help. We determined that because their family had survived a serious crime, they were eligible for a special form of immigration relief called a U visa. We expected the process to be straightforward because there was clear documentation of

the crime, and the family had fully cooperated with law enforcement. However, we encountered unexpected challenges along the way.

During the course of representation, Manuel learned that he had a warrant for his arrest stemming from a case of mistaken identity in San Diego, California. Even after the court terminated his matter, providing indisputable evidence that it had mistaken his identity with another person, the immigration service denied his U visa application, citing another low-level offense in his past and casting doubt on his credibility.

Public Counsel submitted a motion to reopen Manuel's case and, after a protracted battle, finally prevailed in obtaining immigration relief for Manuel and Maribel, allowing them to live freely in the United States. What should have been a two-year process at that time had turned into a five-year ordeal.

Miguel and Maribel were courageous and patient throughout. Recently, Maribel shared: “Our attorney and her team never gave up. Gina always gave us hope and said, ‘we’re going to win the case; we’re going to appeal again.’ Public Counsel has become a part of us. They put passion into what they do, and we are a result of that.”

We recently successfully represented Manuel and Maribel in their applications for lawful permanent residence. This year, the couple of five children obtained their green cards, which finally puts them on track to becoming U.S. citizens. They are relieved and excited for the future of their family!

Directing Attorney Gina Amato (right) has been working with Manuel and Maribel Martinez for ten years. Her team recently helped them gain lawful permanent residence.





Landmark Settlement Stops Abusive Restraint and Seclusion Practices at California Elementary School

Floyd I. Marchus School is a public elementary school that claims to serve students with behavioral and emotional needs, but for years it violated these students' rights.

All children have the right to attend a safe school where they are treated with dignity and respect. Yet, at a public school in Contra Costa County, elementary-age students were regularly subjected to illegal, dangerous, and trauma-inducing restraints and seclusion in non-emergency situations. Floyd I. Marchus School claims to serve students with behavioral and emotional needs, but for years, it used restraints, seclusion, and inappropriate segregation and isolation, violating these students' rights.

Thanks to the tremendous courage of three families who stepped forward as plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit in 2019, students returned to a safer campus in the 2022-2023 school year as the result of a landmark settlement with the State of California and the Department of Education. Under the agreement, the state will maintain a higher degree of oversight over the school, train staff on the interventions and supports that can help students, audit the school's records, and conduct two years of follow-up review. The goal is to put everyone, from students to administrators and teachers, in a position to succeed.

Public Counsel was honored to join Sullivan & Cromwell to represent these brave families. While the Marchus School was among the worst offenders in failing to protect the safety of special education students, this was far from an isolated incident. According to the U.S. Department of Education, over 100,000 students are restrained or secluded each year. We hope our lawsuit and this settlement will raise awareness about these dangerous practices and prevent them from being used, especially against the most vulnerable young learners.



Examples of restraints used at The Marchus School.



Michael Steinberg, partner with Sullivan & Cromwell and past Public Counsel Board Chair, helped lead the litigation team.



California Law Now Recognizes and Supports Street Food Vendors

Despite recent victories to legalize street vending in California, vendors have found it nearly impossible to secure food-specific vending permits. The state's antiquated food code was written with food trucks in mind, and its onerous restrictions made it functionally illegal for most street vendors to sell food. This legal barrier meant that countless vendors continued to face the risk of arrest and confiscation of their supplies and equipment.

Street vendors throughout California provide fresh fruit and other healthy options in food desert communities.



Public Counsel's Juan Espinoza, an Equal Justice Works Fellow (back row, second from left) pauses for a photo with a group of street vendors who traveled to Sacramento to lobby for the passage of SB 972.

In 2021, Public Counsel and the UCLA School of Law's Community Economic Development Clinic published a report, *Unfinished Business: How Food Regulations Starve Sidewalk Vendors of Opportunity and What Can Be Done to Finish the Legalization of Street Food*. The report served as a roadmap for the California Street Vendors' coalition to advance a legislative fix.

The coalition quickly found a champion in California State Senator Lena Gonzalez, who introduced a bill (SB 972) to modernize California's Retail Food Code. The bill was designed by experts – the street vendors themselves. Vendor leaders convened weekly to analyze, develop policy, and guide strategy. This “expert panel” led the campaign, organized their peers, and showed up in the halls of power to advocate for the bill.

After a hard-fought campaign, Governor Newsom signed SB 972 into law this fall, paving the way for street vendors to secure food-specific vending permits. Our team was particularly proud to

support a vendor-led campaign. Transformative campaigns don't just change policy, they also confront disparities in access to decision makers, which led to the systemic injustice in the first place. We believe it's important for advocacy campaigns to also build power for communities that are excluded from the legislative process.



Public Counsel's Juan Espinoza, Katie McKeon, Brandon Payette, and Doug Smith were honored to receive an award from LA street vendors to celebrate their legislative victory.

Housing Justice Coalition Secures Extension of Vital COVID-19 Tenant Protections

Housing is essential to public health and job security. That has always been true, but it's especially urgent during a pandemic. That's why Public Counsel has fought from the very beginning of the COVID-19 health crisis to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have the support they need to stay housed as our region experienced devastating job loss, mounting rent debts, grief, and relentless uncertainty.



Forty-five organizations signed on to a letter urging the LA County Board of Supervisors to extend critical COVID-19 tenant protections a week before they were set to expire.

At the beginning of 2022, LA County faced a potential “eviction cliff” as critical COVID-19 tenant protections were set to expire. Anticipating this looming threat, Public Counsel joined forces with dozens of our partners in the Keep LA Housed coalition and launched a campaign to extend these protections. Finally, after months of tireless advocacy, our efforts bore fruit.

The LA County Board of Supervisors, driven by a shared commitment to the well-being of their constituents, delivered nearly unanimous support for the extension. Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis emerged as champions of the cause, with invaluable support from Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Janice Hahn. This resounding victory ensured continued housing stability for our clients and low-income communities across LA County, giving families more time to regain their footing and recover from the hardships of the pandemic.



A rally for LA County to adopt stronger tenant protections.

This victory was the result of an incredible community-driven organizing effort. Forty-five organizations signed on to the Keep LA Housed letter, dozens of tenants and organizers gave compelling testimony illustrating the need for ongoing protections, and hundreds of supporters sent emails and submitted written public comment to amplify our recommendations. We were honored to help lead these efforts, standing alongside our partners and supporting the on-the-ground organizing to make sure tenant stories and voices were represented in the halls of power.

Members of the Keep LA Housed coalition rally for stronger tenant protections outside the LA County Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

"I never got a chance to show my abilities and be a good soldier,

I was lost and it made me angry because I wanted to serve."

– Lisa



Decades Later, Veteran Finally Secures Support for Trauma-Induced Struggles Related to Military Service

Women make up an increasing proportion of the U.S. Armed Forces, yet there continues to be a devastating systemic failure on behalf of the military to properly handle sexual assault investigations and to provide appropriate care and benefits to survivors. The experience of one of Public Counsel's clients illustrates how these failures can contribute

to a lifetime of mental and physical health struggles. Fortunately, through years of legal advocacy, and thanks to our client's courage and determination, we recently were able to secure the care and benefits that she needs to address the trauma that occurred during her service.

Women veterans watch a helicopter fly-over during the 10th Anniversary Ceremony of the Women's Memorial Dedication at Arlington National Cemetery.

Public Counsel's Center for Veterans' Advancement met *Lisa through a referral from the Veterans Administration in 2016. At the time, she was seeking mental health care support to cope with the sexual assault she experienced in the Air Force in the mid-1970s. After the assault, Lisa found herself unable to manage the trauma and turned to drinking and self-harm. Over 30 years later, Lisa's circumstances continued to be shaped by her traumatic experiences as a woman in the military.

After being discharged from the military, Lisa found herself struggling to stay sober and maintain a job, moving between cities trying to find her footing. Lisa ultimately found a sense of purpose and belonging with the Veterans Affairs Office of West LA, where she helped unhoused veterans find housing and provided peer support to struggling veterans. It was the first time in a long time that she felt she was growing and connecting with her peers.



Public Counsel represented Lisa through a six-year appeals process with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), effectively highlighting the connection between her long-term and painful physical symptoms and the psychological trauma and lack of support she experienced during her military service. Thanks to Lisa's tenacity, we helped her secure \$111,000 in back pay and benefits that she needed in order to move on and pursue a healthy life.

“Lisa’s case really validates the experience of so many sexual trauma survivors from the military, a category that we know is underreported. While the military didn’t handle her situation correctly initially, this decision shows that the VA is both acknowledging the trauma that survivors have been through and providing the support they need.”

– Amanda Pertusati
Supervising Staff Attorney Center
for Veterans' Advancement



*Pseudonym to protect client's identity

A Victory in the Battle Against Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Everyone deserves the right to earn a living without the fear of sexual assault or harassment from their supervisors, co-workers, or customers. Yet, for women who work as dancers in sexualized work environments, too often, they must contend with blurred boundaries and transgressions that occur less frequently in other settings. Public Counsel was honored to join forces with our co-counsel, Bet Tzedek and Kirkland & Ellis, to represent four courageous club dancers in their efforts to rectify grave injustices in the workplace and redefine the boundaries of legal protection.

The dancers worked for Nicola's Gentleman's Club, a nightclub in Commerce, California. We represented them in an action against their employer for misclassification, wage theft, sexual assault, and sexual harassment in a hostile work environment. In addition, our clients were four Latina women who experienced racial discrimination, compounding the injustices they endured in the workplace. The case was particularly significant and challenging due to the lack of clarity in the law regarding sexual harassment in a sexualized work environment.

We filed administrative complaints with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (now known as the Civil Rights Department or CRD) on behalf of our clients. After the state initiated litigation against the employer, our clients joined as intervenors in the lawsuit and brought their own civil complaint against Nicola's Gentlemen's Club (Rodriguez, et al v. Nicola's Nightclub, Inc., et al.).

We're thrilled to share that in May 2022, we reached a favorable settlement, with the employer agreeing to pay our clients \$260,000. Additionally, affirmative relief measures were put in place, including the development of a new policy to prevent sexual harassment, anti-harassment training for supervisors and employees, disseminating notice of the settlement to all employees, and CRD monitoring of the nightclub's compliance for three years. Thanks to the brave actions of our clients, we have taken a significant step forward in our ongoing fight for justice and dignity in the workplace.





Public Counsel Senior Supervising Staff Attorney Appointed to Bankruptcy Bench



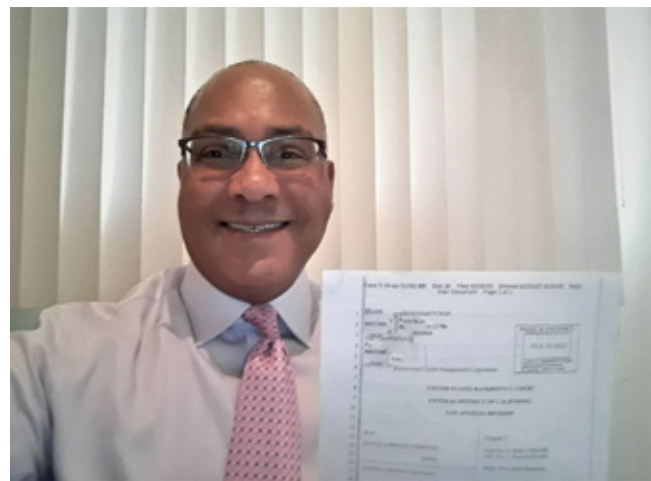


Magdalena Reyes Bordeaux is sworn in by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Theodor Albert in January 2022.

After more than 20 years of practicing bankruptcy law, Magdalena Reyes Bordeaux, a senior supervising staff attorney with Public Counsel, was sworn in as the first Latina on the Bankruptcy Bench for the Central District of California. For twelve years, Maggie led and strengthened Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project. The program provides bankruptcy and bankruptcy-related legal assistance and representation to thousands of individuals and families every year, and is the country's largest bankruptcy pro bono program.

One of Maggie's more notable victories involved working with Greenberg Glusker pro bono attorneys John Mellisinis and Keith Patrick Banner, to help a student-teacher discharge over \$300,000 in student loan debt, which had ballooned over nearly three decades due to interest, fees, and penalties.

During her time at Public Counsel, Maggie was an incredible colleague, a tremendous advocate for her clients, and helped to elevate critical issues related to bankruptcy and debtor rights. Our nation is fortunate to have such an excellent attorney, with a unique and diverse public interest background, on the federal bankruptcy bench. Congratulations, Judge Reyes Bordeaux!



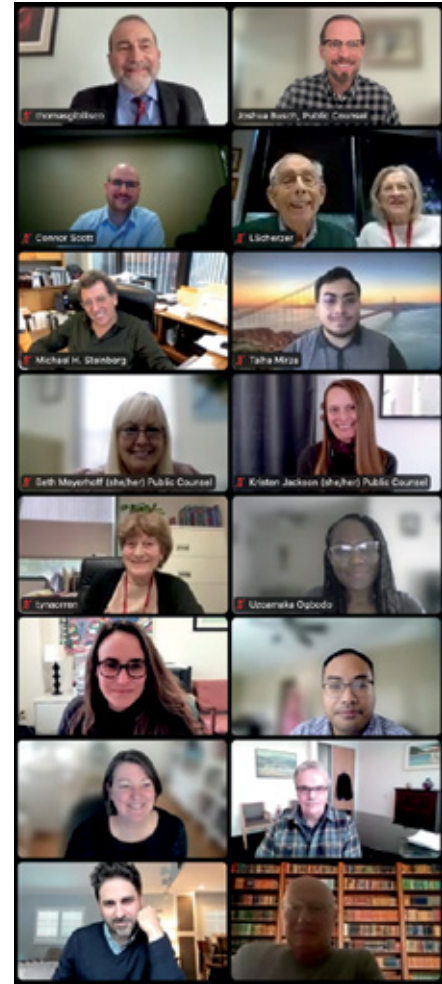
Dante Venegas struggled with student loans for 27 years and was able to get \$327,000 in student loans discharged through Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project.

Maggie Reyes Bordeaux wrote numerous articles on bankruptcy issues – including two featured as cover stories for L.A. Lawyer Magazine.

Public Counsel Celebrates Its 2022 Pro Bono Honorees

We are honored to spotlight our 2022 Pro Bono Award recipients whose tireless dedication to Public Counsel clients is the epitome of the life-changing legal work all of our volunteers engage in every day. As one of the nation's largest public interest law firms, Public Counsel strives to provide vital legal services to the most vulnerable individuals and communities. We simply cannot do what we do without the thousands of talented legal professionals who volunteer for us each year.

With that in mind, through the Pro Bono Awards, Public Counsel seeks to highlight and honor a select group that has gone far beyond in providing outstanding and impactful service to those in need. The recipients of these awards are an exemplary group of talented and devoted practitioners who kindly donated significant portions of time to ensuring justice for those who would otherwise be voiceless and without hope. Please join us in congratulating and celebrating this year's recipients!



Congratulations and thank you again to this year's Public Counsel Pro Bono of the Year Award winners.





WILLIAM GREENAN

Honored by the Center for Veterans' Advancement

THOMAS GIBILISCO

THON, BECK, VANNI, CALLAHAN & POWELL, honored by the Children's Rights Project (Guardianship)

GREG CRAGG AND KARL LOTT

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, honored by the Community Development Project

MARIA MONICA BELTRAN, LENA COHEN, STEVEN CZAK AND DAVID HOROWITZ

KIRKLAND & ELLIS, honored by the Community Development Project

RICHARD NAKAMURA

CLARK HILL, honored by the Consumer Rights & Economic Justice Project (Appellate Clinic)

CASIE ORELLANA

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP, honored by the Homelessness Prevention Law Project

SCHERZER INTERNATIONAL

Honored by the Human Resources Department

SYLVIA CHIU OF FORREST LAWN AND CONNOR SCOTT

DLA PIPER, honored by the Immigrants' Rights Project – Pro Bono Asylum Team

LINDA DAKIN-GRIMM

MILBANK, honored by the Immigrants' Rights Project – Unaccompanied Children's Team and Anti-Detention Team

MARCHUS LITIGATION TEAM

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP, honored by Opportunity Under Law

BOB WOLFE

Honored by the Pro Bono Department

TALHA AZIZ MIRZA, MOHAMMED ELAYAN, CRISTINA FERRUOLO, ALEXANDER GEFTER, MARY KATHRYN KELLEY, JOANNA LIEBES HUBBERTS, MATTHEW SCARANO, PATRICK SHARMA, AND NICK TRIMIS

COOLEY LLP, honored by the Community Development Project – Early Care & Education Law Unit

LOCAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY LITIGATION TEAM

ARNOLD & PORTER, honored by the Audrey Irmas Project for Women and Girls' Rights

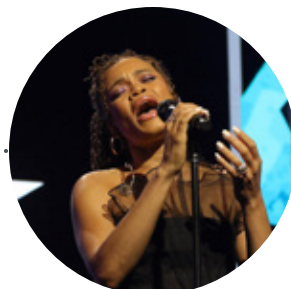
Viola Davis delivers a captivating speech, touching the hearts of everyone in the audience as she accepts Public Counsel's William O. Douglas Award.



William O. Douglas Award Dinner

We were thrilled to celebrate three outstanding honorees and recognize Public Counsel's accomplishments at our 2022 William O. Douglas Award Dinner. We shared our commitment to building a more just tomorrow and vowed to work to ensure everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive no matter their skin color, identity, zip code, or what they can afford.

We recognized one of the great artists of our time, Viola Davis, for her groundbreaking work both in front of and behind the camera and her willingness to stand up and speak out for those who are underserved and overlooked. We also honored Public Counsel board member, and Partner at Irell & Manella LLP, Morgan Chu, who received the Founders Award, and we presented Kirkland & Ellis LLP with our Law Firm Pro Bono Award for the firm's significant pro bono work and commitment to equal access to justice.





Morgan Chu, esteemed Public Counsel Board Member and Partner at Irell & Manella, graciously accepts the prestigious Founders Award.

We were excited to have special guests join us for the evening. Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter, activist, and actress Andra Day shared a powerful musical performance, and Oscar-winning actor and producer Octavia Spencer presented the William O. Douglas Award to Viola Davis.

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful guests who joined us for a special evening at The Beverly Hilton, and a special shout out to our supporters and event sponsors. The William O. Douglas Award Dinner is Public Counsel's flagship fundraiser, annually bringing in much-needed funds to sustain our vital work. We are so grateful to have such loyal contributors who make this work possible!







2022 Run for Justice

Public Counsel's 19th annual Run for Justice was a tremendous success in 2022! Over 300 dedicated supporters laced up their running/walking shoes and helped raise nearly two hundred thousand dollars for our life-saving work.

We want to thank our participants, sponsors, and donors! Your participation, individual fundraising, and enthusiasm were crucial to making this event fun, healthy and meaningful. We couldn't do this work without our incredible community of supporters!

Run for Justice is an annual event that takes place every year in March. If you missed the event in 2022, visit Public Counsel's website for information to join our next one. Whether you're an avid runner, a community supporter, or just looking to make a difference, Run for Justice presents a great opportunity to fundraise for a valuable cause while having fun and staying active.

As an official charity of the L.A. Marathon and LA Big 5k, the signature orange t-shirts of Public Counsel's Run for Justice participants have brightened the streets of Los Angeles for two decades, as teams comprised of SoCal's top law firms, major corporations, and invaluable community members have gathered to support our mission. Thank you again to everyone who continues to help make this event a success every year – we are incredibly grateful to our 5K, half-marathon, and marathon runners and all of you who support them.



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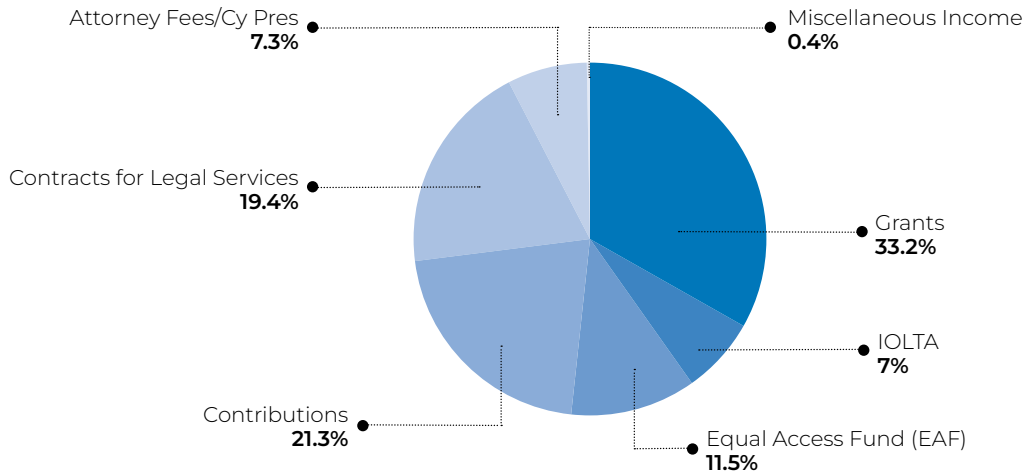
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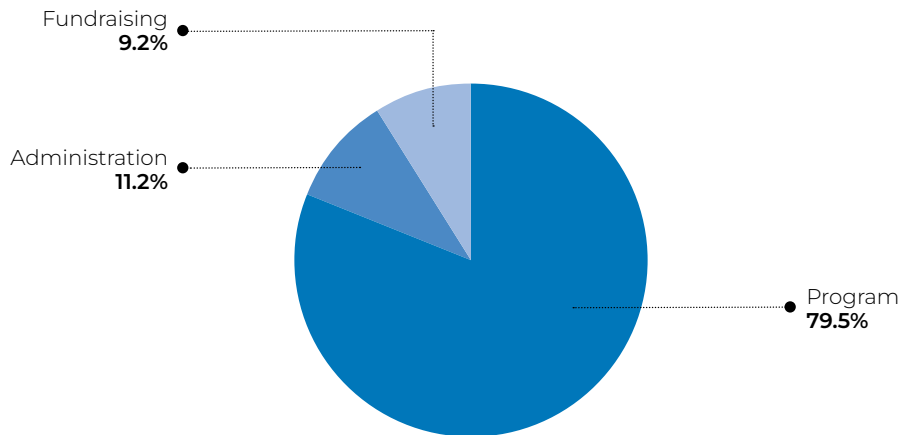
2022 Revenues



Grants	\$5,760,117	33.2%
IOLTA	\$1,211,683	7.0%
Equal Access Fund (EAF)	\$1,989,767	11.5%
Contributions	\$3,705,901	21.3%
Contracts for Legal Services	\$3,363,030	19.4%
Attorney Fees/Cy Pres	\$1,262,044	7.3%
Miscellaneous Income	\$69,469	0.4%
TOTAL REVENUES*	\$17,362,011	100%

*Excludes other income (net investment loss).

2022 Expenses



Program	\$13,218,836	79.5%
Fundraising	\$1,533,858	9.2%
Administration	\$1,866,991	11.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,619,685	100%

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