

# DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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# JUSTICE = CHANGE

Carmen stayed to provide for her son. Or at least, she thought she needed to remain with her abusive husband because she did not have other options. Language and income barriers paired with fear for her safety were paralyzing. Your support provided the ability for her to change her life. She obtained an order of protection in a very intimidating trial because she had a team of PBN volunteer attorneys. Access to attorneys and a true voice in the justice system for clients like Carmen can often be an initial step to a pathway out of poverty.

Low-income Americans do not receive legal help for 92% of their civil legal problems. Without the changes that legal support can provide, those living in poverty will usually experience even deeper poverty. You are helping to change this statistic. Your partnership with PBN creates a real impact on individual lives. Thank you for being so committed to social justice and racial equity.

# YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## MISSION

Transforming lives by increasing access to legal representation.

## PBN PROGRAMMING

Our 16 legal assistance programs fall into 4 larger categories. Our work focuses on families, seniors, immigrants, and a catch-all other category with a deliberate focus on racial equity and geographic access.

### SENIORS

- Advance Directives
- Cook County Senior Clinics
- DuPage Elder Law Clinics

### IMMIGRATION

- Advance Parole
- Spec. Imm. Justice Status
- Asylum & U Visa

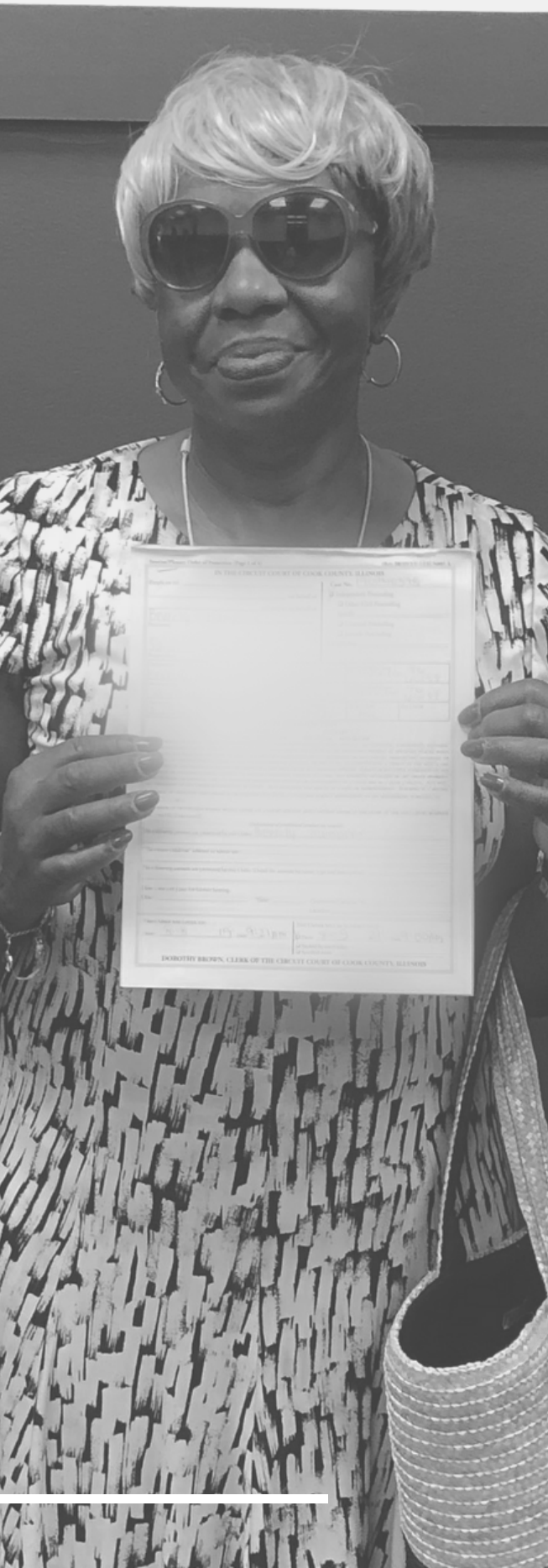
### FAMILY

- Divorce
- Guardianship
- Incarcerated Survivors
- Orders of Protection
- Social Security
- Wills

### OTHER

- Expungement
- Housing Preservation
- Online Counseling
- Lawyer's in the Classroom





**986**

**LOW-INCOME CLIENTS HELPED**

In 2022, PBN has improved the lives of nearly a thousand individuals.

**3008**

**FREE LEGAL SERVICE HOURS**

Our Volunteer Attorneys provided 3,008 free legal service hours to clients in need, valued at more than \$900,000.

**77**

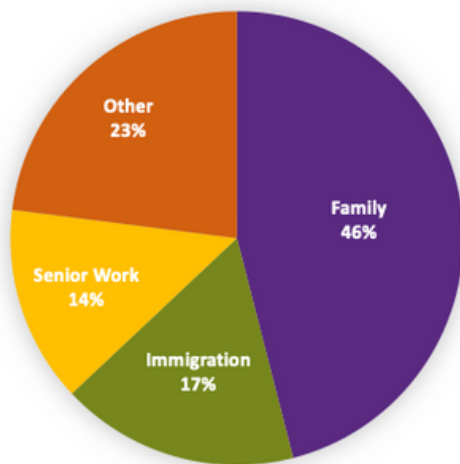
**VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS**

Because of your support, PBN is able to provide opportunities for volunteer attorneys to donate their skills and time to help others.

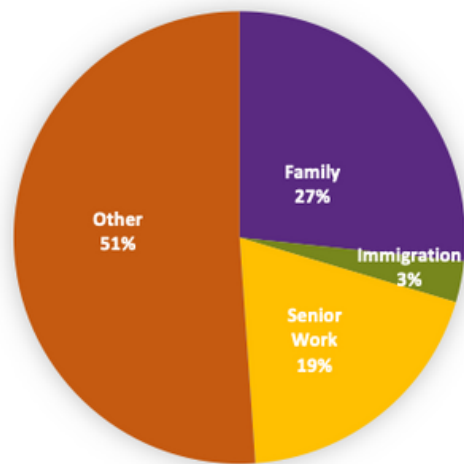


# MEASURING IMPACT

2022 Hours By Program



2022 Clients By Program



Both legal service hours provided and the number of clients served are relationally necessary measures of impact. Generally, more hours equate to more clients; however, specific legal service projects are more time intensive than others. The variety of commitments allows our volunteers to choose legal service opportunities from one-and-done clinics to more involved case representation.

## 2023 AT A GLANCE

Our three-year Strategic Plan runs from 2022-2024. Two of our priorities under the plan are to expand volunteer recruitment and grow and strengthen program services. The target goal is to grow our volunteer numbers and to increase our overall attorney hours of service to clients by an average of 7.5% cumulative each year. The first half of 2023 (January - June) is off to a great start to attain this goal:

**71**

Volunteer Attorneys

**508**

Clients Helped

**1600**

Legal Service Hours

# LOOKING FORWARD

## JUSTICE BOOT CAMP

In a robust effort to attract new volunteer attorneys and to provide live training on our legal programs, PBN will present Justice Boot Camp this fall. Over the course of a month, in collaboration with our partner agencies, PBN will conduct sessions that are either in person, fully remote or a hybrid. Volunteers can generally be assigned a case right after they've participated in a training session.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - JUSTICE TALKS

Justice Talks is a reception for the community and potential volunteers and an opportunity to hear Marshall Hatch Jr., co-founder and executive Director of the West Side organization, The MAAFA Redemption Project. Attendees will learn more about PBN's unique model, which helps lawyers volunteer for work that is meaningful to them, while being sensitive to their time limits. Marshall Hatch, Jr. will offer his perspective on the West Side, social justice and the critical need for legal aid. The event will be held at St. Catherine - St. Lucy Catholic School in Oak Park on August 30th at 6pm. We hope you can join us.

## RACIAL EQUITY FOCUS

There are large gaps in legal aid service delivery in underserved communities. PBN has made it a priority to view our work under a racial equity lens. We began by connecting with community residents and service providers to learn what they see as the most critical legal needs, as well as their experiences connecting with civil legal help. We are now implementing legal services by collaborating with local community based and legal service agencies. Our newest program additions are Austin Community Walk-in Advice Clinics, Westside Housing Preservation Clinics for Seniors, and expanding Lawyers in the Classroom to an additional school.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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