

Making a Mark on Our Communities

Through a range of pro bono programs, Cadwalader provides assistance to organizations and individuals who cannot afford quality legal representation. We strive to lead by example, matching the diverse interests of our lawyers with the wide-ranging needs of our pro bono clients. Our efforts are connected by a common thread — a collective dedication and commitment to helping the underserved and disadvantaged here and around the globe.

Women's Leadership Initiative Housing Clinic

Attorneys who participate in the WLI Housing Clinic take on Legal Aid Society housing cases that help low-income women in New York keep their homes in New York City public housing. The outcome of these cases can make a life-changing difference for the financially challenged women we represent and their families, particularly at this time, when affordable housing in New York City is in such short supply.

Immigration Assistance

The firm, through the Cadwalader Black & Latino Association, successfully launched the CBLA Immigration Clinic in 2015, consisting of a network of Cadwalader attorneys dedicated to helping marginalized and vulnerable immigrants obtain legal status through various forms of relief, including asylum applications, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status proceedings and Violence Against Women Act self-petitions. Over the last year, the firm has also enjoyed an increase in the number of pro bono immigration cases and has celebrated numerous successes.

Veterans Affinity Network

Through partnerships with the City Bar Justice Center in New York, the Veterans Legal Assistance Project (part of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program) in Washington, D.C., and Legal Services of Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, our attorneys work with veteran clients and their family members on disability appeals to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and discharge upgrade requests to the various military service branches, and help staff walk-in clinics designed to address the legal needs of our nation's veterans. Cadwalader has attorneys in its U.S. offices who are accredited VA claims attorneys, as well as litigators with experience handling appeals in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Recognition

Cadwalader has received a number of awards and honors for its work on behalf of those in need. It's not why we do it, but it's nice to hear —



- The Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2014, 2015 and 2016 for outstanding service to The Legal Aid Society and its clients



- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's 2013 Advocate Law Firm of the Year Award for work filing an amicus curiae brief in key a Title VII case



- Washington Lawyers' Committee's 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of the firm's pro bono work with the Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project

Not-for-Profit Incubator

Cadwalader attorneys have served more than 200 charities, and have helped not-for-profit organizations incorporate and obtain tax-exempt status under the umbrella of the Cadwalader Not-for-Profit Incubator. The Incubator's associates and paralegals counsel the firm's pro bono not-for-profit clients on a range of issues, including acquiring real estate, drafting contracts, managing boards, fundraising and complying with Patriot Act guidelines for international grants. The Incubator's clients include —

- *The Universal Hip Hop Museum* is dedicated to the history and impact of hip-hop music and culture around the world.
- *The Poetry Society of New York City* conducts festivals, readings and performances.
- *Pink Aid* makes grants to hospitals and breast cancer patients in Connecticut and New York.
- *Out My Closet* provides clothing, counseling and other resources to indigent individuals in the LGBTQ community.

VS.: Confronting Modern Slavery in America

VS: Confronting Modern Slavery in America is a targeted campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking in the United States and to support legislative reform to prosecute traffickers, prevent modern slavery and protect victims. Human trafficking is a global epidemic. While many are aware of the atrocities committed abroad, some are not aware that human trafficking exists here in America. In fact, there are estimated to be hundreds of thousands of trafficking victims in the U.S. today. VS is a coalition builder focused on helping those individuals and organizations that work around the clock for change. We believe that by helping these champions of change – by bringing them together to share their stories, their innovative ideas, what has worked and what has not worked – we can expand their impact and significantly improve legislation and victim services.

Environmental Awareness

Attorneys in Cadwalader's Washington, D.C., office work with the Building Goodness Foundation to build family kays (Creole for "houses") with Haiti Fund's Comprehensive Development Project (CODEP). Through the program, more than 900 local Haitians committed to raise seedlings and plant and maintain trees on their land in exchange for the family kays. Over the last 15 years, more than six million forest and fruit trees have been planted. The Cadwalader team advised the Building Goodness Foundation on various issues, including the potential certification of carbon offsets from the reforestation project. More recently, we have assisted with reviewing volunteer waivers and parental consent for use of photographs.

Our Partners

Cadwalader has longstanding relationships with many legal service agencies, including:

[Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)

[Catholic Charities DC](#)

[City Bar Justice Center](#)

[DC Bar Pro Bono Program](#)

[Her Justice](#)

[Human Rights First](#)

[Immigration Equality](#)

[Kids In Need of Defense](#)

[Lawyers Alliance for New York](#)

[Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#)

[The Legal Aid Society](#)

[Legal Counsel for the Elderly](#)

[Legal Services of Southern Piedmont](#)

[Mecklenburg County Bar Volunteer Lawyer Program](#)

[National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children](#)

[New York Lawyers for the Public Interest](#)

[New York Legal Assistance Group](#)

[Sanctuary for Families](#)

[Tahirih Justice Center](#)

[Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)

[Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts](#)

[Volunteers of Legal Service](#)

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[Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs](#)

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