

DEFENDING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

We fight to ensure that every person's rights and liberties are protected.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

We organize and empower groups to help them strengthen their communities.

FUELING SYSTEMIC CHANGE

We monitor and improve the social safety net and the justice system to ensure a fair, just, and decent society.



Last year, we helped over **24,042 people**, closed **12,481 cases** on issues from restraining orders to illegal evictions, & recovered nearly **\$2.0 million** in benefits for people in desperate need.

Imagine what we can do with **your help**.

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OUR MISSION

True pioneers often set out with limited resources, no clear path, and no instructions. Nonetheless, they move boldly forward. In 1984, we began in much the same way: working from a burned out building in East Harlem with almost no funding. We arrived at soup kitchens, jails, and shelters—places others would not go—and set up free legal clinics to meet our clients on their terms. As we expanded, we brought in the next generation of organizers and change makers, to battle fresh injustices and bring new solutions to intractable issues.

Today, the Urban Justice Center provides a platform for dynamic advocates to fuel social change, leading the way for a just, fair, and decent society. Through our Anchor Projects, we provide everything from legal support to survivors of domestic violence, to organizing assistance for sex workers and street vendors. Through our Social Justice Accelerator, we assist leaders of tomorrow turning great ideas into flourishing advocacy organizations.

Our work is made possible by a broad community of dedicated supporters. People who care. People like you. Thank you for being there yesterday, today, and most crucially, tomorrow.



ANCHOR PROJECTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

protects the rights of intimate partner violence survivors to allow for a self-determined and safe future.

EXPERIENCE JUSTICE

uses a range of tools to advise and work for social change while mentoring the next generation of activist attorneys.

FREEDOM AGENDA

a member-led project, dedicated to organizing those directly impacted by incarceration to achieve decarceration and system transformation.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT

promotes recognition and implementation of the full spectrum of human rights in the United States.

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

works to enforce the rights of low-income New Yorkers with mental health concerns.

PETER CICCHINO YOUTH PROJECT

provides legal representation to homeless youth in NYC, with a focus on the needs of LGBTQ+ youth.

SAFETY NET PROJECT

advocates to ensure access to public benefits for low-income New Yorkers; defends tenants against eviction & provides legal support for tenant organizing campaigns; and supports & organizes with homeless New Yorkers.

SEX WORKERS PROJECT

provides legal services, advocacy, education, and organizing for the human rights of sex workers.

STREET VENDOR PROJECT

works to correct social and economic injustice faced by NYC street vendors.

2022-2024 SJA COHORT

FAMILY JUSTICE LAW CENTER

challenges systemic abuses of government power that lead to the illegal separation of children from their families.

FAMILY POLICY PROJECT

develops research-driven transformative policy solutions for NYC families.

PEER DEFENSE PROJECT

supports youth leaders to build power and autonomy in schools, courts, and government.

THE REMEDY PROJECT

organizes students to serve as advocates for people incarcerated in the United States.

SOUTH ASIAN SOAR

grows survivor and collective power to transform the culture and conditions that lead to violence.