

April



News Letter



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Finish April Strong with Pro Bono Service

As April comes to a close, we are reminded that access to justice is only possible because of people who choose to act. Throughout this month, volunteer attorneys, donors, community partners, and advocates stepped forward to help families find stability, protect their rights, and navigate moments of crisis with dignity.

Every pro bono case accepted represents more than legal assistance. It can mean keeping wages needed to support children, securing safety for survivors, preserving housing, or giving someone hope during an uncertain time. That is the power of service.

We are proud to close out April by recognizing the individuals and organizations whose commitment continues to strengthen our community. Thank you for helping turn compassion into action and ensuring justice remains within reach for those who need it most.



Become a Volunteer

Take a case! Email
sgrosman@dadelegalaid.org

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Follow @dadelegalaidpsb on
Instagram for updates, events, and
opportunities to serve.

Volunteer Spotlights



Jay Mussman, Esq. of Day Pitney LLP

In recognition of Financial Literacy Month, we are proud to spotlight Mr. Mussman for his longstanding dedication to both financial literacy and pro bono service. With more than 35 years of experience as an attorney and CPA, he has guided clients through sophisticated financial and estate initiatives, including service on a local Financial Advisory Board. His continued commitment to pro bono work demonstrates the powerful impact attorneys can make when they use their knowledge to uplift others.



Francisco J. Vargas, Esq. of Law Office of Francisco J. Vargas Esq., P.A.

We are proud to spotlight Mr. Vargas for his outstanding commitment to serving low-income clients through our Put Something Back Pro Bono Program. A dedicated divorce attorney, Mr. Vargas has accepted more than 45 cases, providing critical representation in contested divorce matters to clients who otherwise could not afford legal assistance. His unwavering willingness to help, never hesitating to take a case when called upon, has made a profound impact on countless families.



Staff Highlight



Stephanie Grosman, Esq., Law Firm Coordinator

Ms. Grosman began her career at Dade Legal Aid in 2006 and currently serves as the Law Firm Coordinator where she recruits, engages, and supports law firm pro bono projects, partnerships and individual case acceptance for firm members handling cases via Put Something Back Pro Bono Project. She also leads several initiatives including the Robert C. Josefsberg Leadership Academy and the Guardian ad Litem Project. We are grateful for her dedicated service!



Kelly Araujo, Legal Specialist

Congratulations to Kelly Araujo, Legal Specialist, on committing to the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School on a full scholarship as a Toll Public Interest Scholar! Kelly first joined us as a DukeEngage summer intern in 2024 and returned as a Legal Specialist after graduating from Duke University in 2025. At Dade Legal Aid, she supports the Heirs' Property Project and participates in numerous outreach initiatives. Congratulations!

Case of the Month

Dade Legal Aid recently helped a low-income grandmother of three successfully dissolve a wage garnishment that threatened her financial stability. Our client, a breast cancer survivor with limited resources, is the primary caregiver and provider for her three grandchildren, who live with her full time. By securing relief from the garnishment, our dedicated team helped restore client's peace of mind and provided her with renewed confidence that she can continue meeting her family's needs. **Thank you Stephany Cabrera, Esq.!**



April Events Recap



Walk in My Shoes

Our staff was proud to participate in Lauren's Kids "Walk in My Shoes" in Homestead in recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The walk brought together advocates, survivors, community members, and law enforcement to raise awareness, share resources, and support those impacted by domestic violence, sexual abuse, and related civil legal issues.



MDFAWL Mentoring Monday

Dade Legal Aid attended MDFAWL Mentorship Monday, a dynamic networking event that brings together attorneys, law students, and judges for meaningful conversation and professional connection. The event offers an opportunity for both emerging and seasoned professionals to connect with colleagues and discuss current events.



Bankruptcy Bar Association Happy Hour

Dade Legal Aid staff were pleased to attend the BBA Happy Hour, generously sponsored by Meland Budwick, P.A. and Venable LLP. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with members of the Bankruptcy Bar and discuss the importance of pro bono service and expanding access to justice for those in need.



Breakfast with the Arts & Business Council, Inc.

The 19th Annual Breakfast with the Arts, hosted by ABC Miami, brought together leaders from across industries for a morning of networking and collaboration focused on strengthening the dialogue between the arts, business, and legal communities. Put Something Back's VLFA Project was highlighted for its longtime legal support of the creative ecosystem.



MDFAWL/GSWBWL Mentorship Event with Casa Valentina

Dade Legal Aid staff proudly participated in this mentoring event with the Women's Leadership Academy, where we connected with dedicated and inspiring youth from Casa Valentina interested in a variety of career paths. Participants created vision boards, discussed educational goals, and received guidance on academic success, personal growth, and future career development. Thank you to Podhurst Orseck, Amber Kornreich, Esq. and the Honorable Elisabeth Espinosa for your support!



Bast Amron's Annual Business Forum

This year's forum, Navigating the Next: Leadership & Innovation in a Transforming World, examined how legal and business leaders are adapting to rapid change driven by artificial intelligence, workforce evolution, regulatory developments, and market consolidation. We are grateful to Bast Amron LLP for selecting Dade Legal Aid as its community partner this year. Through their generosity, \$6,000 was raised to support our mission.



Opening the Door to Dependency

Dade Legal Aid's Child Advocacy team hosted a virtual training designed to introduce attorneys to the fundamentals of dependency practice. Participants received practical guidance on the responsibilities of an Attorney ad Litem and valuable insight into navigating real-world dependency cases. Thank you to Desiree Masson, Esq. and Natalie Concepcion for organizing such an amazing CLE!



Annual Pro Bono Reporting

It's that time of the year!
Annual Bar Statements are now available online.



ANNUAL PRO BONO REPORTING

FOR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 YEAR

(Required per Rule 4-6.1d)

You are required to report your pro bono hours.

Pursuant to the reporting requirement of
Rule 4-6.1(d), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.



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