These vibrant student-run pro bono projects do critically important social justice and racial justice work while giving students (starting in their 1L year) the opportunity to expand their skills and broaden their experiences.

To get involved or for general questions, contact Leah Horowitz at lhorowitz2@law.fordham.edu

**Advocates for the Incarcerated (AFTI)**

AFTI is an abolitionist organization advocating on behalf of those in prison and jail. AFTI understands that the prison industrial complex is a tool of violent white supremacy—AFTI therefore seeks to educate the Fordham community on these issues, participate in relevant advocacy efforts, and foster relationships with those currently and formerly incarcerated.

**Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights (ASHR)**

ASHR is dedicated to raising awareness of the sexual health and legal rights of marginalized populations, including sex workers, LGBTQ population (with a strong emphasis on transgender rights), people with disabilities, and communities impacted by HIV/AIDS. Activities include speaker events/panels, coordination with community advocacy groups, outreach and workshops with local high schools, and substantive projects.

**Artist Representation Society (ARS)**

Artists are exploited by the entertainment industry and often suffer from mistreatment such as delayed payments, poor working conditions, tax misguidance, and predatory contracts. Legal counsel for artists is not always accessible and can be prohibitively expensive. ARS strives to combat such exploitation across all artistic industries. We aim to empower artists by providing them access to legal information through educational workshops, round-table discussions, and networking opportunities.

**Consumer Law Advocates (CLA)**

Raises awareness about the legal issues surrounding the field of consumer debt and assists attorneys at the Manhattan Consumer Legal Advice Resource Office (CLARO) project, a free, weekly walk-in clinic providing assistance to consumers being sued by creditors in civil court.

**Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC)**

Focuses on education and advocacy regarding issues of domestic violence within the Law School community and through various community service activities. Programs include advocacy and assistance to survivors of domestic violence seeking: online legal information and support (Womenslaw.org), orders of protection (Sanctuary for Families Courtroom Advocates Program), uncontested divorces (Sanctuary for Families Uncontested Divorce Project), and Temporary Assistance (cash, utilities and rental assistance) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (Sanctuary for Families Public Benefits Pro Bono Initiative), under the supervision of Sanctuary for Families attorneys.

**Education Law Collaborative (ELC)**

An interdisciplinary student organization based at Fordham Law School that welcomes student members from all of Fordham’s colleges and graduate programs. ELC seeks to bring together students and practitioners from various fields to discuss and elaborate solutions to issues in education law and policy that challenge pK-12 schools and higher ed institutions.

**Environmental Law Advocates (ELA)**

A community of Fordham Law students interested in learning about environmental law, advocating for environmental protection, and promoting environmental justice. ELA seeks to connect students and practitioners in the field of environmental law and provide educational, recreational, and advocacy opportunities both on and off campus.

**Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights (FLAVR)**

Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights (FLAVR) is a nonpartisan organization of law students at Fordham University devoted to protecting and expanding the right to vote. As the next generation of lawyers, we have a responsibility to protect the rights and freedoms of our community – at Fordham, in New York, and around the country. Proud partner of When We All Vote.

**Fordham Law Defenders (FLD)**

A community of Fordham law students who are pursuing or strongly considering careers in public defense. FLD organizes discussions, collaborates with practitioners and alumni, and shares resources and tactics. FLD supports students seeking to excel as zealous and careful defenders of indigent people who are facing accusations, court-involvement, and loss of freedom.

**Fordham National Lawyers Guild (NLG)**

Founded in 1937 as the first racially integrated bar association in the United States, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) provides a political home for anti-racists, anti-capitalists and anti-imperialists throughout the legal profession. The Fordham chapter connects its members with a community of law students and legal practitioners – both within Fordham and across the city – who seek to use and understand the law as a tool for supporting social justice movements and bringing about a world in which “human rights and the rights of ecosystems shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests.”
Fordham Law Student Veterans Association (FLSVA)
Providing veterans with an opportunity to network on campus, while also providing a space for students to dialogue about important military, veteran affairs, and national security issues.

Housing Advocacy Project (HAP)
Brings together students concerned with housing instability and homelessness in New York City and nationwide. Works with various community organizations to provide volunteer and research opportunities for students to gain experience and learn about topics such as the civil right to counsel initiative, individual and group legal representation in housing court, and tenant organizing. HAP encourages students to get involved in this work during law school and pursue careers as housing attorneys during this time of soaring rents, increasing homelessness, pervasive gentrification, ongoing racial discrimination, and widespread poverty and inequality.

If/When/How Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
Lawyering for Reproductive Justice is a national organization that trains, networks, and mobilizes law students and lawyers who champion reproductive justice, defined as all people having the right and access to the resources they need to thrive and to decide if, when, and how to create and sustain their families with dignity, free from discrimination, coercion, or violence. Our chapter educates the Fordham Law community about reproductive health, rights, and justice issues; connects our members with other law students and practitioners who share an interest in this field; and provides volunteer opportunities for students to support local reproductive health care providers.

Immigration Advocacy Project (IAP)
IAP works towards the goal of ending family detention, and has partnered with the Feerick Center for Social Justice to coordinate and provide legal support to the CARA Pro Bono Family Detention Project, a mass-representation effort aiding refugee women and children detained at the southern U.S. border. IAP seeks to raise awareness of immigrant issues and to train law students to advocate for immigrant rights through remote appellate work. IAP also organizes panel discussions related to ongoing litigation, as well as career paths in immigration law.

International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
The International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) organizes law students and lawyers to develop and enforce a set of legal rights for refugees and displaced persons. Mobilizing direct legal aid, litigation, and systemic advocacy, IRAP serves the world’s most persecuted individuals and empowers the next generation of human rights leaders. Since its founding in 2008, IRAP has helped resettle over 4000 refugees and their families in 18 different countries and has trained over 2000 law students and lawyers in the process. Fordham University School of Law is one of IRAP’s 30 student chapters across the United States and Canada.

Mentoring Youth Through Legal Education (MYLE)
The Fordham Law branch of Legal Outreach, an organization that uses the law as a tool to foster skills and inspire vision among high school students from underserved areas around New York. MYLE helps high school students who participate in three debate competitions per year on topics that range from Search & Seizure and Freedom of Speech to Equal Protection and Miranda Rights.

Stein Scholars Program
Stein Scholars is an academic and professional program that prepares students for practicing law in the public interest. The program includes a summer externship and accompanying seminar, curriculum focused on ethics in public interest law, and project-based public interest work with outside partner organizations. Through the program, students gain exposure to practitioners in the field, and have the opportunity to engage in community service. The program encourages students to maintain and galvanize their commitment to practicing law in the service of others, and has helped launch the careers of hundreds of public interest lawyers over its 25 years of existence.

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund of Fordham Law School (SALDF)
Dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals through the legal system, SALDF assists animal welfare nonprofits on new or pending legislation as well as pending litigation.

Suspension Representation Project (SRP)
Trains law students to represent public school students in superintendent’s suspension hearings and help safeguard their right to education. This project was created in response to the tremendous need for increased access to quality representation for low-income students and parents facing suspension hearings.

Unemployment Action Center (UAC)
Advocate on behalf of individuals at unemployment insurance hearings and appeals. The Fordham Chapter is part of a citywide consortium at five New York law schools which has assisted more than 12,000 people and secured millions of dollars in owed benefits for claimants.

Universal Justice (UJ)
Get hands-on human rights experience by providing assistance to human rights and non-governmental organizations in developing nations. Recent UJ delegations have included the Philippines, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic.

Workers’ Rights Advocates (WRA)
We are a group committed to raising awareness and advocating for workers’ rights through organizing speaker events, off-campus volunteer activities, and supporting collective action both on campus and in the community. We also look to support students with backgrounds in organizing, labor, and workers’ rights or who have an interest in pursuing legal careers that intersect with these domains.