



PIRC is the home of dynamic student run organizations involved in public interest work. There are 19 PIRC Student Groups. These groups perform meaningful work in the form of direct legal services and representation, educational programming within the law school and in the community, advocacy on behalf of those in need, community legal information, and community service. These groups also organize the Alternative Winter/Spring Break Service Projects.

Advocates for the Incarcerated (AFTI)

Raise awareness and advocate on behalf of those in the prisons and jails and seek meaningful change on issues that debilitate the justice system into a seemingly endless cycle of incarceration for affected populations.

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.

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)

Advocacy and assistance to survivors of domestic violence seeking orders of protection (Courtroom Assistance Project), uncontested divorces (Uncontested Divorce Project), and legal information and support (Womenslaw.org) under supervision of attorneys. Education and advocacy within Law School community, and community service activities.

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)

Education and advocacy on environmental issues both on and off campus. Legal research opportunities in support of attorneys practicing in the field.

Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights (FLAVR)

Founded after the contested 2000 presidential election, FLAVR is a nonpartisan group dedicated to promoting political empowerment.

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 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.

Fordham National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

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 like-minded law students and legal practitioners – both within Fordham and across the city – which presents continual opportunities for collaboration, solidarity and learning from each other.

Housing Advocacy Project (HAP)

Organizes a volunteer partnership with the housing unit of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A, giving students the chance to contribute to client interviews, legal and investigative research, community meetings and local advocacy on behalf of indigent NYC tenants.

If/When/How Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

Trains, networks, and mobilizes law students and legal professionals to work within and beyond the legal system to champion reproductive justice. In collaboration with communities, organizations, and movements, we work to ensure all people—especially those most likely to experience reproductive injustice—have the ability to decide if, when, and how to create and sustain a family. We hold events on topical reproductive justice issues throughout the school year and provides judicial bypass support in states that have parental consent laws.

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.

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.

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund of Fordham Law School (SALDF)

Dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals through the legal system.

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 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.

Workers' Rights Advocates

Committed to raising awareness and advocating for workers' rights through organizing speaker events, film screenings and off-campus volunteer activities.

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