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MFJ and partners rally on the steps of City Hall to support the POWER Act, a bill to protect New Yorkers from unfair and abusive business practices.

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Helping a Child Learn to Love Learning

M is a ten-year-old student in fifth grade. As early as Kindergarten, she struggled with learning.

She was first evaluated in first grade, and the results showed weakness in verbal comprehension, visual processing, and decoding. M received speech services but no additional supports to remediate her reading issues.

During second grade she continued to exhibit significant delays in reading. A subsequent evaluation also recommended a structured reading intervention program, but the NYC Department of Education (DOE) failed to implement any such program. No additional supports or services were provided in third grade despite M making no progress in reading.

After her family came to MFJ, an attorney was able to obtain a comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation for M that diagnosed her with severe dyslexia. After receiving the neuropsychological evaluation, the DOE made no changes to M's Individualized Education Plan and again ignored all the recommendations contained in the assessment. Armed with that comprehensive evaluation, the MFJ attorney was able to obtain an order directing the DOE to fully fund M's tuition for a private school that specializes in working with students with dyslexia.

M completed her fourth grade at the private school and within one year has made significant progress in reading, which has resulted in a student who loves to learn and is excited about attending school, a very special and meaningful outcome for M and her family.

Saving a Long-Term Home After Family Tragedy

MFJ client Michael is from a close-knit family that has lived in the same three-bedroom Bronx apartment for generations. Tragedy struck Michael's family when his grandmother, mother and brother Rohan all died in quick succession, all of whom were the tenants of record.

Upon the death of his brother Rohan, Michael and his other brother Brian, also a co-tenant, were the last remaining occupants in the apartment. Sadly, for Brian the loss of his mother and brother proved to be too much, and he began displaying symptoms of schizophrenia.

While Michael was away at work during the day, Brian hid the mail so when the landlord filed a nonpayment proceeding Michael was not aware until there was an eviction notice.

While in court, attorneys from MFJ approached Michael after hearing the facts of their case as it was being discussed before a judge. With representation from MFJ, Michael and Brian were saved from eviction due to major flaws in the landlord's case, including naming a deceased tenant and not including the living legal tenant in their motion. Thanks to MFJ's involvement, the family home was preserved. Brian has since been referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and services are being put in place to assist him as well as provide much-needed rental assistance to keep him housed.

Winning Benefits for a Woman After a Bad Work Accident

The Government Benefits Law Project represented a disabled client in a Social Security Disability (SSDI) Benefits case. She was denied benefits by the Social Security Administration, despite numerous medical records supporting her claim. The client was unable to work after she was struck on the head by a live electrical wire while vacuuming still water at her job. After the accident, she went to the Emergency Department, which discharged her the same day, and sent her home with pain killers. The next day, the client admitted herself to another Emergency Department after experiencing headaches and chest pain. She was again discharged the same day and prescribed pain killers.

For several years, the client underwent multiple surgeries, physical therapy, and mental health treatment clearly as a result of the accident. Despite this care she was unable to make a full recovery and return to work. In desperation, she sought representation for her SSDI hearing with MFJ. Prior to the hearing, the attorney prepared a legal brief arguing that the case should proceed without a hearing because the medical evidence clearly showed that the client could not return to work due to her disability and should receive SSDI benefits. The day before the hearing, the MFJ attorney received a call from the hearing office indicating it was cancelled and that the Administrative Law Judge was issuing a "fully favorable" decision on the record, which meant the Judge agreed that the client was disabled based on the medical evidence. After three years of medical treatment and financial instability due to the work accident, the client was able to find a sense of stability and peace knowing that her SSDI retroactive benefits and ongoing payments would be paid. The dismissiveness of the client's pain and misdiagnoses by the medical establishment and the government is part of what makes MFJ's work so important.

Saving a Homeowner From Foreclosure

Ms. M, a middle-aged homeowner in Brooklyn, was referred to MFJ in June 2026. She was in arrears for both Homeowners Association fees and her mortgage, and was under extreme stress faced with the prospect of homelessness. She had previously submitted a "One Shot Deal" (OSD) emergency assistance grant application in December 2025 but had not heard back after repeated attempts. The urgency was amplified by the fact that it involved a co-op which allows for extra-judicial foreclosures and move much faster than judicial foreclosures. This case was also challenging because the homeowner is an educated New Yorker (with a B.A. in Journalism & Mass Communications from NYU) who has been struggling to secure adequate employment.

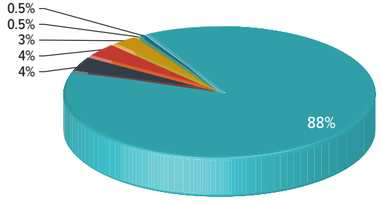
As with many MFJ clients who are attempting to apply for One Shot Deals, this client was caught in an endless abyss of delays, miscommunications, duplicative requests and general unresponsiveness from the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA). Once MFJ took the case, we were able to assist her in getting the OSD approved and avoid foreclosure. We have found that this tends to be a pattern with OSD applications for foreclosure matters where there is a lack of understanding of the process by HRA, hindering the process and causing unnecessary delays.

After her case was complete and her home saved, Ms. M wrote the following to the MFJ staff attorney who handled her case: ***"I just wanted to say thank you for everything. You have been such a blessing, and an even greater source of relief, throughout this entire process. Your patience, guidance, and kindness have meant more to me than you know during such a difficult time where I felt abandoned, unheard and unseen. I truly appreciate all of your help."*** This is exactly the reason we do this work.

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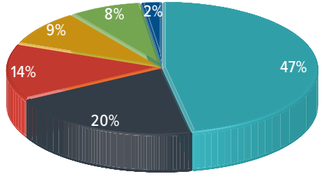
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Revenue: $26,018,271



- Government **$22,797,096**
- Attorney Fees **$1,001,160**
- Restricted Grants **$975,015**
- Unrestricted Contributions **$960,000**
- Training Fees & Misc. **$185,000**
- Interest **$100,000**

Expenses: $26,280,531



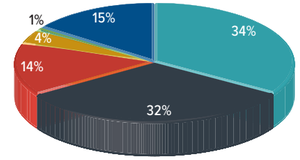
- Housing & HIV **$12,229,842**
- Disability & Aging Rights **$5,374,456**
- Economic Justice **$3,590,561**
- Children's Rights **$2,291,949**
- Administration **$2,072,449**
- Fundraising **$721,274**

Client Profiles and Services FY 2026

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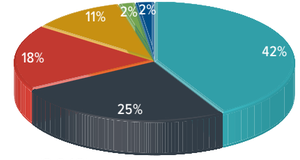
9,393 Cases Handled

Cases by Race



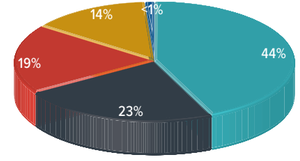
- Black & African Descent (3,213)
- Latinx (2,945)
- White (1,320)
- Asian (381)
- Indigenous (94)
- Other (1,440)

Cases by Borough



- The Bronx (3,942)
- Manhattan (2,362)
- Brooklyn (1,687)
- Queens (1,070)
- Staten Island (186)
- Outside NYC (146)

Cases by Program



- Housing (4,097)
- Disability & Aging Rights (2,163)
- Economic Justice (1,752)
- Children's Rights (1,358)
- Other (23)