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Our mission is to achieve justice for all. MFJ prioritizes the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities as they struggle to overcome the effects of social injustice and systemic racism. We provide the highest-quality free, direct civil legal assistance, conduct community education and build partnerships, engage in policy advocacy, and bring impact litigation. MFJ also promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in our workplace, and understands the need to eliminate all racial disparities to achieve justice for all.

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2022 YEAR-END REPORT

MFJ In The Community



MFJ Managing Attorney for Pro Bono & Volunteer Programs Jackie Adorno tables at an Apex Summer Youth community fair with attorneys Molly Zhu & Orlando He from Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

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MOBILIZATION FOR JUSTICE VICTORIES – THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

Helping a young undocumented man obtain permanent residency in the U.S.

D.W. originally approached Mobilization for Justice seeking general immigration assistance. He was eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, which allows undocumented minors who are abused, abandoned or neglected permanent residence in



the US. But he was approaching 21 years of age, which, if reached prior to filing of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) application, would make him ineligible for the immigration benefit. With only weeks to go before he turned 21, MFJ filed the paperwork in Family Court to get his USCIS application for permanent residence approved. The Family Court granted both necessary orders, and we were able to file his USCIS application just four days before his 21st birthday! After we were able to personally provide D.W. with his legal residency card, his face filled with tears of joy because he now knew that he would be able to receive financial aid to go to college and continue his education.

Helping a nursing home resident avoid being discharged into a homeless shelter

When Mr. V came to MFJ, he had lived in nursing homes for most of a decade. In September 2021, the Bronx nursing home where he'd lived for two years told him it planned to discharge him to a homeless shelter, claiming that Mr. V no longer needed the nursing home's services. While somewhat independent, Mr. V was not prepared for full independence. The nursing home routinely helped him with medication management, bathing, and personal hygiene tasks. MFJ represented Mr. V at the discharge appeal hearing and won the appeal, allowing Mr. V to stay at the nursing home. A few months after that decision, the nursing home issued a new notice, again claiming that Mr. V's health improved enough for him to be discharged to the shelter system. Apparently, Mr. V now managed his medication independently, left the home twice a week to attend church and visited a park in his old neighborhood. At a second discharge hearing in June 2022, Mr. V explained that he still relied on the nursing home to prepare his medications and to help him with personal hygiene tasks. The judge again found that he received necessary services from the nursing home that would not be available in a shelter and granted Mr. V's second appeal, allowing him to stay at the home where he safely remains, despite two egregious attempts to remove him to a shelter, endangering his life and well-being.

Helping a veteran and victim of sexual abuse obtain all the federal benefits due her

Ms. C contacted our Mental Health Law Project in January 2022 asking for assistance appealing a disability benefits denial. She suffers from PTSD after having served in the Navy and being a victim of repeated sexual abuse there. She had been deemed 100% disabled by the VA but was still denied Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. Ms. C had difficulties representing herself because she was intermittently homeless and was often triggered when she had to discuss past traumatic events or review medical records related to her own case. When the

virtual hearing took place, the client requested that her advocate be in the same room with her to provide support during the testimony. After the hearing, Ms. C's advocate collected all relevant records and presented a compelling case to Social Security. The client received a fully favorable decision.

Obtaining justice for a wrongly targeted immigrant driver for hire

Mr. C is a 41-year-old Mandarin-speaking delivery worker. He drove his car to pick up his friend's family member at the airport as a favor. After she entered his car, NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) officers forced her out of his vehicle and issued him a TLC summons for unlicensed vehicle driving for hire, which carried a \$1,500 penalty. MFJ's Driver Protection Project represented Mr. C at the hearing before the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, and the hearing officer found that the TLC officers wrongfully interfered with Mr. C's personal activity and dismissed the summons.

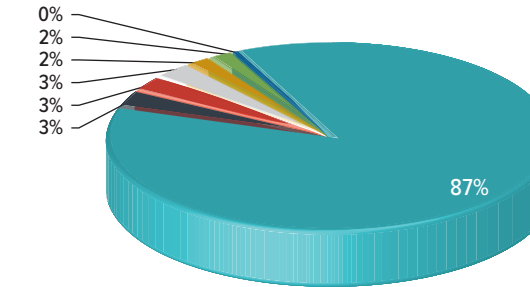
Announcing our new Special Litigation Project and Alan Mansfield Racial Justice Fellowship

MFJ's new Special Litigation Project (SLP) really hit its stride this year with a focus on racial justice and systemic issues. Co-sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, LLP, the Fellowship is a multi-year commitment to developing class action and other litigation to challenge racial injustices throughout New York City, dedicated to the life and work of former MFJ Board Member Alan Mansfield. The SLP collaborated with the Economic Justice Project to intervene in a federal lawsuit to help defend an important New York consumer rights law that reduces the interest rate on medical, student, and consumer debt. The SLP also worked with the Workplace Justice Project to file and settle a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit, and partnered with several other projects. Future SLP litigation will challenge delays in the provision of special education services to low-income students, abusive NYC agency enforcement schemes, and employment discrimination based on criminal history.

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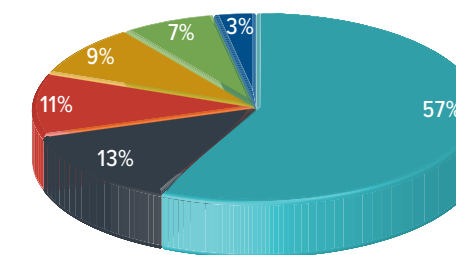
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Revenue: \$21,049,034



- Government **\$18,281,455**
- Unrestricted Contributions **\$721,911**
- Special Events **\$572,695**
- Restricted Contributions **\$531,874**
- Attorney Fees **\$540,304**
- Donated Services **\$400,000**
- Training Fees & Misc. **\$27,945**
- Unrealized Loss **-\$27,150**

Expenses: \$21,953,756

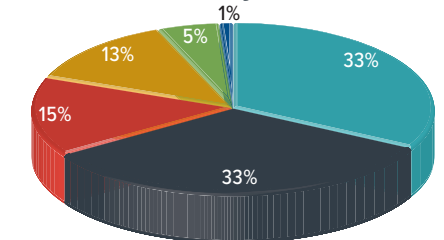


- Housing & HIV **\$12,509,025**
- Disability & Aging Rights **\$2,912,972**
- Children's Rights **\$2,517,979**
- Economic Justice **\$1,855,622**
- Administration **\$1,576,268**
- Fundraising **\$581,890**

Client Profiles and Services FY 2022

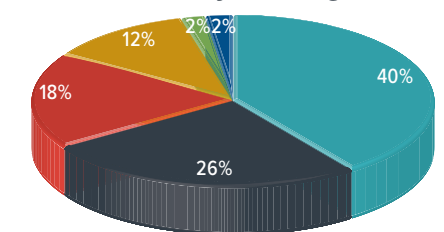
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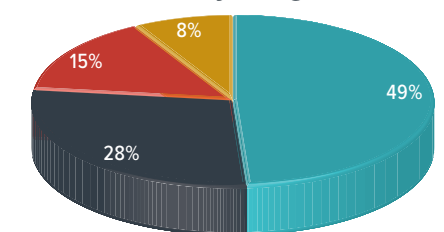
- Latinx
- Black & African Descent
- Miscellaneous/No Answer
- White
- Asian
- Indigenous

Cases by Borough



- The Bronx
- Manhattan
- Brooklyn
- Queens
- Staten Island
- Outside NYC

Cases by Program



- Housing & Foreclosure
- Economic Justice
- Disability & Aging Rights
- Children & Families