
Gender Resource Guide

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Washington College of Law is the result of the vision of two remarkable women, Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma M. Gillett. In 1896 they established WCL to ensure that women, as well as men, had the opportunity to study law. The faculty, staff, and students of WCL are proud to carry on their legacy.

American University Washington College of Law is a leading center for feminist legal scholarship and teaching. This resource guide will introduce you to the programs, student groups, journals, faculty, and staff that make Washington College of Law a unique and exciting institution for the study of gender and law.

The Women and the Law Program website features additional resources for students, including information about: courses, internships, externships, LLM specializations, and post-graduate fellowships in Gender and Law; a link to sign up for our listserv; and an events calendar. Please visit us online at wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/or visit our *MyWCL* program page for the most up-to-date information.

Studying Gender and Law at WCL

At the Washington College of Law, we take multiple approaches to the study of gender and law. In many general courses, such as Torts or Legal Ethics, our professors select materials and cases that highlight how gender interplays with that specific area of law. In other classes, such as Family Law and Employment Discrimination, the study of gender is a key component of the course.

GENDER AND LAW ELECTIVES AND SEMINARS

WCL offers an extraordinary number of electives and seminars that address the interaction of gender and law in depth. Students who do not have a background in gender studies or women's rights may benefit from our foundational **Feminist Jurisprudence** and **Gender and International and Comparative Law** courses. Additionally, our professors teach an array of specialized courses each term. In the past these have included courses such as:

- Comparative Family Law
- Domestic Violence Law
- Gender, Cultural Difference, & Human Rights
- Advanced Legal Writing: Gender & Law
- Reproduction & Law
- Sexuality & the Law
- Sex-Based Discrimination
- International Responses to Sexual & Gender-Based Violence
- Women, Crime & the Law

WCL CURRICULUM "PATHWAYS" WEBSITE: WOMEN'S AND LGBTI RIGHTS/ GENDER LAW

The purpose of the "Pathways" guide is to give you specific guidance, provided directly by WCL faculty, as you explore your course planning options through law school. On the website, there is a section devoted exclusively to "*Women's and LGBTI Rights, Gender Law.*" This page gives a general introduction to Gender and Law along with lists of "foundational" courses, "key electives," "experiential" opportunities, and, finally, "related" courses, which may round out your knowledge in this particular field. "Pathways" also lists our faculty members teaching in these areas, with whom you are encouraged to make an appointment for more specific curricular-planning advice.



ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING: GENDER AND LAW

Women and the Law Program faculty guide students in a seminar designed just for students who want to publish papers on a gender and law topic. Join other students as we work together to select interesting and timely topics, develop strong thesis statements, structure compelling arguments, write clear and lively prose, and get published.

Advanced Legal Degrees in Gender and Law

LL.M. GENDER, INTERNATIONAL, AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Our Gender, International, and Comparative Law specialization is the first International Legal Studies LLM program focused on women's rights and gender equality in an international context. Our students write theses that examine international and comparative approaches to women's rights.

LLM LAW AND GOVERNMENT, SPECIALIZATION IN GENDER AND LAW

The Law and Government specialization in Gender and Law is designed for recent graduates of U.S. and foreign law schools who wish to delve deeper into feminist legal theory and policy, as well as experienced practitioners who want to apply their experience in other fields to promote women's rights in the United States.

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (SJD)

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) Program selects outstanding students prepared to write a doctoral-level dissertation in law. Students with an interest in gender and law are encouraged to apply.

Clinical Programs Focused on Gender and Law at WCL



WCL has one of the most highly regarded programs in clinical legal education in the nation. All of the teachers in the clinical program are attentive to how gender operates in each case. We also offer a clinical program that are specifically focused on the interaction of gender and law.

THE WOMEN AND THE LAW CLINIC

Student attorneys in the Women and the Law Clinic represent clients in cases spanning family law, immigration, public benefits, domestic violence, employment, housing, education, and student debt, all with a focus on how clients' gender, race, nationality, disability, and economic status affect their experiences in the legal system and within the lawyer-client relationship. Student attorneys treat each client not as a "case" but as a complex person who may be facing one legal problem or many. Students advocate and problem-solve in a wide range of contexts. They represent clients in litigation and administrative actions in courts and agencies in the District of Columbia and in Maryland. They also represent clients outside of court to set up legal frameworks that structure relationships, as when they draft a will or amend a birth certificate.

Students learn to use the work of legal theorists who illuminate experiences of inequality, exclusion, or discrimination in understanding clients' problems and devising effective solutions. Students challenge assumptions, whether about the legal system, an opposing party, their clients, or themselves. They

learn how lawyers can make a difference in the lives of clients and bring about change. They also bump up against the limits of the law.

Students, working in teams, have full responsibility for representing their clients. They have extensive client contact and engage in vigorous fact investigations; negotiate resolution of problems; hone their legal research and writing through client opinion letters, complaints, motions, legal memoranda, and written communications with government agencies and with opposing counsel. Students prepare for and conduct hearings and arguments in court and administrative proceedings.

Outside of the Classroom: WCL Programs and Centers

THE WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Director Ann Shalleck founded the Women and the Law Program in 1984 to promote the integration of gender into the curriculum at WCL and at law schools around the world. The program:

- Hosts office hours by appointment. Students are welcome to stop by to seek advice regarding courses, learn about opportunities to get involved in feminist advocacy, and chat about law school in general;
- Invites speakers and organizes conferences. Students are welcome to participate in conversations with feminist academics, attorneys, and policy makers as they discuss and debate pressing issues;
- Manages the Gender and COVID-19 reading list, disseminating work of scholars and activists regarding the pandemic;
- Supports experiential learning programs such as the Women and the Law and Domestic Violence Clinics;
- Supports the students enrolled in the Gender and Law LLM Program by offering advising and working with the programs to develop innovative courses that meet students' needs;
- Works with WCL students on events that promote gender equality;
- Disseminates a listserve with events and job opportunities; and
- Coordinates grant-funded projects, including:

- Gender, Health and Justice Project
- Gender Jurisprudence and International Criminal Law
- Integrating Gender into Legal Education
- Student Debt & Education Justice
- To learn more, please email us at womenlaw@wcl.american.edu



THE ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Academy hosts the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, an intensive summer education program providing specialized training courses to scholars and activists on international human rights law. It was created to promote practical approaches to human rights and humanitarian law as well as to strengthen links between human rights organizations, practitioners, and educators worldwide. Each year, the Program offers courses in both English and Spanish devoted to women's human rights. For more information on the Academy, email hracademy@wcl.american.edu.



THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law provides a clearinghouse for the wide scope of activity at WCL concentrated on human rights and humanitarian law. The Center works with students, faculty, and the international legal community to support human rights initiatives around the world. Many of the Center's activities and projects include

gender as a key component. For more information on the Center, email humlaw@wcl.american.edu.



THE NATIONAL IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP)

NIWAP is a national non-profit public policy advocacy organization that develops, reforms, and promotes the implementation and use of laws, policies, and practices to improve legal rights, services, and assistance to immigrant women, children, and victims of domestic and sexual violence and other crimes. NIWAP is also a national resource center that provides technical assistance and training to federal and state professionals who work with immigrant victims of crime. For more information on how to get involved with NIWAP as a Fellow, Dean's Fellow, or Intern, visit <http://bit.ly/2c8yfiX> or email info@NIWAP.org.



THE PROJECT ON ADDRESSING PRISON RAPE

The Project on Addressing Prison Rape is committed to eliminating sexual abuse for individuals in custodial settings. The Project on Addressing Prison Rape is a leader in addressing the implications and implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and its national standards. Since 2000, the Project on Addressing Prison Rape has provided training, technical assistance and legal guidance for correctional agencies, advocates, and survivors who want to effectively prevent, respond, and eliminate sexual abuse in custodial settings. For more information on how to get involved, visit <https://www.wcl.american.edu/endsilence/> or email endsilence@wcl.american.edu.



THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

www.genderjurisprudence.org
WCRO provides research for a variety of international/ized criminal tribunals engaged in the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Since 2008, WRCO and WILP

have collaborated on the “**Gender and International Criminal Law Project**” to support the use of international law to hold perpetrators of sexual and gender-based violence accountable. Project activities include: The Gender Jurisprudence Collection (GJC); legal and technical assistance in the form of public amicus curiae briefs and confidential legal memoranda; and training for justice system actors to build their capacity to seek accountability for sexual and gender-based crimes in the context of conflict or mass repression.

Resources for 1-L Students

1L ROUNDTABLES

Each year the Women and the Law Program partners with the Integrated Curriculum Program to host a series of roundtable discussions aimed at spotting the often overlooked impact of gender in many areas of law. Past roundtable discussions have included in-depth explorations of the meaning of consent in tort law and reproductive justice issues in constitutional law. The roundtables are facilitated by Women and the Law Program Director, Professor Ann Shalleck. They are capped at twenty participants to allow time for a lively discussion. The sessions will be advertised by your 1-L section reps, and on MyWCL.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM EVENTS



[WCL Women's Law Association Executive Board, AY 2015-2016]

Every semester the Women and the Law Program hosts a variety of events ranging from brown-bag lunches to large-scale international conferences. These events are open to all WCL students free of charge and are an excellent way to get involved with

the program and meet experts in the field of gender and law ranging from academics, to practitioners, policy makers and NGO advocates. All events are posted on MyWCL. **The best way to stay informed of upcoming events is to join our Listserv at <http://bit.ly/2h6fcNI>.**

Get Involved: Student Groups

WCL has an active student body, and it is easy to find groups of students who work together to further women's and LGBT rights. For more information on how to contact these groups or join their listserves, please consult their student organization page on MyWCL.

AU-WCL- IF/WHEN/HOW

If/When/How trains, networks, and mobilizes law students and legal professionals to work within and beyond the legal system to champion reproductive justice. They work in partnership with local organizations and national movements to ensure all people have the ability to decide if, when, and how to create and sustain a family. As a local chapter of the national organization, WCL If/When/How also takes part in national and regional conferences on reproductive rights law and justice in an effort to create new opportunities to learn from top legal scholars and litigators who bring a reproductive justice lens to all areas of the law. Students also help organize events around campus to engage the WCL community and increase awareness of reproductive justice issues. To learn more about If/When/How, please email ifwhenhow@wcl.american.edu.

HEALTH LAW & POLICY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Health Law & Policy Students Association (HLPsA) is a student-run organization that seeks to promote health law opportunities for WCL students. HLPsA seeks to encourage professional development, explore career opportunities, expand the health law curriculum, and raise awareness of the right to health. HLPsA accomplishes these goals by sponsoring panel discussions with practicing attorneys and professors; organizing community service events; and hosting lunch and learn opportunities on current issues in health law and policy. HLPsA works closely with the Health Law & Policy faculty and other groups to organize conferences and events that complement the health law curriculum. To stay up to date on HLPsA, join their Listserv at <http://bit.ly/2h6gb0m>.

LAMBDA LAW SOCIETY

The Lambda Law Society, WCL's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and ally student group, was founded in 1984 as a political, educational, and social organization. Our members are diverse and come from all walks of life and every corner of the globe. Membership in Lambda is open to all WCL students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Our goals include building awareness about LGBTQ legal issues, eliminating stereotypes about LGBTQ individuals, and fostering a supportive LGBTQ and ally community throughout the law school. Each year, we host and participate in panels and symposia, where experts are brought in to discuss current legal issues affecting our community. We participate in community events such as Lambda Alumni Networking events, LGBT Bar Association Mixers, the Walk to End HIV, volunteer opportunities, film screenings, social events, and more. Additionally, 1L students can choose to participate in our mentee-mentor program where 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls provide mentoring, advice, and friendship to 1Ls beginning to learn the ropes of law school. Lambda is affiliated with the National and D.C. LGBT Bar Associations. To learn more about Lambda, please email lambda@wcl.american.edu.

WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION

WLA is a student-run organization with the goal of providing a diverse feminist forum for WCL students. WLA is concerned with the legal, social, cultural, educational, and political issues facing women on both the domestic and international levels and within the law school community. Programs include activities such as panel discussions with professors, alumni, attorneys, government officials, and members of the NGO community; networking and volunteering opportunities; skills training; and mentoring programs for students. To learn more about WLA, please email wla@wcl.american.edu.

Prepare for Practice: Career Resources in Gender and Law

A career in gender and law can take you in many different directions. Is your passion fighting employment discrimination? Preventing domestic violence? Ending human trafficking and forced labor? Ensuring economic

equality for women? Guaranteeing reproductive rights and freedoms? Improving public policy for gay and lesbian families? Do you want to litigate? Testify on the Hill? With all of these options in front of you (not to mention a tight labor market) where should you begin? How do you use your time in law school to be best prepared to get a job in women's or LGBTI rights after law school? Below are some of the many resources at WCL to help you get started.

RESOURCE GUIDES

The Women and the Law Program has compiled two resource guides to help you get started with your job and fellowship search:

- **Guide to Jobs in Women's and LGBTI Rights**
- **Guide to Fellowships in Gender and Law**

Both guides are available on the Program's MyWCL page. After you read them, make an appointment with us to discuss your goals!

THE GENDER AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW SERIES

Gender issues touch every area of the practice of law, yet many students feel that if they are interested in using the law to defend and promote women's rights, it must be in an area of law traditionally associated with women, such as domestic violence or family law. However, there are many ways to plan a meaningful career or find pro-bono opportunities advocating for women's rights and LGBT equality. Each semester the Women and the Law Program hosts at least one panel featuring WCL alumni and practitioners who share their perspective on a wide variety of practice areas such as Immigration Law, Transactional Law, International Law, and Criminal Law. Watch MyWCL for upcoming panels or sign up for the Women and the Law Listserve at <http://bit.ly/2h6fcNI>.



GENDER AND LAW RESUME REVIEW SESSIONS AND EXTERNSHIP FAIRS

The Women and the Law Program has teamed-up with the WCL Externship Office to offer specialized alumni resume review sessions and externship fairs designed especially for students who want to pursue career opportunities in gender and law. Both the resume review and externship fair are an excellent opportunity

to get personalized advice from and connect with practitioners in your field of interest. The resume review and externship fair scheduled for the Fall semester. Watch MyWCL for dates and sign-up information.



WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

The Women and the Law Program sends out a weekly newsletter containing gender and law related news and events (both at WCL and in the DC community), publication opportunities, and job, internship and fellowship opportunities in gender and law. To sign up for the weekly newsletter visit <http://bit.ly/2h6fcNI>.

WOMEN AND THE LAW ALUMNI & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Women and the Law program sends out a monthly newsletter for the community to learn about the active environment for gender programming at WCL and in DC, and employment opportunities in DC, NYC, other places in the USA, and around the world. To sign up for the monthly newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/2CAsFJv>.



Make Your Voice Heard: Publishing in Gender and Law

Students at Washington College of Law have the opportunity to work on and publish in student-run journals dedicated to gender equity.

THE AU JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW

<http://www.jgspl.org/>

The *AU Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* publishes articles addressing social and political

equality under the law. The Journal provides a forum for gender issues and feminist legal studies. By focusing on gender and social policy issues, the Journal is committed to creating a dialogue among disparate social, economic, and gender groups in order to find our common humanity under the law.

THE HEALTH LAW & POLICY BRIEF

www.healthlawpolicy.org

The Health Law & Policy Brief (HLP), founded and led by students, is dedicated to the rapidly emerging and increasingly prominent field of health law. The publication continues to provide informative works from health care practitioners, attorneys, and students on cutting-edge legal and policy issues such as health care compliance, fraud and abuse enforcement, health insurance payment and reimbursement issues, intellectual property issues, international human rights issues, FDA initiatives and policies, among others, and features columns highlighting important issues in the field as well as health care regulatory updates.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF

www.hrbrief.org

The Human Rights Brief is a highly regarded student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. For over 10 years, the Brief has served the international human rights community by providing concise analyses of developments in human rights law and their impact on global society. The Brief has published pieces by Supreme Court Justices, noted practitioners, academics, and students from around the world and provides continuous up-to-date content on cutting-edge legal issues.

THE AU LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW FORUM

www.aulaborlawforum.org

The AU Labor & Employment Law Forum was founded in 2010 to provide a specific and neutral forum for students, scholars, practitioners, and organizations to explore the complex developments of the law governing the workplace. The Forum serves as a medium that highlights emerging developments in labor and employment law and explores the legal issues that arise under this area of law, including: equal employment opportunity (gender, race and sexual orientation); domestic and

international labor law; disability law; immigration law; sports & entertainment law; employee benefits; wage & hour law; public employment law;

Who We Are: Gender and Law Faculty and Staff

WCL staff and faculty members have a wealth of knowledge and experience in gender and law. Many faculty members and programs employ upper-level students as research assistants. Additionally, seminars taught by faculty members who research and write in gender and law topics are excellent venues for writing papers that fulfill the upper-level writing requirement. The faculty and staff members listed below are only a few of the key members of the WCL gender and law community. Please reach out to these faculty and staff and email them for an appointment.

Cori Alonso-Yoder is the Practitioner-in-Residence with the Immigrant Justice Clinic. She is licensed to practice law in Maryland and in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the faculty of Washington College of Law, she was the supervising attorney at Whitman-Walker Health, the country's oldest medical-legal partnership. In her public interest legal practice, Professor Alonso-Yoder has worked on a variety of equal justice issues, with a special emphasis on advocacy for LGBT and HIV-positive immigrants. Professor Alonso-Yoder's commentary on immigrants' rights has been featured by ABC News, *The Atlantic*, and *Washington Monthly* magazine, among others. In 2016, she received the Legal Community Award from the Superior Court for the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for excellence in legal services to the Latino community. Alonso-Yoder received her bachelor's degree (*magna cum laude*) from Georgetown University and her law degree (*cum laude*) from the American University Washington College of Law, where she was a Public Interest/Public Service Scholar. Originally from Mexico City, she grew up in Denver, Colorado and speaks English, French, and Spanish. Email her at cayoder@wcl.american.edu.

Janie Chuang teaches courses in international law, human trafficking, labor migration, and international commercial arbitration. In her scholarship, Chuang specializes in international law and policy relating to labor migration and human trafficking. Chuang has served as an adviser to the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Labor Organization. Chuang has also served as the U.S. Member of the International Law Association's Feminism and International Law Committee and as a Member of Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. She is a past recipient of the Open Society Fellowship of the Open Society Foundations and a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Conference Grant. Prior to joining AUWCL, Chuang practiced with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, representing foreign governments in international litigation/arbitration and pro bono clients in asylum and human rights cases. Before her time at Cleary Gottlieb, Chuang worked as an adviser to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and the U.N. Compensation Commission. Her recent publications include: *Giving as Governance: Philanthrocapitalism and Modern-Day Slavery Abolitionism*, 62 UCLA Law Rev. 1516 (2015); *Exploitation Creep and the Unmaking of Human Trafficking Law* 108 American J. of

occupational health & safety law; and worker's compensation law.

Int'l Law 1 (2014); and *The U.S. Au Pair Program: Labor Exploitation and the Myth of Cultural Exchange*, 36 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 269 (2013). Email her at jchuang@wcl.american.edu.

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Llezie Green co-directs the Civil Advocacy Clinic and teaches non-clinical courses in Critical Race Theory and Advanced Civil Procedure. Her primary teaching interests are in clinical education, employment, workplace justice, and civil and human rights, and her scholarship interests lie at the intersection of race and gender in low-wage workers' rights. Professor Coleman's most recent articles include: *Disrupting the Discrimination Narrative: An Argument for FLSA's Inclusion in Antisubordination Advocacy* forthcoming in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; *Rendered Invisible: African Americans and the Workplace Exploitation Paradigm* in The Howard Law Journal; and *Exploited at the Intersection: A Critical Race Feminist Analysis of Undocumented Latina Workers and the Role of the Private Attorney General* in the Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law. Prior to joining the faculty, she was an associate at Cohen, Milstein, Sellers and Toll, PLLC, where she represented plaintiffs in class action civil rights and employment cases, including nationwide class actions alleging gender discrimination. Email her at llgreen@wcl.american.edu.

Christine Haight Farley teaches courses on Intellectual Property Law, Trademark Law, International and Comparative Trademark Law, International Intellectual Property Law, Design Protection Law and Art Law. In addition, she has served as Co-

Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property. Professor Farley's scholarly work is in the areas of on intellectual property, international law, and art law. Her current projects study the intersection of art and IP; and the unstable basis of rights in the development of trademark law. Professor Farley collaborates with the Women and the Law Program to develop the annual "IP/ Gender" symposium. Email her at cfarley@wcl.american.edu.

Susan D. Franck is an expert in the fields of international economic law, dispute settlement, and the empirical analysis of international law. Professor Franck's legal experience includes serving at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and practicing in international dispute settlement with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering [now Wilmer Hale] in Washington, DC and Allen & Overy in London, England. She has published several articles on increasing the role of women in international arbitration, including: *The Diversity Challenge: Exploring the "Invisible College" of International Arbitration* (2015); and *International Arbitration: Demographics, Precision and Justice* (2015). Professor Franck has a new article on gender diversity in international adjudication that is forthcoming in the *ASIL Proceedings*. Email her at sfranck@wcl.american.edu.

Beth Frank is an adjunct professor at WCL teaching Sex-Based Discrimination. She has served as a trial attorney in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice since 2010. In the Civil Rights Division, Beth Frank has litigated cases, including sexual harassment in housing cases, under the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Housing and Community Development Act. Prior to joining the Civil Rights Division, Beth Frank spent three years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office where she focused on the rights of women and of individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII and the Fair Housing Act. She also spent five years as a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, where she focused her practice on employment discrimination defense. Beth Frank graduated from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law and received her B.A. in Women's Studies and Psychology, from the University of Michigan. Email her at bfrank@american.edu.

Sharra E. Greer is the policy director at Children's Law Center. She joined Children's Law Center as its first policy director in 2008, shaping a program that takes lessons learned from representing individual clients to advocate for city-wide changes that better serve the District's vulnerable children. Previously, Ms. Greer developed the policy department at Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, where she created and supervised that department, and supervised the group's successful legal services and impact litigation efforts. That work led to the repeal of the ban on service in the military by members of the LGBT community known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Ms. Greer began her legal services work while at Rutgers Law School, when she worked at Camden Regional Legal Services. After law school, Ms. Greer was an associate with the firm of Weissman & Mintz, specializing in plaintiffs' side employment discrimination and labor law. She left Weissman & Mintz to serve as a staff attorney with the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP). She also helped design and create Lawyers Serving Warriors, a program which provides

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