

Pace Women's Justice Center

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Description of Organization

The Pace Women's Justice Center is a not-for-profit legal services provider which has been part of the Westchester Community for over twenty years. The Center envision a community working together to create a just, safe, and supportive environment for victims and survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse. Through coordinated efforts to raise awareness, disseminate information, provide direct legal services, and develop strategies with community partners for recognizing and eradicating abuse, the Pace Women's Justice Center seeks to provide vulnerable members of our community with the tools needed to move forward in their lives with dignity, confidence and renewed strength. The Center has a number of different innovative legal programs (all free of charge) directed at victims and survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse. Our programs are designed specifically to meet the growing needs of the community, and we continue to seek new ways in which to expand our services and client base.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family Court Legal Program – Provide free emergency legal services to individuals on a walk-in basis at the Center's two satellite offices in the Family Courts in White Plains and Yonkers. Individuals eligible for services are victims of domestic violence seeking relief in the form of orders of protection, petitions for custody, child support and paternity, when applicable.

Uncontested Divorce Project - Provide free legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence seeking an uncontested divorce. These cases involve clients who have limited assets. If there are minor children of the marriage, custody and support issues have been already resolved. Under the supervision of the Center's attorneys, volunteers interview clients, prepare paperwork, file papers with the Court, arrange for service on the defendant, and submit final judgment of divorce to the Court.

[Helpline](#) - Provide free brief legal information and guidance to callers. The HelpLine receives over 2,000 calls each year. The Center's *pro bono* attorneys respond to each phone call promptly and with the sensitivity demanded by callers who may be victims and survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.

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Areas of Substantive Law

Family Law, Elder Law, Domestic Violence, and Elder Abuse

General Notes

Capacity: PWJC has the capacity to supervise and manage additional volunteers. Volunteers work at the Center's main office on the Pace Law School Campus, as well as the two satellite offices in the Family Courts in White Plains and Yonkers.

Experience: Previous experience in substantive law is preferred, but not required.

Supervision: The PWJC provides direct supervision for each volunteer program. Volunteers meet with supervising attorneys on a regular basis.

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