



Annual Report 2022



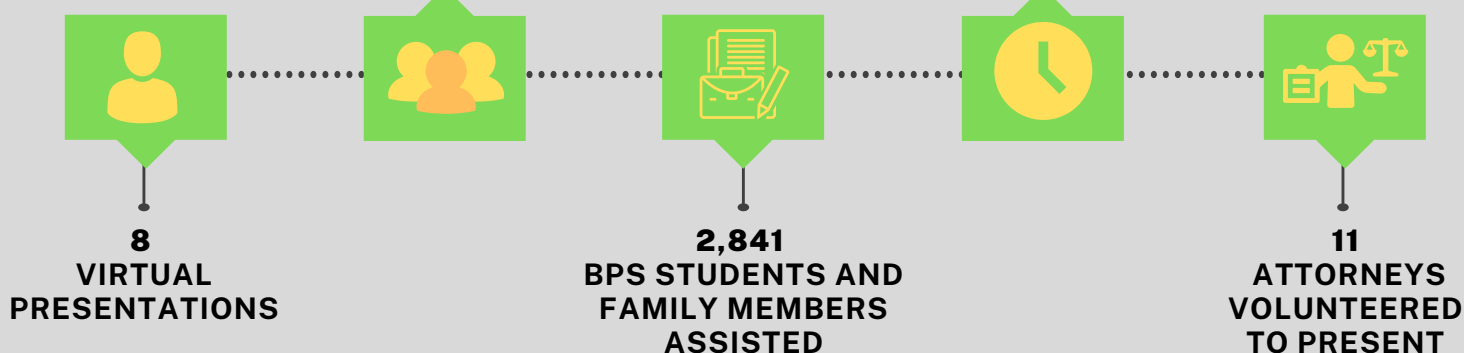
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

This report summarizes the 8th year of VLP's partnership with Say Yes Buffalo. During this school year, we continued our virtual presentations through the Virtual Academy sessions. We provided current information on previously covered topics such as Housing and Unemployment Benefits as COVID 19 related legislation was coming to an end. We presented on new topics as well such as Immigration and End of Life Planning. We continue to provide free legal services through our dedicated Helplines to BPS students and families. We hope to move towards a hybrid model in the upcoming school, providing both virtual and in-person services.

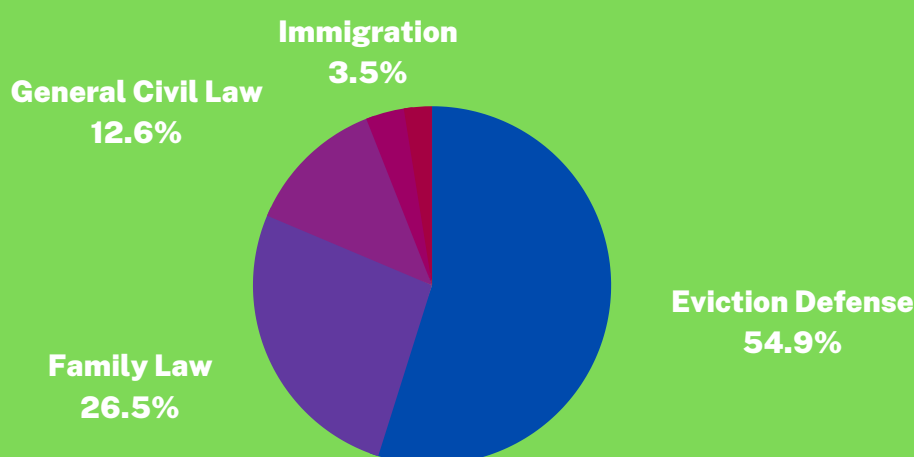
YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

OVER 5,000 VIEWS

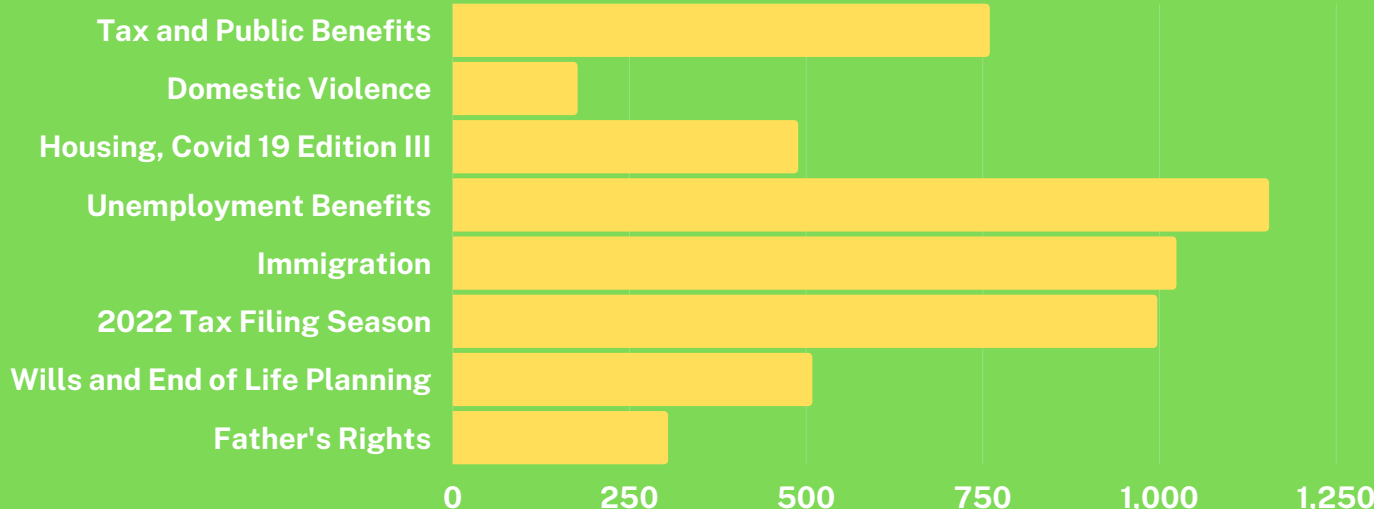
780 CASES OPENED



LEGAL ISSUES SERVED



CASES



REACH

STORIES OF OUR CLIENTS

Our client was a recent widow, mother of two with a disability. Her family was facing eviction from their home due to non-payment of rent. Her late husband had applied for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program but their application was still pending.

We successfully negotiated with the landlord to allow time for ERAP to pay the landlord. The ERAP application was approved allowing the client and her children to remain in their home.

Our client was the father of a 7th grader who needed special education services. Although the father had full-time custody since the child's birth, paternity was never established and the mother had since passed away. Because of this, the father was unable to sign for these required school services.

Our client had difficulty navigating the court system as the courts were still operating virtually under COVID 19 protocols. He also worked full-time as a factory worker. With the help of a Say Yes Buffalo Family Support Specialist, we were able to assist the client and obtain a court order establishing paternity. The father was then able to sign off on the much-needed educational services for his son.

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We were shocked and saddened by the racially motivated murders that occurred on May 14th, 2022 at the Jefferson Avenue Tops Market. During this time of tragedy, our City of Good Neighbors stood with each other in strength, providing support and services to those in need. Through our continued partnership, VLP will continue to provide legal services to those affected by this tragedy as they face unexpected legal challenges.



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