



October is an important month for us at Lakeshore Legal Aid because it's Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the strength of domestic violence survivors while also acknowledging the lasting effects of abuse in our communities. Advocating for survivors in court and amplifying their voices out of court are incredibly powerful ways that we fight to end poverty and injustice.

October also marks Pro Bono Appreciation Month and we are grateful at Lakeshore to have a team of over 100 dedicated and passionate pro bono attorneys. By volunteering their time and expertise to Lakeshore clients, these attorneys provide an invaluable service to those who would otherwise not be able to afford legal representation. To our Pro Bono Team - thank you for all that you do!



BY THE NUMBERS



**1 in 3 women will experience physical violence
by an intimate partner in their lifetime.**

(National Network to End Domestic Violence)

38%

**of all victims of domestic violence will
be homeless at some point in their lives.**

(National Network to End Domestic Violence)

Percentage of Transgender or gender non-conforming people who have experienced domestic violence:
(National Center for Transgender Equality)

54%

45%

of Black women have experienced sexual or physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner. For Black men, 40%.

(UJIMA: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community)

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233 or text START to 88788



LEGALLY SPEAKING

On this episode of *Legally Speaking*, Lakeshore CEO Ashley Lowe discusses domestic abuse with retired judge Richard Halloran, chief FOC referee Brian Nicholas, and Executive Director of the Michigan Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence Sarah Prout Rennie. For the full *Legally Speaking* library, check out our YouTube page!

PRO BONO IMPACT

Watch Lakeshore volunteer attorney Erika Lorraine Bryant discuss her impact as an attorney for a domestic violence survivor seeking a divorce. Our pro bono story series on YouTube highlights some of the powerful work happening at Lakeshore.



"Life is not a spectator sport. I knew if I wanted to see things change for the better, I had to roll up my sleeves and get busy."
-Rick Pacynski

PRO BONO HERO

Lakeshore's 2022 Pro Bono Hero Award Recipient is Rick Pacynski! Rick uses his many years of legal experience to take on complex cases and go above and beyond for our clients, contributing over 90 volunteer hours in 2021. Thank you, Rick, for your dedication, passion, and advocacy!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On October 4th, Lakeshore's pro bono team hosted an expungement clinic at the Hoops for Troops Rally Point fair. Veterans with old criminal convictions met with our attorneys to start clearing their records. An expunged record opens up opportunities for employment, housing, and more.

Co-hosted by the John D. Dingell VA and the Detroit Pistons, this annual event attracted hundreds of Michigan veterans at the Pistons practice facility in Detroit. Thank you to our pro bono team and to all of our community partners who made this event possible!



EVENTS

Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP)

- Pro bono drop-in family law clinic
- Upcoming Dates:
 - November 30
 - January 4
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Oakland County Friend of the Court Building (230 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Pontiac, MI)
- Scan QR code for eligibility information and list of necessary documentation



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