



Women's Law Project

Defending Equality Since 1974

Women's Law Project Honored by Allegheny County Council for 50 Years of Fighting for Gender Equality & Justice in Pennsylvania

WLP recognized for "tireless efforts to leverage the power of the law to eliminate gender bias and discrimination."

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PENNSYLVANIA // May 3, 2024 – Allegheny County Council issued a proclamation honoring Women's Law Project as we kick off celebrating our 50 years as the only independent state-based public interest legal center explicitly devoted to expanding and protecting gender equality and justice in Pennsylvania.

The [proclamation](#), issued as we launch our anniversary celebrations, recognizes that we use an intersectional analysis to determine our priorities and center reproductive freedom as the keystone to our work, which is focused on eliminating discrimination in healthcare, education, athletics, employment, public benefits, insurance, and family law, and seeking justice for survivors of gender-based violence.

"Our work is directly informed by the experiences of our courageous clients," says co-executive director Susan J. Frietsche. "I moved to Allegheny County and founded the Pittsburgh office in 2002 so that we could better serve the good people of Western Pennsylvania, so for our work to be recognized by my local Council is particularly rewarding."

"We are the little legal nonprofit that could," says co-executive director Amal Bass, who is based in the Philadelphia office. "We don't receive public funding and as an independent state-based organization, we can't rely on a national endowment. I can't tell you how incredibly proud we are of being powered by the people we exist to serve and of 50 years of high-impact legal victories and direct assistance that have improved the lives of countless Pennsylvanians."

Women's Law Project kicks off our 50th anniversary celebration on Friday, May 3 at the annual Rights to Realities gala at the Wyndham Grand at 600 Commonwealth Plaza in downtown Pittsburgh.

Registration and details [are here](#).

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