

# REFORM IS AT OUR CORE

STANDING ON THE  
SHOULDERS OF OUR  
NATION'S GREAT CIVIL  
RIGHTS HEROES

Out of the ashes of the 1968 riots, a consortium of District of Columbia law schools created LAW STUDENTS IN COURT to respond to the crisis in legal services for the poor. We've been leveling the playing field ever since, representing thousands of low-income residents each year and reaching hundreds more through outreach programs and community legal education.

## A Unique Model

PLANTING THE SEEDS  
OF JUSTICE

Each year our talented and energetic law students provide valuable legal services while receiving training and hands-on litigation skills at our clinic.

Their contributions allow us to dig deep and expand our reach, leveraging our limited resources to do great work for more clients.

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

1,000  
CLIENTS SERVED  
FOR EVICTIONS &  
HOUSING VIOLATIONS

250  
PEOPLE EDUCATED  
AT TENANT RIGHTS  
WORKSHOPS

120  
ADULTS & CHILDREN  
KEPT OUT OF PRISON

95%  
CRIMINAL DEFENSE  
CLIENTS DISMISSED  
OR ACQUITTED

500  
CRIMINAL RECORDS  
ANALYZED FOR ELIGIBILITY

2,500  
PEOPLE INFORMED  
ABOUT DISTRICT  
RECORD-SEALING LAWS

30,000  
HOURS VOLUNTEERED  
BY STUDENT ATTORNEYS

FIERCE COMPASSIONATE  
ADVOCATES.

STUDENTS OF JUSTICE.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM Fighting to End Mass Incarceration

It's a sad truth that people impacted by the criminal justice system are overwhelmingly poor, disproportionately of color, and often grappling with mental illness. Every day we see the collateral damage they suffer from unfair charges and arrests. Since 1972, our criminal defense attorneys have protected the rights of indigent men, women, and children accused of crimes—**preserving their dignity and personal liberties.**

## SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING Keeping Families Together

In a rapidly gentrifying city, diminished access to affordable housing poses a dire problem to low-income District residents. Our clients live in deplorable conditions, often at the mercy of unscrupulous landlords. We help tenants understand their rights and get a fair chance in court. **It can make the difference between a family staying in their home or living on the street.**

## THE EXPUNGEMENT PROJECT Giving People a Fresh Start

For thousands of District residents, a criminal record is a substantial burden that thwarts their best efforts to thrive. The Expungement Project addresses this injustice. We help people clear their records of arrests, charges, and convictions. **The demand for expungements is huge.** With help from community partners, our clients become better informed and equipped to move forward with their lives.

## WE'RE OUT AND ABOUT

Our community organizer advocates for restorative justice at public rallies and hearings. Social work students coach youth and other vulnerable clients through field placements with our clinic. Pro bono attorneys assist with intakes at re-entry and workforce development partner sites. **These collective efforts strengthen the bonds of trust in the neighborhoods we serve.**

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**EQUALITY**  
**FAIRNESS**  
**JUSTICE**

**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Please call Executive Director Moses Cook, 202.607.2224.

**ABOUT THE ART**

*The Spirit of Men* (2004) and *Basketball* (2010) by Tim Davis.  
Mr. Davis is an artist and founder-owner of International Visions  
Gallery in Washington, DC. Pricing available upon request.  
[www.inter-visions.com](http://www.inter-visions.com)



**Bob Dylan**  
Nobel Prize  
Laureate

I see my light come shining  
From the west unto the east.  
Any day now, any day now  
I shall be released.

**LAW SCHOOL PARTNERS**

American University Washington College of Law  
The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law  
The George Washington University Law School  
Georgetown University Law Center  
Howard University School of Law  
UDC David A. Clarke School of Law

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**IN COURT**