

# VOLUNTEER

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## LEGAL CLINIC

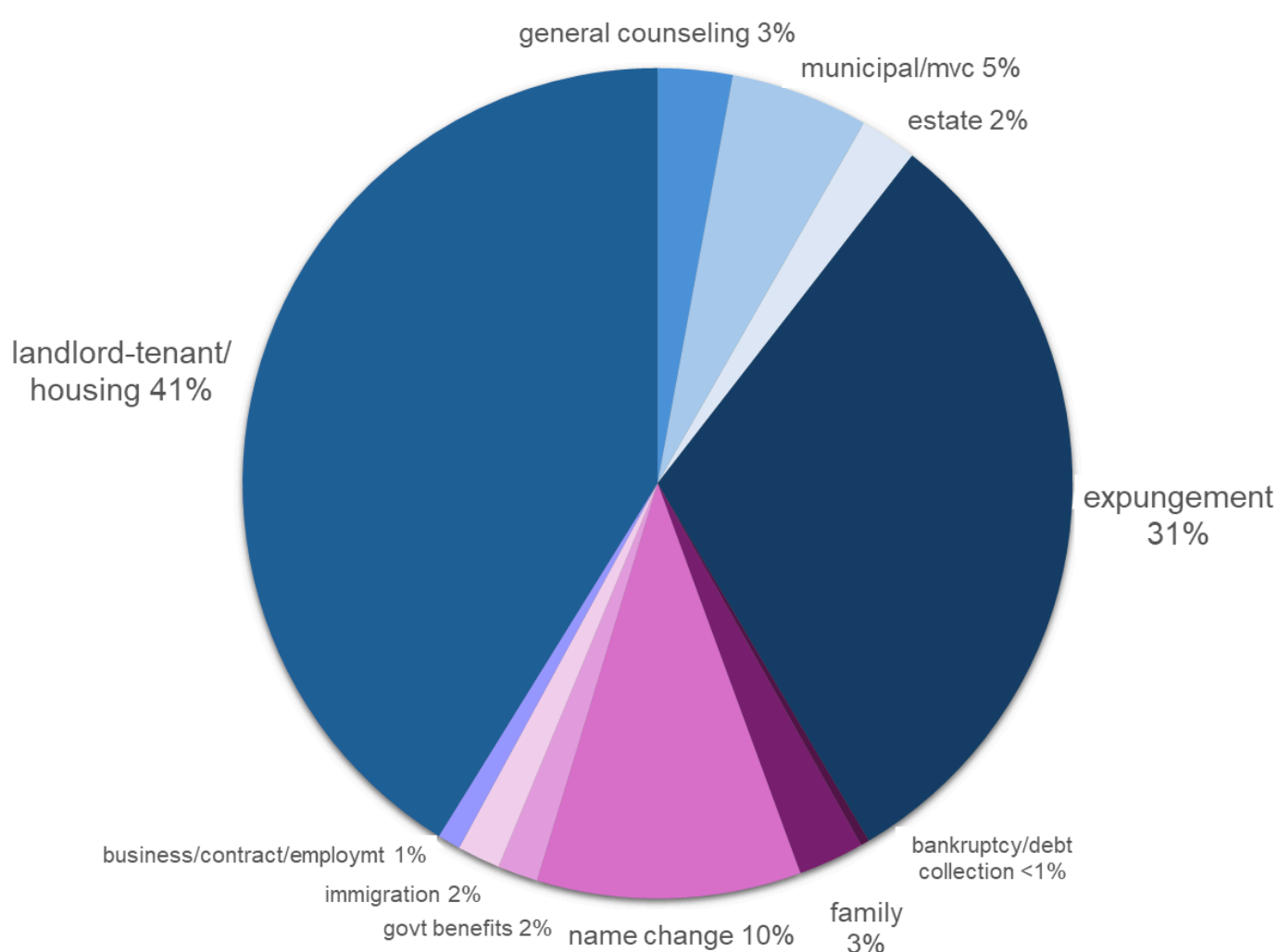
# 2024

## 894 CLIENTS SERVED

## Making Connections in South Jersey

Volunteer UP Legal Clinic's mission is to Uplift and empower communities of South Jersey through legal representation, advocacy, and community awareness. The Clinic connects individuals and families facing legal barriers with specialized staff and dedicated volunteer attorneys who provide high-quality pro bono legal services to those most in need. Volunteer UP is committed to creating a more just landscape in which all those in South Jersey will have access to quality legal services.

### Types of Cases - 2024



### 2024 ATTORNEY ENGAGEMENT

#### Matters referred to 99 pro bono attorneys from

- Archer ▪ Ted Baker Law ▪ Ballard Spahr ▪ Brown & Connery ▪ Burns White ▪ Campbell's ▪ Capehart Scatchard ▪ Chen Gray Law ▪ Cohler Law ▪ Cozen O'Connor ▪ Law Office of David Paul Daniels ▪ DeCosmo Law ▪ DiMarino, Lehrer & Collazo ▪ Domers, Bonamassa, & Farrow ▪ Donelson, D'Alessandro, & Peterson ▪ Duane Morris ▪ Earp Cohn ▪ Garty Law Firm ▪ Hyland Levin ▪ Keating Law Firm ▪ LeVan Stapleton ▪ Madden & Tufano ▪ McDowell Law ▪ Mintzer Sarowitz ▪ Montgomery McCracken ▪ J Moore Law ▪ Murray Law Group ▪ Nash Perez ▪ NJ American Water ▪ NJ OPD ▪ Raymond Coleman Heinold ▪ Rutgers Law ▪ Law Office of Christopher St. John ▪ Stradley Ronon ▪ Subaru ▪ Taylor Boguski ▪ TD Bank ▪ Troutman Pepper ▪ Weinberg, Kaplan, & Smith ▪ Weissman & Mintz ▪ Weitz & Luxenberg ▪ Whatley Griffin Law Firm ▪ White and Williams ▪ Williams Alston Law ▪ Wish

### FOCUS IN 2024

#### EVICTION DIVERSION

Through a grant from NJ's **Division of Consumer Affairs Comprehensive Eviction Defense and Diversion (CEDD) Program**, in partnership with **Family Promise of Southwest NJ**, Staff Attorneys **Patricia K. O'Connor, Esq., Ph.D.** & **Kaitlyn Owens, Esq.** assisted **340 tenants**, in Vicinages III & XV, where they piloted a **same-day access to counsel** program in Landlord-Tenant Court to serve individuals and families who had been unable to navigate themselves to available rental assistance and/or to mount a viable defense to eviction proceedings.

#### RECORD EXPUNGEMENT

To serve the community and provide South Jersey attorneys with an opportunity to give back, Volunteer UP again partnered with **Archer & Greiner** to host an Expungement Clinic at **Camden County College's** Camden campus for MLK Day of Service with the support and generous cooperation of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office and the Office of the Public Defender. **145 people** were able to speak to a lawyer that day about the possibility of expungement in light of their particular circumstances, thanks to **25 volunteers**. Those numbers have already increased in 2025 with the addition of Staff Attorney **Kate Doyle, Esq.**, whose practice concentrates on reentry and community outreach, and **Elizabeth Gallagher, Esq.**, who is focused on programs and development clinic-wide.

For resources, or to get involved, visit:

[www.volunteeruplegalclinic.org](http://www.volunteeruplegalclinic.org)

or contact Executive Director Patricia A. Legge, Esq., LMSW at [PLegge@volunteeruplegalclinic.org](mailto:PLegge@volunteeruplegalclinic.org)

Proud recipient of:

**Nat'l Ass'n of Women Business Owners SJ NonProfit of the Year Award**

**NonProfit Development Center of Southern NJ NPO Executive of the Year Award**

**Oaks Integrated Care Rooted in Community Award**