

**URBAN
JUSTICE
CENTER**

Domestic
Violence
Project

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024





INTRODUCTION

In Fiscal Year 2024, DVP continued to serve its clientele with thousands of new and completed cases. From expanding our partnerships to new organizations and resource centers, to connecting with international organizations halfway around the world, the reach and impact of DVP are growing stronger by the day.

Thanks to supporters like you, we've made incredible progress in assisting and providing for survivors. Together, we've made enormous strides in helping survivors of intimate partner violence and their children live a life free from abuse.

Read on to see how our collective work has made an impact across numerous communities in New York City and beyond.

AN IMPACTFUL YEAR

1694

SURVIVORS DIRECTLY SERVED
THROUGH FAMILY LAW, IMMIGRATION
LAW, AND ADVOCACY

4278

LIVES IMPACTED, INCLUDING
SURVIVORS' CHILDREN AND
HOUSEHOLDS


3265

ACTIVE CASES

1625

NEW CASES
OPENED

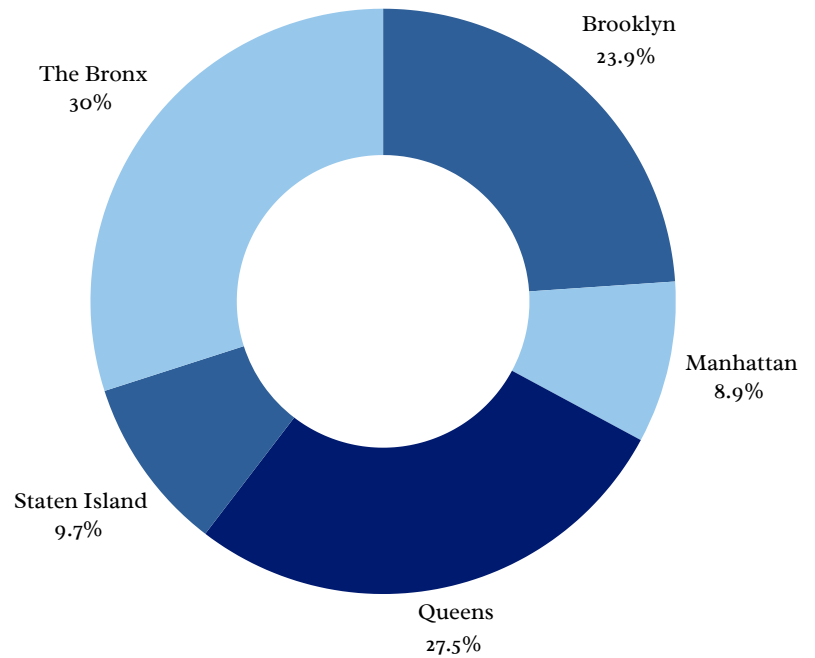




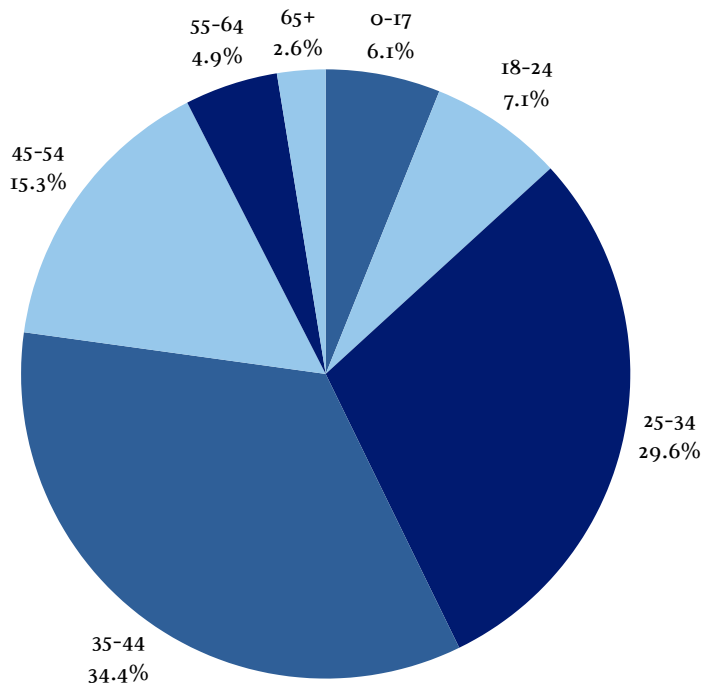
WHO WE SERVE

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WHERE THEY LIVE

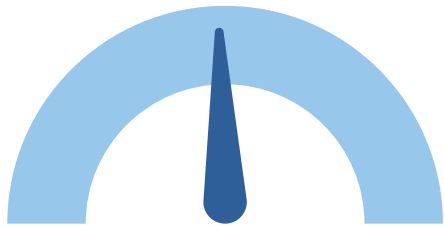
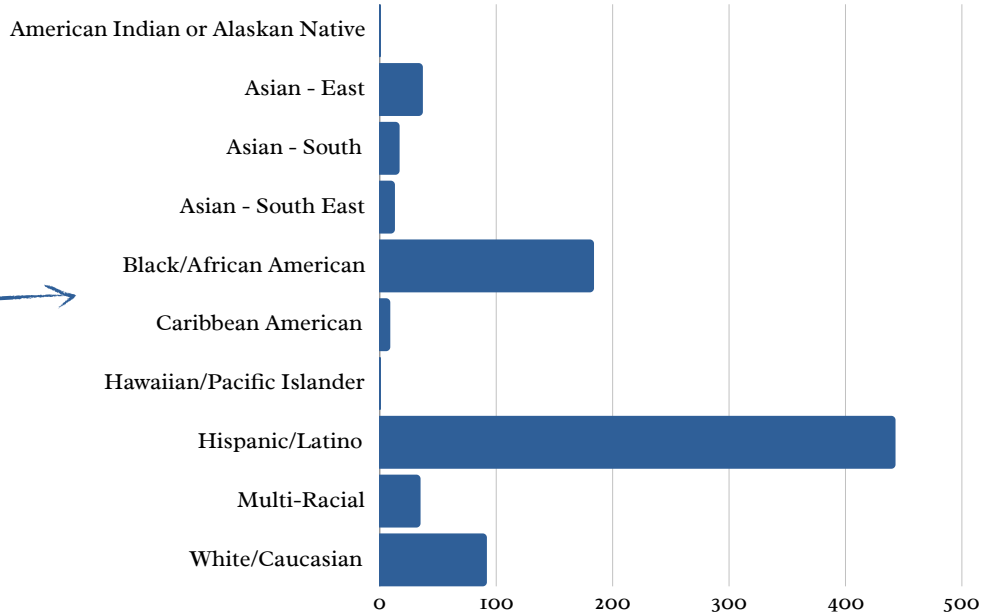


HOW OLD THEY ARE



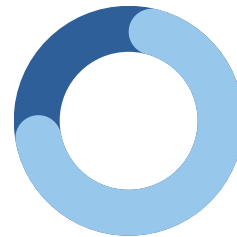
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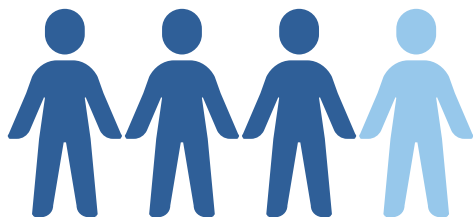
49%

OF CLIENTS WHO ARE NON-CITIZENS



76%

OF CLIENTS WHO LIVE WITH ONE OR MORE DEPENDENTS.



NEARLY 3/4

OF CLIENTS AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL



14%

OF CLIENTS WITH A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY



**HOW WE
HELPED**

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2030
PEOPLE REACHED



313
OUTREACH
EVENTS

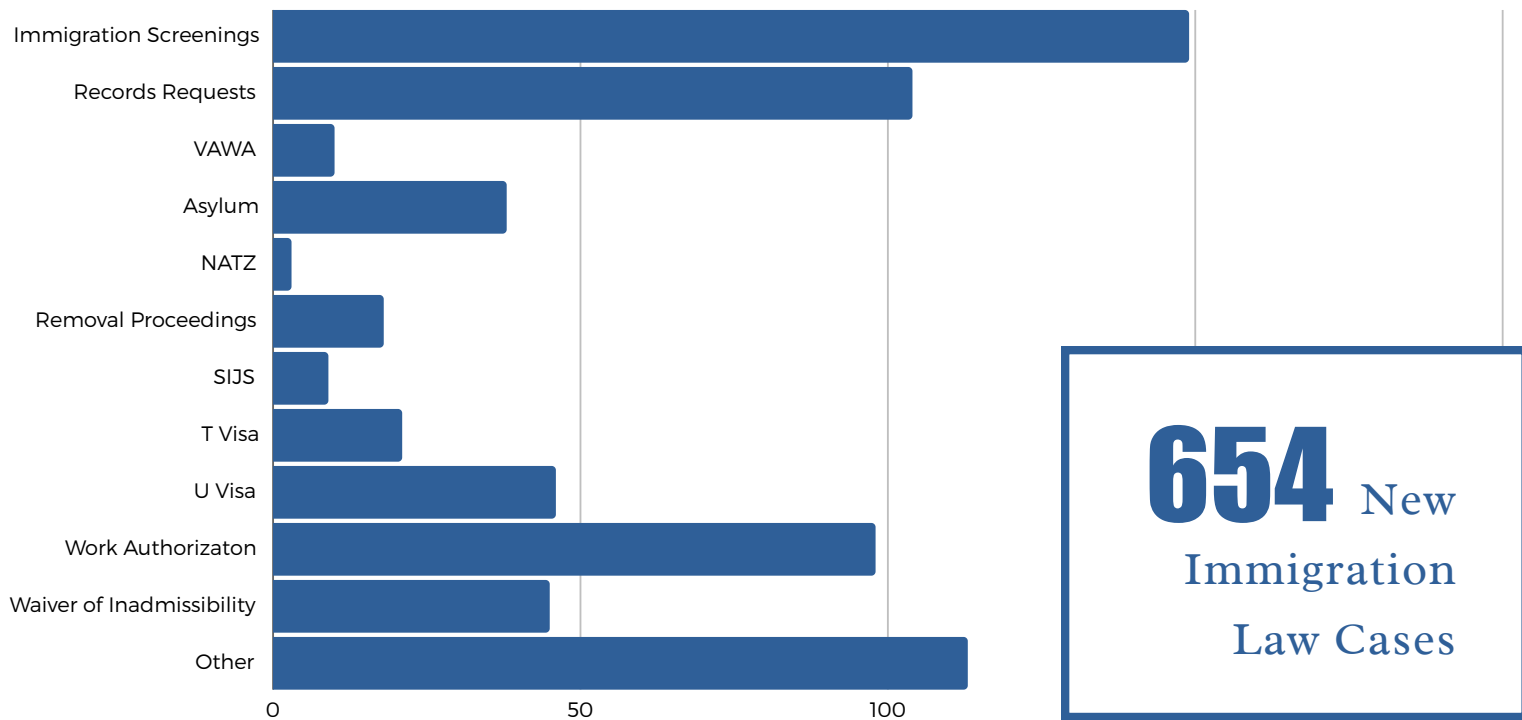
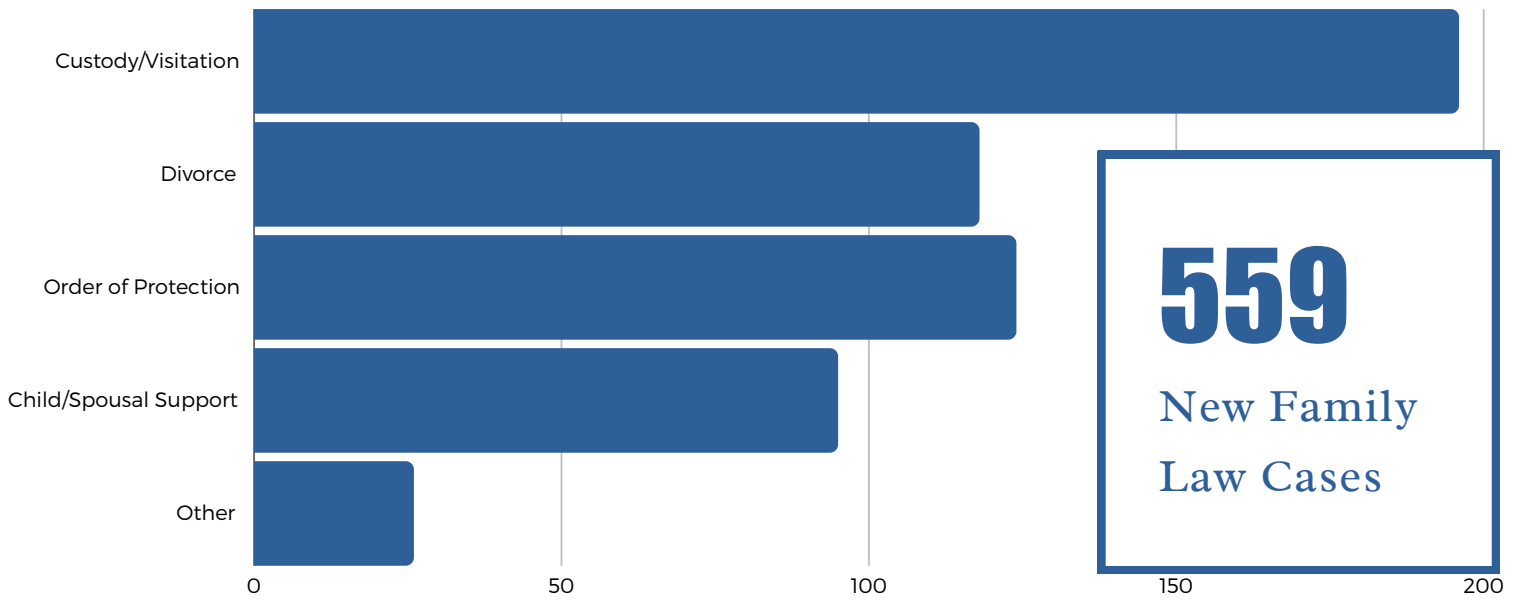
227
FAMILY LAW
CLINICS

35
IMMIGRATION
CLINICS

14
TRAINING
SESSIONS

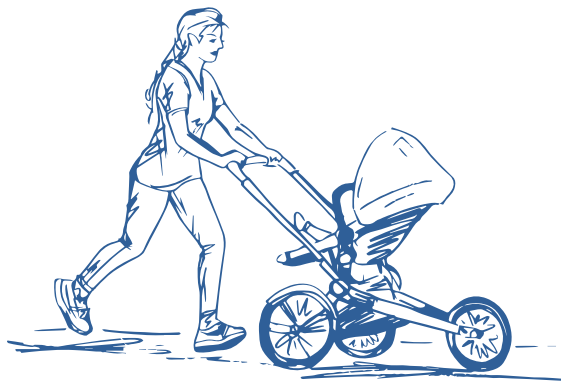


HOW WE HELPED



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344 New Advocacy and Case Management Cases, Including:



Intake Assistance

Safety Planning

Crisis Intervention

Information and Education

Legal Advocacy

ACS Advocacy

Benefits Assistance

Financial Literacy

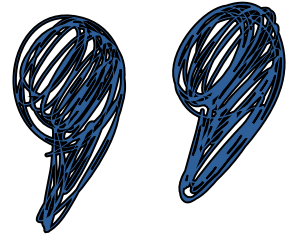
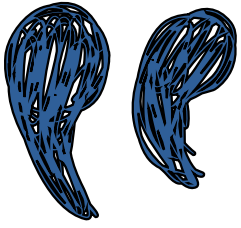
Job Readiness

Mental Health Support

Direct Assistance

Support Groups and Workshops

HOW WE HELPED



LETTER FROM A SURVIVOR:

“In this humble note, I want to express who I was and who I am now thanks to the work of the Urban Justice Center Domestic Violence Project.

I want to thank the staff, especially Maria and my attorney. I came to this country not with a backpack full of clothes or money, but rather with a great weight of pain that made me feel trapped and so small. Sometimes I would even wish for death to end the nightmare; my heart could no longer beat from so much pain.

Now, while the problems don’t stop, the help of the Urban Justice Center has helped me feel so much better and stronger — and I want to help other people, too.”





SUCCESS STORIES

INTAKE FROM UZBEKISTAN

BACKGROUND

When Uzbekistan passed a groundbreaking law criminalizing domestic violence in April of 2023, dozens of local NGOs immediately went to work leveraging the new power to help survivors in their country. Many of these cases included immigrants to the US and dual citizens locked in abusive situations and binational custody battles.

DVP'S ROLE

DVP was referred to one of these local NGOs, Nihol, who sought a collaboration with us to expand their work and legal practice in Uzbekistan. We began assisting on cases that had a US-based legal component, including obtaining custody orders, child support orders, or even immigration assistance.

THE IMPACT

DVP and Nihol have partnered on several cases so far, each with its unique cross-continental complexity working with this underserved population. In one notable case, we were able to overturn a child support order from Uzbekistan to protect a client from being unnecessarily arrested so she could return to her home country to pick up her children.

MERCY FIRST PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Mercy First is a New York-based nonprofit organization and social services agency that conducts trauma-informed interventions for thousands of clients around the city. Many of their clients include survivors of IPV seeking legal protections.

DVP'S ROLE

In January 2024, DVP and Mercy First developed a formal partnership creating a pipeline for the social services agency to refer survivors to DVP from their Brooklyn and Queens offices. We also trained Mercy First's frontline staff on immigration issues crucial to our shared population as part of this growing and ongoing partnership .

THE IMPACT

Part of a NYC HRA Immigration Pilot program, this partnership allows DVP to better reach immigrant survivors already seeking services at agencies like Mercy First, while giving local providers the means to connect clients with legal expertise. This ensures survivors and their families get the full scope of support they need to thrive.

THANK YOU TO OUR FISCAL YEAR 24 LEADERSHIP SUPPORTERS

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KPMG

The Mayor's Office to End Gender Based Violence

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

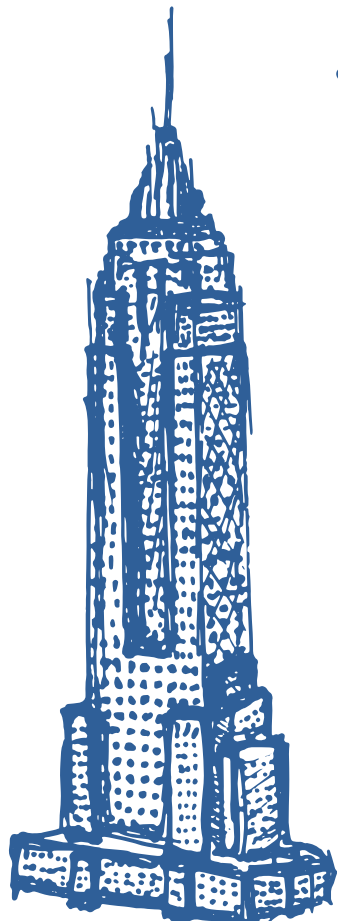
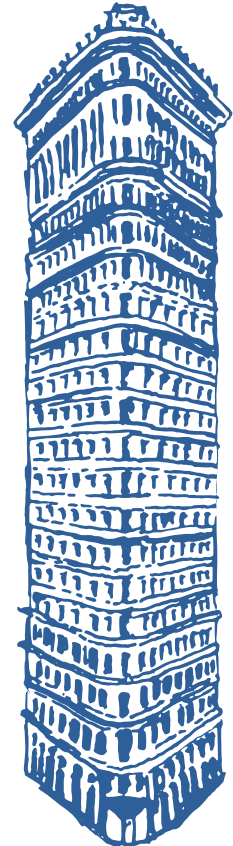
New York Bar Foundation

New York City Council Discretionary Funding

New York City Council DoVE Initiative Funding

New York City Department of Youth and
Community Development

New York City Human Resources Administration



New York State Interest on Lawyers' Account

New York State Office of Children and
Family Services

New York State Office of Court Administration

New York State Office for the Prevention of
Domestic Violence

New York State Office of Victim Services

Schulte, Roth and Zabel, LLP

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

Thrive Causemetics

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO DVP'S NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Leadership Council was formally established in early 2024, bringing together a passionate group of NYC professionals to help advance DVP's mission through strategy, outreach, and philanthropy. We are grateful for the dedication of our Council Members:

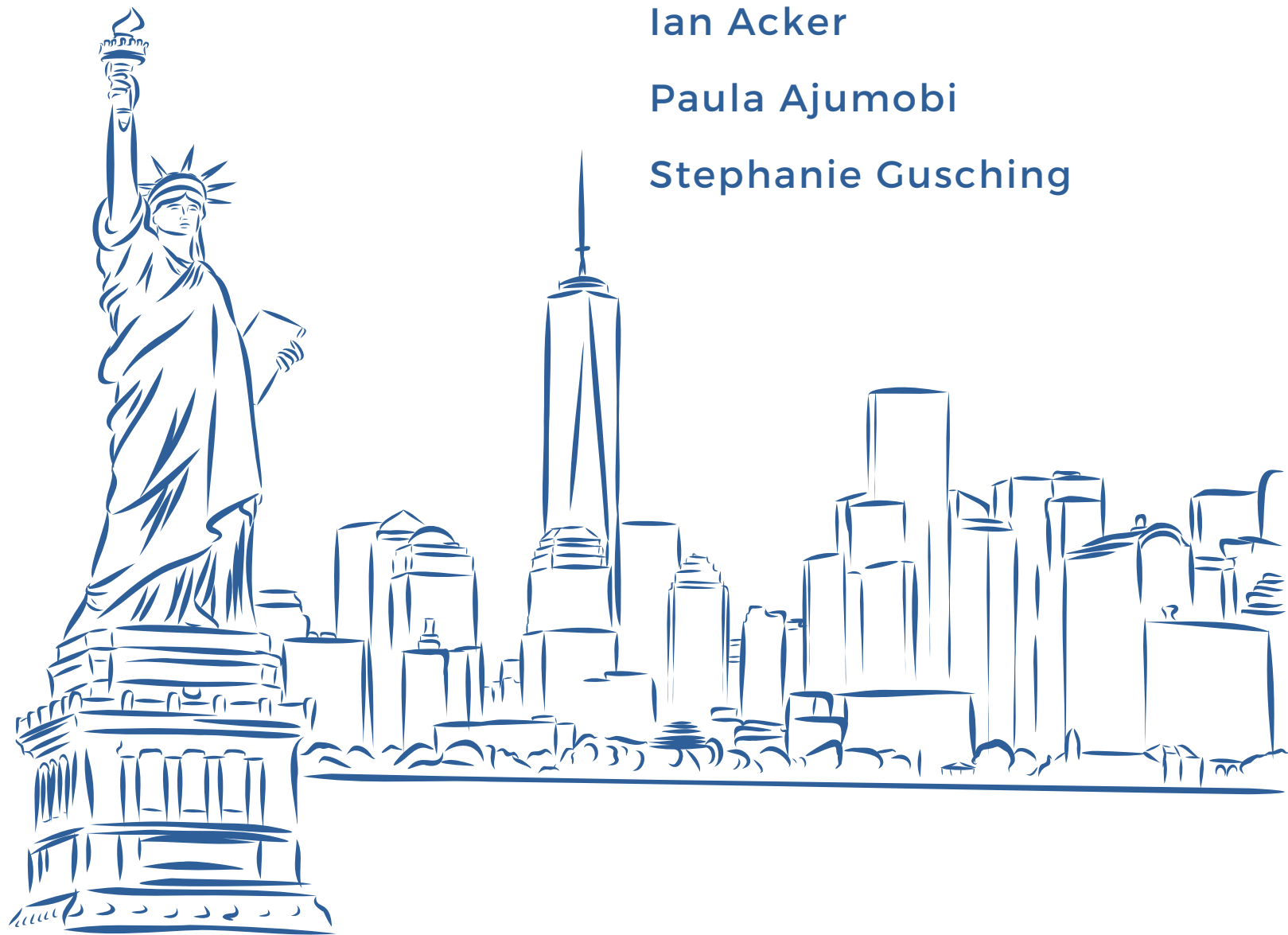
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Kristine B. Abrenica

Ian Acker

Paula Ajumobi

Stephanie Gusching



**ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT
DVP,**

THANK YOU

**FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT
IN ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR**



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