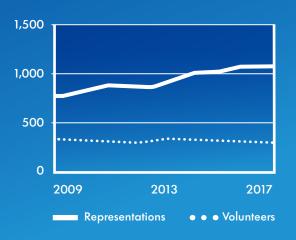
As our caseload increases every year, the need for Child Advocates Volunteer Attorneys is critical. A typical case may last 2-3 years requiring about 2-10 hours of pro bono service per month. The payoff can't be measured. You can make a real impact.







#### **VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONAL LIFE**

- LARGE LAW FIRM 37.50%
- MEDIUM/SMALL LAW FIRM 23.81%
- SOLO PRACTITIONER 11.31%
- CORPORATION 10.71%
- OTHER 7.74%
- **GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC INTEREST 6.55%**
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION 2.38%





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### **CHANGE THE STORY.**

# THE END OF INJUSTICE **IS THE START OF** HEALING

No child should experience trauma and abuse. Small steps can make a real impact. Become a Child Advocates Volunteer Attorney.

# WE NEED **YOUR HELP**

9,000+ children are involved in Philadelphia's child welfare system

Child Advocates serves 1,000+ of these children

WHY LAWYERS TAKE OUR CASES To make a difference in the 85% life of a child Personal fulfillment

**59%** Sense of duty to public service



**Overall Volunteer** Attorney satisfaction

# **HOW IT** WORKS

- Attend our "How to Handle a Child Abuse Case" training and earn 6.5 CLE credits.
- Observe court proceedings and take a tour of the Philadelphia Family Court.
- Submit your background clearances.
- Accept your first case!
- Attend the Initial Case Meeting with your Child Advocates team to spot issues and strategize.
- Meet your client.
- Prep for your first hearing.
- Appear in court with the Child Advocates Social Worker.
- Represent your client and take small steps for a real impact.



Everyone plays a vital role in changing the story for the child. Our staff social workers and lawyers team with our Child Advocates Volunteer Attorneys to ensure every client receives the highest quality legal representation and social service advocacy to address emotional, physical, educational and behavioral health needs. Everyone works together to seek the best possible outcome for our clients.

## WHAT YOU GET

- A team consisting of a masters-level social worker and a consulting staff attorney
- Initial training and ongoing support
- Malpractice insurance
- Ongoing training opportunities with free CLEs
- Court experience, client contact and negotiation skills building
- The chance to make a difference in the life of a child



Child Advocates represented Jessica after she faced sexual assault by an older cousin. We stood by Jessica through the criminal prosecution and advocated for her placement in the supportive care of her grandmother where she could heal and move forward.



### MINA 2

At just four months old, Mina experienced severe abuse at the hands of her parents. We stepped in to advocate for her extensive medical care and discharge to her nurturing aunt where Mina is now happy and safe.



# **AMBER**

When Amber was born premature with drugs in her system to an addicted mother, Child Advocates advocated for a safe foster placement while her mother received treatment. After her mother successfully completed treatment, Amber was returned to her care. Amber is now thriving as a healthy toddler.

### JASON 4

When Jason was airlifted to the hospital with serious injuries sustained as a result of abuse by his father, we advocated for his placement in a specialized medical foster home while simultaneously planning for reunification with his mother.