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Equal Justice Works Selects NVRDC to Host Victims' Rights Fellow

Heba Estafanous joins NVRDC as Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow

WASHINGTON, DC—June 25, 2018—The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC), a non-profit organization providing services to victims of crime in Washington, DC, is proud to announce it has been selected by Equal Justice Works as a host organization for the non-profit's inaugural Crime Victims Justice Corps (CVJC) Legal Fellowship program.

NVRDC welcomed Heba Estafanous on June 15, 2018 as NVRDC's CVJC Fellow. Prior to law clerkships at DC Superior Court, Ms. Estefanous attended law school at The George Washington University where she developed the school's Cyber-Violence Project and worked with justice-centered organizations Tahirih Justice Center, Human Rights First, and Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project.

"It's an honor to be selected as the Equal Justice Works CVJC Fellow and to work alongside the incredible advocates and attorneys at NVRDC," remarked Ms. Estafanous. "Through this opportunity, I will provide legal assistance to campus survivors of sexual assault, identity theft and fraud victims, victims of hate crimes, and immigrant victims. I am passionate about this work and excited to serve these survivors."

Since 1992, Equal Justice Works' Fellowship Program has deployed top-performing recent law school graduates to spend two years working to provide legal services to low-income and underserved populations. As the nation's largest provider of post-graduate legal Fellowships, Equal Justice Works demonstrates its commitment to equal justice by breaking down barriers that prevent talented attorneys from pursuing public interest careers and has supported over 1700 attorneys with the funding, training, and guidance to pursue their dreams and emerge as leaders in this area of practice.

In February 2018, Equal Justice Works announced the launch of the CVJC, a two-year program that will provide civil legal services to victims of crime and uphold victims' rights. The program, which is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and private match funding, supports legal Fellows in their work with crime victims to enforce their rights and address the issues arising from their victimization, such as employment, housing, immigration, and loss of medical care and benefits.

"Given NVRDC's work to advance the enforcement of crime victims' rights in the District of Columbia over the past six years, we are encouraged by the dedicated effort from Equal Justice Works and OVC to grow the crime victims' rights legal field across the country," stated Bridgette Stumpf, Executive Director at NVRDC. "This initiative validates the importance of legal advocacy to minimize the negative consequences of crime and NVRDC is thrilled to host a Fellow locally and we look forward to seeing the positive impact Heba will make in her clients' lives."

About Equal Justice Works

Equal Justice Works is the national leader in creating public interest opportunities for law students and lawyers. Collaborating with the nation's leading law schools, law firms, corporate legal departments, and nonprofit organizations. Equal Justice Works offers a continuum of opportunities that provide the training and skills that enable attorneys to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes. Equal Justice Works is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For additional information about Equal Justice Works, please visit www.equaljusticeworks.org.

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About NVRDC

The Network for Victim Recovery of DC's mission is to empower victims of all crimes to achieve survivor-defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management and legal services. By providing wraparound services that address the totality of an individual's needs, NVRDC prioritizes holistic, multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of all types of crime in Washington, DC. To learn more about NVRDC, please visit www.nvrdc.org.