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## DC Affordable Law Firm Receives First Time Grant Award from the Principal® Foundation

**WASHINGTON, DC** — DC Affordable Law Firm (DCALF) is pleased to announce that they have received \$100,000 in grant funding from Principal® Foundation. This is the first time DCALF has received funding support from the Principal Foundation.

DCALF believes all community members deserve access to justice, and income should never be a barrier to an individual or family's receipt of high-quality legal representation. DCALF serves DC residents who do not qualify for traditional forms of free legal aid and cannot afford costly legal representation in three practice areas: Family Law, Immigration Law, and Probate Law.

The Principal Foundation provides philanthropic support to programs that build financial security in the communities where the Principal Financial Group® operates. Principal Foundation grants target community organizations and social enterprises with funding that focus on basic needs and financial empowerment, including financial health, social and cultural connections, and research.

In 2022 DCALF staff delivered more than 18,000 hours of legal services to clients in need in DC, reaching nearly 400 families. DCALF will use this new funding from Principal Foundation to help underwrite the cost of hiring two additional supervising attorneys to support our recent growth and expansion within our existing areas of practice.

"DC Affordable Law Firm is grateful for the Principal Foundation's generosity, commitment to hardworking DC residents, and dedication to expanding access to justice within our community," says DCALF's Executive Director Gabby Mulnick Majewski. "We are excited to put these new dollars to work to seed positions critical to our future growth and sustainability as an organization."

"DC Affordable Law Firm provides civil legal aid that helps individuals and families resolve threats to their financial security," says Jo Christine Miles, director of Principal Foundation and Principal Community Relations. "With the assistance of an attorney, individuals and families can improve their life prospects by resolving legal matters with significant, life-altering financial repercussions, such as eviction, probate, and debt collection, as well as by securing rightfully earned and necessary benefits for veterans, people living with disabilities, and seniors. The Principal Foundation is pleased to support the DC Affordable Law Firm's mission and positively impact the lives of their clients."

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DC Affordable Law Firm’s mission is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality, legal services to DC residents with unmet legal needs who do not qualify for traditional sources of free legal aid and are unable to pay prevailing legal rates. Learn more and get involved at [www.dcaffordablelaw.org](http://www.dcaffordablelaw.org).

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