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## **DC Affordable Law Firm Announces New Pro Bono Partnership Between The Family Law Assistance Network, Davis Polk, and Bank of America**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — DC Affordable Law Firm (DCALF) is excited to announce a new partnership with Davis Polk and Bank of America to offer practical exposure and opportunities for pro bono attorneys to volunteer their time and talents working alongside DCALF’s Family Law Assistance Network (FLAN) attorneys.

FLAN is a collaborative effort between DC Affordable Law Firm, Legal Aid DC, and the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center to provide unrepresented, low-income DC residents with rapid response, short-term legal representation in child custody, visitation, and divorce proceedings in the Domestic Relations Branch of The Superior Court of the District of Columbia. As FLAN’s intake hub, DCALF has received over 2,700 requests for FLAN’s services, with DCALF’s arm of FLAN directly serving more than 850 individuals through FLAN since the network launched in March 2020 at the start of the global pandemic.

Under this pro bono partnership, interested attorneys from Davis Polk and Bank of America have the opportunity to work alongside DCALF’s FLAN attorneys one day per month, providing a unique opportunity for pro bono attorneys to gain practical knowledge on a limited-scope basis.

DC Affordable Law Firm was founded to fill an unmet community need and bridge a critical access to justice gap by delivering a wide array of direct legal services to the 100,000+ DC residents who live in households earning between 200% and 400% of the federal poverty level. This population is typically ineligible for traditional forms of free legal aid, yet unable to afford private counsel. In recent years, DCALF has embraced innovative programming and new service models to expand the provision of free and accessible legal services for community members across DC.

*“Since the creation of FLAN in 2020, we have been inundated by calls from DC residents seeking access to justice in Family Court. These are individuals and families who, without FLAN, would face life-altering legal proceedings like child custody, visitation, and divorce, without representation,”* says DCALF’s Executive Director Gabby Mulnick Majewski. *“We are thrilled to partner with Davis Polk and Bank of America to provide additional support to our clients and give seasoned lawyers the opportunity to explore their passion for public interest law.”*

*“Improved access to family law services is truly a critical need, and we’re so pleased to be partnering with DCALF and Bank of America on this important initiative,”* says Paul J. Nathanson, a partner in Davis Polk’s Litigation Department, who has already participated in several monthly FLAN clinics.

Adds Amanda Vaughn, Deputy General Counsel for Bank of America, *“Honoring our commitment to the communities we serve is core to Bank of America and we are pleased to support DCALF in its mission to provide essential legal services to DC residents that are most in need.”*

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DC Affordable Law Firm is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to deliver justice to modest-income DC residents who do not qualify for traditional sources of free civil legal services and cannot afford standard representation. DCALF’s innovative programming expands access to justice by empowering community members with unmet legal needs while also launching the careers of public interest lawyers committed to accessible justice. Through its dignified no-cost and low-cost representation options, DCALF bridges the gap in legal services, changes DC’s legal landscape, and makes accessible justice a reality. [www.dcaffordablelaw.org](http://www.dcaffordablelaw.org)