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DC Affordable Law Firm’s Executive Director, Gabby Mulnick Majewski, Receives Honorable Mention for the 2023 EXCEL Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement.

WASHINGTON, DC — DC Affordable Law Firm (DCALF) proudly announces that Executive Director Gabby Mulnick Majewski has received an Honorable Mention for the 2023 EXCEL Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. The EXCEL Award honors exceptional nonprofit chief executives in our region, recognizing achievement in the areas of innovation, motivation, community building, ethical integrity, and strategic leadership.

Majewski was hired in early 2020 as DCALF’s first full-time staff executive director. Over the past three years, she has put critical systems and guardrails in place at DCALF to improve efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability, and client and employee satisfaction.

Over the past two years, Majewski more than doubled the size of her team to help meet program demand. She hired DCALF’s first Legal Director, Chief Operating Officer, and Development Manager and recruited new, diverse board members.

Under Majewski’s leadership, DCALF launched an expanded partnership with the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC Law), the only public law school in DC and one of only six American Bar Association-approved law schools at a Historically Black College or University, to grow the diversity of DCALF fellows and staff. She also hired practice area lead attorneys and supervisory attorneys to provide more support to buttress DCALF’s Fellowship program and deliver more case continuity for DCALF clients. Thanks to the increased staff, new partnerships, and new programs established under Majewski’s leadership, DCALF has amplified its community impact, serving more than 480 clients during the organization’s last fiscal year.

These changes were only possible because Majewski has more than tripled the organization's annual revenue by establishing new community-based, philanthropic, and corporate partnerships. She has also invested in pay parity, launching DCALF's first-ever retirement program, improved continuing education support, and increased Bar preparation programming for the DCALF Fellows.

“This Honorable Mention for the EXCEL Award is a testament to every person who has played a role in shaping DCALF from its inception to the remarkable organization it is today,” says

Majewski. *“We are extremely grateful to the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, GRF CPAs & Advisors, and the Selection Committee for offering this award, and believing in our successes to date and our vast potential to keep growing and learning.”*

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DC Affordable Law Firm is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to deliver accessible 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.