

# Economic Justice Project

Ascend Justice's Economic Justice Project offers free legal assistance in the following areas:

## EMPLOYMENT LAW UNDER VICTIMS' ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT (VESSA)



- Representing survivors of domestic or gender-based violence (or family / household members of a survivor) who need to miss work in order to obtain: medical attention; victim services; legal assistance, including going to court; counseling; and safety planning help, including relocation.
- Assisting clients who need reasonable accommodations at work to feel safe.

## CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION

- Assisting clients with filing Crime Victims Compensation applications with the Attorney General's Office for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of the abuse.
- Representing clients in filing Crime Victims Compensation appeals.



## HOUSING LAW UNDER ILLINOIS SAFE HOMES ACT



- Representing survivors of domestic or gender-based violence who need to move out and break their lease early for safety concerns.
- Helping clients who need to change the locks at their apartment to prevent an abuser from gaining access.

## CONSUMER DEBT

- Providing brief services, including:
  - Bankruptcy screening and referrals;
  - Drafting letters to debt collectors to dispute a debt, request more information, or limit contact;
  - Identity theft assistance; and
  - Ordering a free credit report.



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