



GJP adapts services in response to COVID-19



Daily Operations

- Conducting intake & client appointments remotely.
- Successfully obtained forgivable loan through CARES Act to support operations.
- Implemented Salesforce and equipped all staff with laptops to move all work remotely.
- Training and working with volunteer attorneys to perform remote intake of new clients.



Social Services

- Contacted over 100 clients to evaluate their needs, including all GJP clients who are incarcerated.
- Received \$37,500 from Stand Together Foundation for direct emergency funds to clients.
- Communicating regularly with our clients and connecting them with essential information and resources.
- Increasing our emergency funds for economically vulnerable clients.



Criminal Defense

- Defending our clients accused of a crime remotely, as courts are holding virtual hearings.
- Advocating for early release of our incarcerated clients to protect their health & safety.
- Contacting jail medical departments on behalf of medically fragile clients.
- Advocated for increased no-cost communication access (e-mail/phone) for our incarcerated clients.



Policy/Advocacy

- GJP's bill, SB288, successfully passed through the Senate, and GJP staff is actively working with legislators to ensure it passes through the House when they reconvene.
- Preparing to expand our policy strategy to include work on probation, drivers' license issues, and child support debt for next session.
- Advocating with Probation officials to adjust reporting and fees during the COVID-19 crisis.



Criminal Records

- Holding our monthly "First Fridays" criminal records clinic remotely, where staff & volunteer attorneys consult potential clients on their criminal records.
- Actively working with the Georgia State Bar to plan the first virtual expungement summit in the state of Georgia, where volunteer attorneys will be matched with attendees.



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