

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## BRIDGET BRIGGS

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**"I enjoy helping to address the inequities of a broken system. It is so gratifying to be able to use my skills and license to help people who truly cannot help themselves."**

### ABOUT BRIDGET

Bridget Briggs is a dedicated HAP board member and longtime HAP volunteer. Bridget is a partner in the Commercial Litigation Group at Blank Rome. Her practice specializes in the cross-section between civil and criminal litigation, focusing on internal investigations and litigation with criminal implications.

Bridget has volunteered with HAP for over 11 years.

### VOLUNTEERING WITH HAP

As a HAP volunteer, Bridget has handled a variety of pro bono cases, including birth certificate cases, SOAR cases, and SSI/SSDI appeals.

Bridget has always had a passion for the issue of homelessness as a societal problem resulting from other important issues including racism, classism, and undiagnosed and untreated mental health issues. She is passionate about mental health and mental illness, and believes that volunteering with HAP allows her to help those experiencing homelessness as a result of severe mental illness.

HAP Senior Staff Attorney Pat Malley says: Bridget is a great pro bono advocate who has achieved favorable and life-changing outcomes for HAP clients. In one case, Bridget secured over \$20,000 in back benefits as well as ongoing SSI income for an individual struggling with severe mental illness who could not sustain employment.

Bridget's direct service to HAP clients also informs her incredibly engaged and thoughtful service on HAP's board. She serves on several board committees and regularly shares ideas, information, and her time to assist the HAP development team. Thank you, Bridget, for all that you do for HAP!

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