

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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### ABOUT SIOBHAN

Siobhan is a partner at White and Williams and has been with the firm since graduating law school in 2008. She works in the Commercial Litigation Department, primarily handling business disputes of all kinds. Siobhan is also an active participant in the firm's Associate Development Committee and has run the firm's Summer Associate Program for the past few years.

### VOLUNTEERING WITH HAP

Siobhan first volunteered for HAP in law school and continued intermittently after she started practicing, but decided to focus all of her pro bono efforts on HAP clients in the summer of 2022. Even though Siobhan is a litigator by trade, she enjoys working collaboratively just as much as battling for a win, and volunteering for HAP allows her to do both in the best way.

Ultimately, Siobhan's greatest joy in volunteering for HAP is seeing the difference that a small amount of her time can make in someone's day-to-day life. Siobhan says: A client recently told me while we were working on his SSI application that he was dreaming about the ability to buy the occasional Italian hoagie for lunch if we are successful. It broke my heart and made me smile all at once. It also inspired me to make sure that "if" is not an option, only "when."

"AS A LONGTIME PHILADELPHIA RESIDENT, I AM CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF HOW MANY PEOPLE IN OUR CITY ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP. DONATING MY TIME THROUGH HAP IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS I KNOW HOW TO LEND A HAND."

HAP Senior Staff Attorney Pat Malley says: Siobhan has been a steady presence at HAP's Bethesda Project virtual legal clinics and jumps in wherever needed. She offers kind and skilled counsel to our vulnerable clients, who are facing homelessness and other significant struggles. Siobhan is currently handling three SOAR (SSI application) cases, all of which are time consuming and with unique advocacy challenges. She is part of a longstanding White and Williams pro bono team who have attended Bethesda Project clinics (in person and virtual) for almost 20 years. Thank you, Siobhan and White and Williams, for all that you do for HAP!

