

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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### ABOUT NICK

Nicolas (Nick) Bednarek is a third-year associate in the General Litigation Group at Blank Rome LLP. His practice focuses on a wide array of litigation matters including in the commercial, regulatory, employment, and environmental spaces.

### PARTNERING WITH HAP

Nick has been volunteering with HAP for about a year and a half after being introduced to HAP by board member Bridget Briggs. Nick represents clients through HAP's SOAR project, which helps make resources available to some of the most vulnerable members of the community who are experiencing homelessness. He appreciates the opportunity to do pro bono work focused on a mission that he considers morally important (advocacy for those experiencing homelessness), while making a tangible impact on someone's life when they need it most.

Nick says: "I recently had the chance to meet with a client that I represent in pursuing Social Security and Disability benefits. His disability had turned his life upside down, resulting in losing his home and being alienated from loved ones. It was also apparent that his disability had made him feel isolated from others in general. We spoke for hours, had lunch, and I got the chance to hear his story. I could tell how much it meant to him to have someone listen and care and believe him. It meant a lot to me that I was in a position to help this person, and potentially make a real difference in their life and give them back some control."

HAP Senior Staff Attorney Pat Malley says: "Nick has truly gone above and beyond with his HAP SOAR client and his compassion and zealous advocacy is so appreciated by HAP!"



**"Sometimes making an impact on someone's life involves just being there to listen to someone's story when they are at their lowest."**

