

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KATHY PELL AND LESLIE MOYLAN

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ABOUT KATHY AND LESLIE

Kathy Pell (pictured right) is VP & Senior Deputy General Counsel for Comcast Cable. She manages a team of lawyers that handle all Enterprise customer contract negotiations for Comcast Business and also handles certain large, strategic Enterprise customer contract negotiations directly.

Leslie Moylan joined Comcast's Legal Regulatory affairs group about 6 years ago from private practice. She is based at the DC headquarters office and provides legal counsel on regulatory, policy, legislative and litigation matters for the company.



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Kathy first volunteered with HAP when she started at Comcast about 8 years ago, primarily participating in birth certificate clinics. She handled her first HAP SOAR case with Leslie last year. When Leslie partnered up with Kathy and HAP, she brought an incredible 15 years of pro bono experience assisting individuals experiencing homelessness in the DC area.

For Kathy, SOAR provides a meaningful pro bono opportunity that doesn't require a litigation background. She says, "SOAR is the absolute perfect fit. I am able to use my analytical and drafting skills to help my client secure desperately needed SSI benefits, that I truly believe could change the trajectory of their life. The support from the team at HAP is also amazing and makes it so easy to take on new cases."

Leslie finds it very humbling to get to know and work with her pro bono SOAR clients, who "demonstrate incredible spirit and determination even in the face of the hardest life challenges."



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“Maneuvering through government administrative processes can be challenging for anyone, let alone the most vulnerable members of our community. It’s important that these individuals have a **trusted advocate** that can guide them through the process of accessing government support and services, which can be lifechanging.”

-Leslie

Kathy and Leslie’s efforts and advocacy on their first SOAR case resulted in approval of SSI benefits for their client on what was a challenging case. Kathy says, “when we found out that our client was approved for SSI benefits, it was one of the proudest moments of my 17 year legal career. I am devoted to my business clients at Comcast Business to help them secure meaningful business deals, but there is nothing quite like achieving a result that has the potential to change a person’s life for the better.”

HAP Children, Youth & Families Project Director Laura Kolb supported Kathy and Leslie on that first SOAR case. She says, “their first SOAR filing was a really difficult case. The client was street homeless, with sporadic treatment and they were tireless in their efforts to track down every shred of evidence. I was really impressed with the way they engaged with the client!”

The pair quickly took on another pro bono SOAR client. HAP paralegal Josie Chiba is currently working with Kathy and Leslie on a SOAR claim for a youth client. She says, “Kathy and Leslie have both been incredible advocates for our clients. The compassion and thoroughness they show in their pro bono work with youth SOAR clients is truly remarkable!”

Thank you, Kathy and Leslie!

