



MELANIE MACBRIDE

Supervising Attorney, Safety & Family Practice Group

Melanie MacBride is the Supervising Attorney for the Domestic Violence Team and the Elder Justice Initiative.

As the supervisor of the Domestic Violence Team, she supervises attorneys who represents low-income domestic violence victims in civil order of protection and domestic relations cases. She also supervises the paralegals and attorneys who staff the Safe Families Program, which, in conjunction with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, provides direct representation to complaining witnesses who have children in common with their abuser and wish to seek a comprehensive order of protection in conjunction with a criminal case.

As the supervisor of the Elder Justice Initiative, she supervises attorneys who primarily provide direct representation in cases where seniors have been the victim of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. The Elder Justice Initiative also assists elders with end of life planning.

Melanie has been an attorney at Legal Aid Society since 2012 and became a supervising attorney in 2017. Melanie was also a law student intern at LAS from 2006 to 2008. Previously, Melanie was a staff attorney at Domestic Violence Legal Clinic and DuPage Bar Legal Aid Service. Melanie received her law degree from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago in 2008 and her A.B. from University of Chicago in 2002.