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Managing Attorney, Safety & Family Practice Group

Melanie MacBride is the Managing Attorney of the Safety & Family Practice Group, which is comprised of the Domestic Violence Team, the Safe Families Program, and the Elder Justice Initiative.

The Domestic Violence Team represents low-income domestic violence victims in civil order of protection and domestic relations cases.

The Safe Families Program, 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.

The Elder Justice Initiative provides direct representation to seniors who have been the victim of or are at risk of becoming a victim of elder financial exploitation. The Elder Justice Initiative also runs the Elder Help Desk in the basement of the Daley Center, which provides legal advice, document drafting, and referrals for seniors.

Melanie has been an attorney with the Legal Aid Society since 2012 and became a supervisor 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 (now known as Ascend Justice) 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.