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Cara Strike serves as an Attorney with the Communities Partnering for Peace (CP4P) Justice Corps of the Legal Aid Society (LAS). The CP4P Justice Corps supports the Metropolitan Peace Initiatives by providing community-based civil legal services in Chicago neighborhoods most impacted by gun violence. The legal services CP4P provides include but are not limited to employment issues, domestic violence, landlord/tenant rights, public benefits, human trafficking, immigration, elder law, and criminal and cannabis expungement/sealing.

Prior to this role, Cara served as a Response Coordinator with the University of Iowa where she helped to coordinate the university's response to reports of sexual harassment and misconduct, including dating/domestic violence and stalking. During law school, Cara served as a legal intern for several public interest organizations including Public Counsel working on state and federal sex-based discrimination claims, The National Center for Youth Law assisting with impact litigation challenging matters affecting youth's rights, and Iowa Legal Aid in domestic violence family law. Cara also worked in the University of Iowa Legal Clinic assisting clients with family law matters and working on an impact litigation immigration case. Prior to law school, Cara served as an AmeriCorps member at Iowa Legal Aid assisting with family, housing, and tax law. She also worked as a legal assistant on wrongful conviction, criminal defense, and personal injury matters.

Cara received her Juris Doctor from The University of Iowa College of Law in 2020 and a Bachelor of General Studies in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas in 2014.