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NVRDC and DV LEAP Merger Expands Support for Survivors

Washington, DC (October 14, 2022) – Network for Victim Recovery of DC ([NVRDC](#)) is honored to welcome the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project ([DV LEAP](#)) as a new addition to our organization as of October 14, 2022.

DV LEAP was founded by Joan Meier in response to an urgent need for expert appellate litigation to reverse unjust trial court rulings and to protect the legal rights of women and children victimized by family violence. In addition to providing services in the District of Columbia, DV LEAP has been a national leader in appellate advocacy on behalf of survivors, representing them at both the state and federal level.

“DV LEAP is excited for the opportunity to expand the impact of our appellate services and are honored to contribute to NVRDC’s work on behalf of survivors,” said Sasha Drobnick, DV LEAP’s Interim Executive Director. “We see this transition as a next step towards achieving the systemic change both organizations seek to make for survivors across the country and in the District of Columbia.”

NVRDC is grateful to be able to provide a home to an organization that has done amazing work in this area of law. We are excited that this merger will lead to an increased capacity of DV LEAP’s legal team, an expansion of their focus areas, and hope that together, we will have a compounding impact on our ability to support survivors throughout the country.

“NVRDC is grateful to be able to ensure that DV LEAP’s staff can continue their dedicated work in support of survivors,” said Bridgette Stumpf, NVRDC’s Executive Director. “NVRDC prioritizes providing comprehensive and holistic services to survivors, and the addition of DV LEAP and its staff allows us to take our impact to the national level, while staying true to what makes us a special victim services organization.”

Over the coming weeks, we will send out more information about this integration. For any questions in the meantime, please contact press@nvrdc.org.

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