

Community Legal Aid

A non-profit law firm serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in central northeast Ohio



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Management Team: Andrea Burton

Andrea Burton joined Community Legal Aid Service in January 2018 and is the Managing Attorney for the Advancing Reentering Citizens project which removes barriers to employment and other services. She also manages our Immigrants and Refugees project, Debt Relief project, and Learning if for Everyone (LIFE).

Previously, Andrea was a member of Legal Aid's Legal Assistance to Victims team where she worked closely with survivors of intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking, helping them secure protection orders and end the cycle of abuse.

Outside of her role at Legal Aid, Andrea is a graduate of the OSBA's Leadership Conference, In February 2020, Attorney Burton joined the Women of Color Caucus as a member of the Executive Board. Her focus is educating the Ohio Legislature regarding proposed legislation and its impact on people of color who are survivors of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. Attorney Burton will provide educated and nuanced feedback of these vulnerable populations which are typically underrepresented and mostly marginalized.

In April 2020, Attorney Burton joined the Anti-Oppression Committee for the state of Ohio, working on the policy committee in providing position statements regarding new state legislation which may affect or influence the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in the state of Ohio. The Statewide Anti-Oppression Committee (AOC) advocates for leaders and people of color in anti-violence work through actively addressing individual and institutional oppression. The AOC is convened by the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) and is comprised of over 20 diverse anti-violence and social justice professionals from across Ohio who are dedicated to actively addressing individual and institutional oppression.

Andrea received her law degree from the Akron School of Law in 2012. Graduating from Youngstown State University with a Bachelors in Science focusing on pre-law with a minor in journalism. She then went on to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign earning her masters in Library and Information Sciences.

Attorney Burton began practicing in Mahoning County as a court-appointed attorney to indigent criminal defendants and as a Guardian ad Litem in the Mahoning County Juvenile Court. She

was a member of the Nathaniel R. Jones Inn of Court during 2015 to 2018. Attorney Burton is on the Legal Redress Committee of the Youngstown chapter of the NAACP, seeking to provide counsel and advice to members of the community and connecting those in need with local resources.

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