



Annual Housing Law Seminar

April 14, 2026

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4 Total CLE Credits:

- 1 Ethics Credit
- 1 Mental Health/Substance Use Credit
- 2 Standard CLE Credits

Thank you to our host, Lathrop GPM LLP!



In 2025, VLN had
194 volunteers in
the housing
program.





In 2025, VLN's housing volunteer attorneys dedicated over 3,700 hours of free legal services to low-income parties of landlord-tenant cases. That's over 71 hours per week!



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Janet Lambert, Best Buy

"The level of need in our community is deeply concerning, particularly when individuals and families lack a place to call home. I am fortunate to have stable housing, and that privilege motivates me to make time to volunteer."

Check out our
housing volunteer
opportunities &
resources.

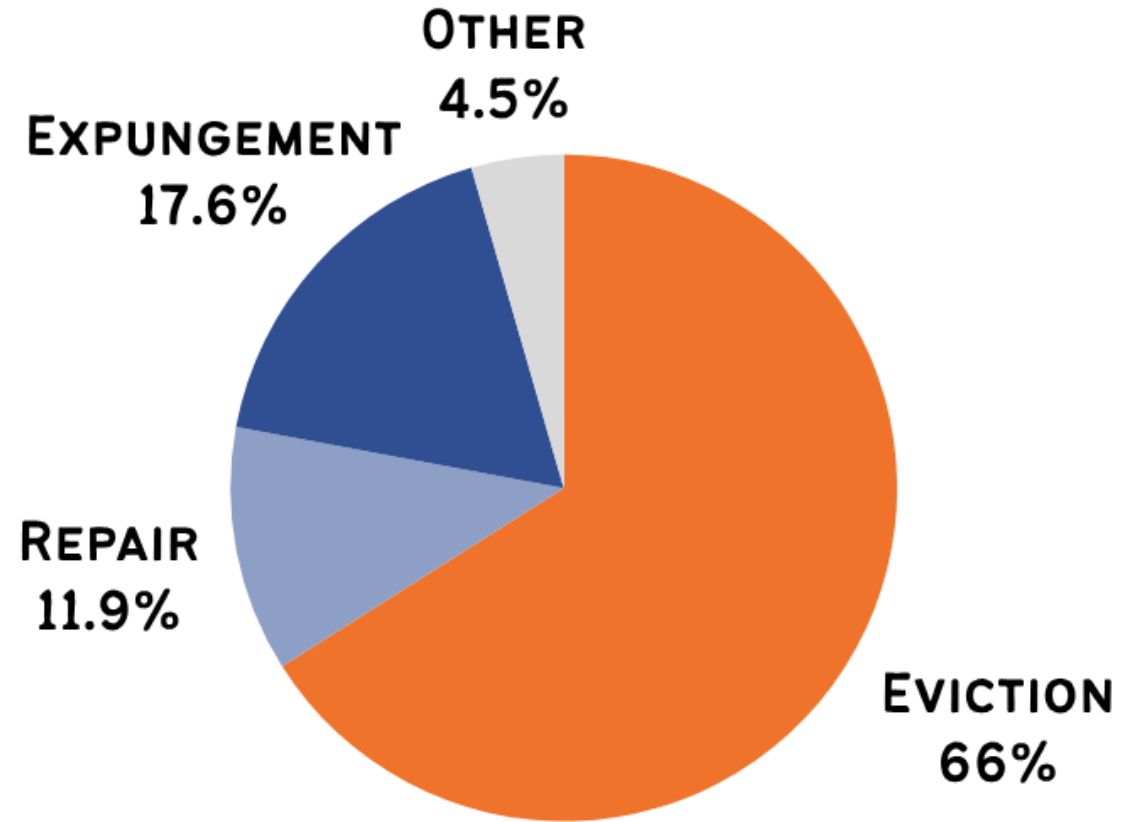


"The entire process was very swift and the communication between everyone involved working on the case was very reliable and informative. I am currently facing a lot of adversities as far as mental health, personal relationships, societal pressures and consequences as well as maintaining life as a young adult with little support. So the help I received is more than just help, it's a gift I am truly grateful for and will take care of."

Client EG, Hennepin County

Together with our volunteers, VLN's Housing Program provided approximately 2,360 services in 2025.

Of those 2,360 services, the most common issue people were facing was eviction.



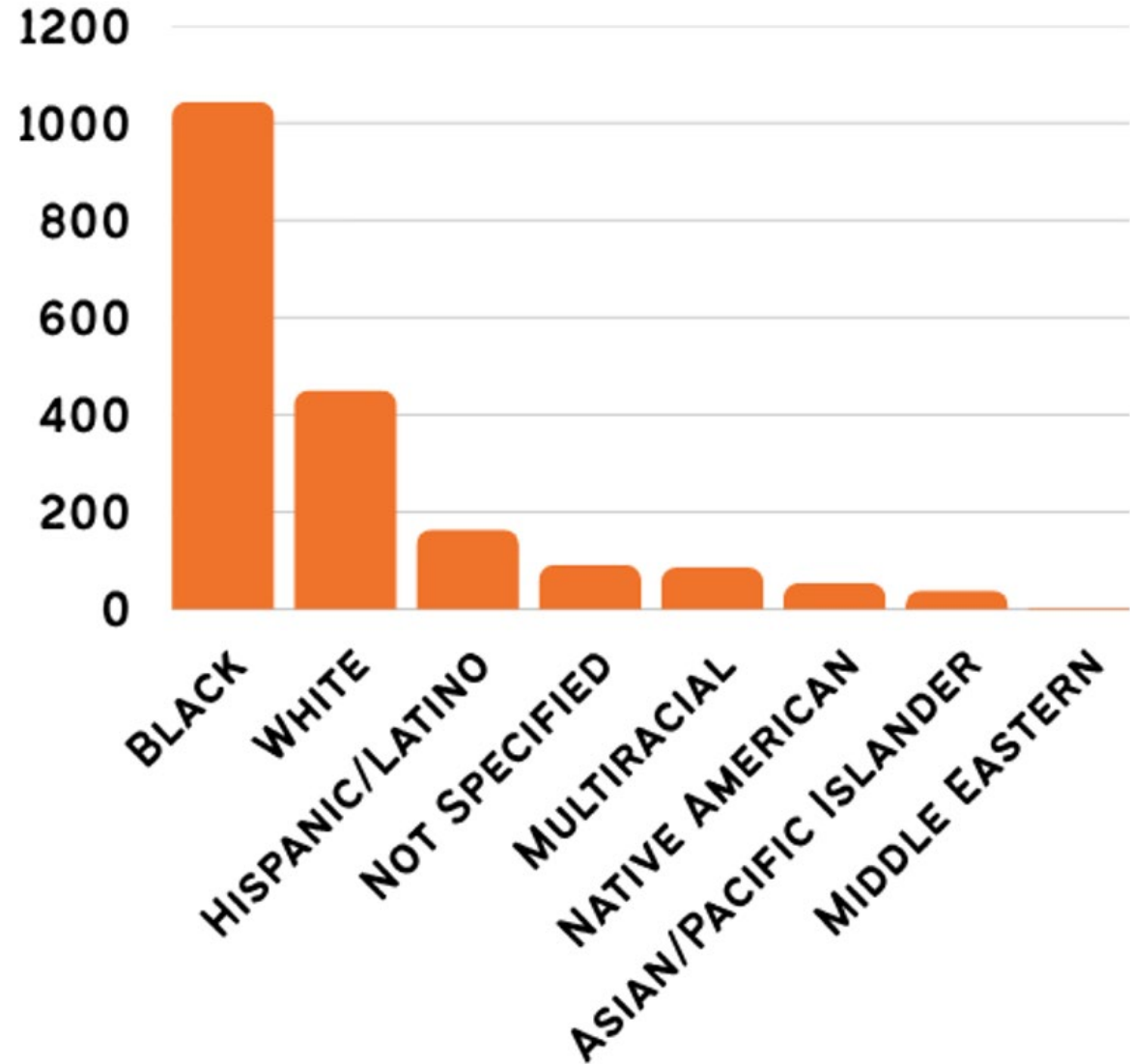
VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Paul Fling, Fox Rothschild LLP

"[This work has given me] a greater appreciation for the obstacles tenants are up against when they are facing eviction and how an eviction can negatively impact so many areas of their lives."

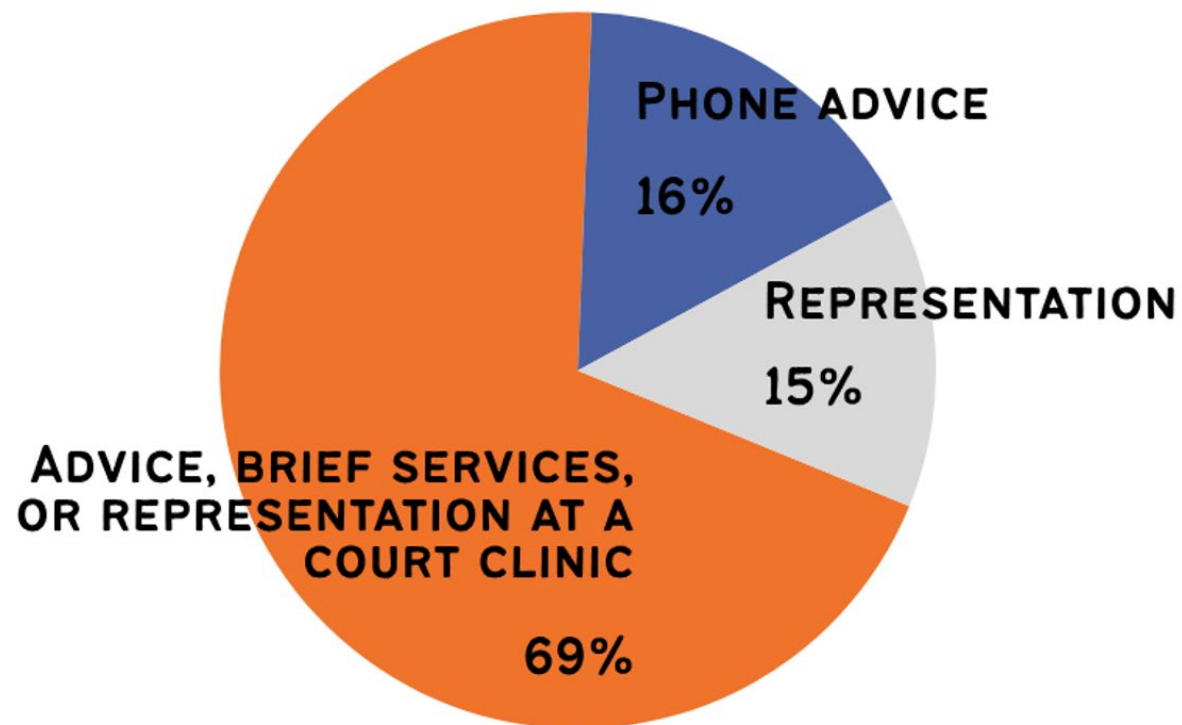


Race and Ethnicity of our Clients

While the communities we serve across Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and Anoka County are majority white overall, more than half of our clients in 2025 identified as black. This difference reflects systemic inequities in access to safe and stable housing.



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- 1,640 clients were served at housing court clinics;
- 390 clients received phone advice or screening services;
- 330 clients received full representation.

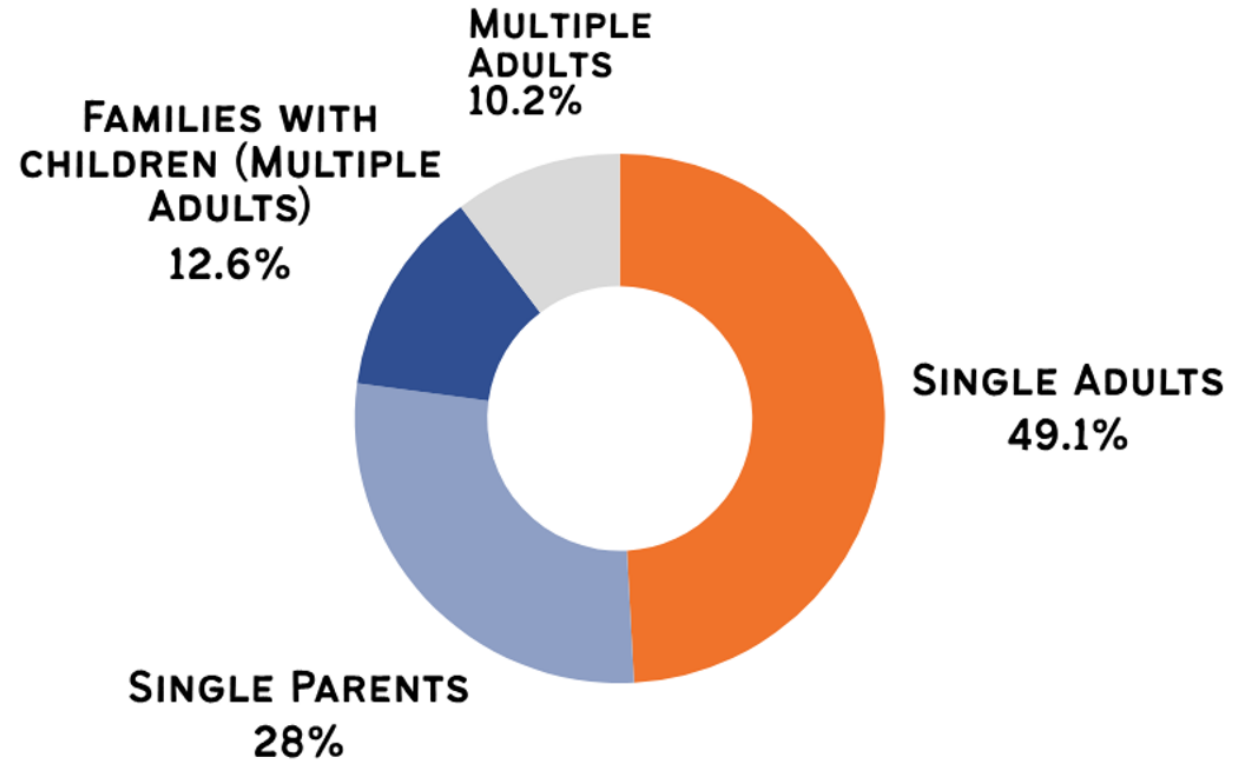


VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Kyia Gordon

"I had heard about VLN from a MSBA CLE. After looking up various volunteer opportunities on the VLN website, I thought the volunteer shifts for housing court worked well in my schedule. Housing is important to me, as I have moved a lot in my adult life and sympathize with the fact most of our income goes to it. Finding a place where one feels safe and comfortable is a top priority for everyone."

Household Composition of our Clients

While the households we served in 2025 varied widely, nearly half were individuals dealing with housing challenges on their own. Another 28% were single-parent households. These groups make up most of our clients and underscore how often people with the greatest responsibilities have the fewest resources.



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list for volunteer
opportunities
and to receive
our monthly
newsletter.



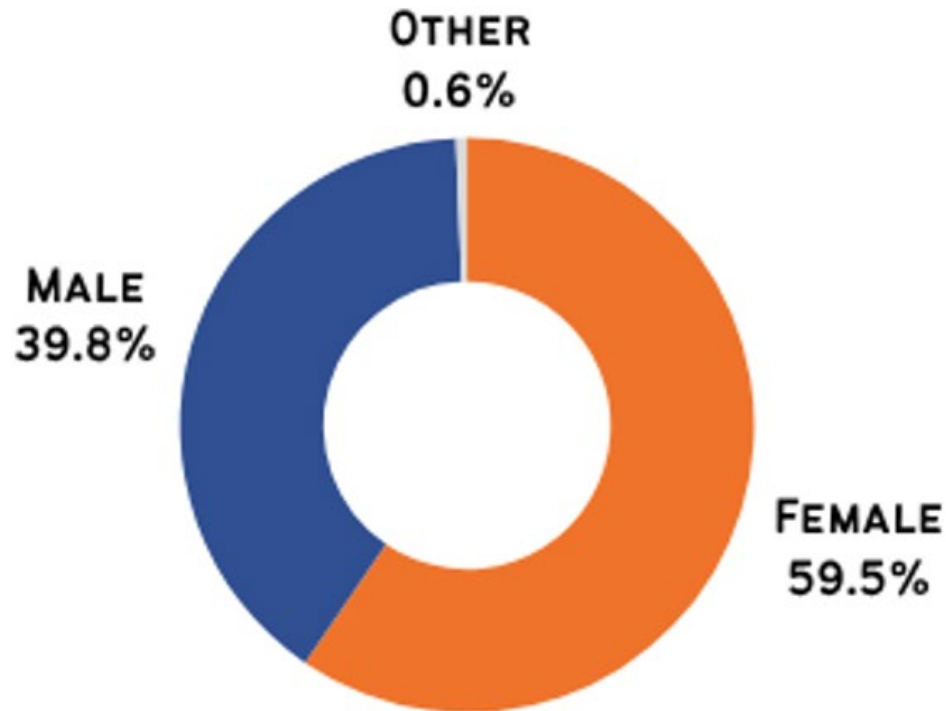
VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Christian Hokans, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

What would you say to someone thinking about getting involved with VLN's Housing Program?

"There are few things a lawyer can do that are more fulfilling and important."



Gender Demographics of our Clients



Housing instability often falls hardest on women. In 2025, nearly 60% of our clients identified as women, many of whom were navigating these challenges for themselves and their families.

"The Volunteer Lawyers Network was absolutely amazing to work with. From my first call on November 19th to my eviction being expunged on January 12th, everyone was kind, patient, knowledgeable, and truly cared about helping me. I'm so grateful for their support."

*Client AD, VLN client experiencing homelessness at the
time of service*



"[Volunteer Lawyers Network's] eviction prevention work yields strong benefit-cost returns with low uncertainty, thanks to a deeply committed and highly skilled volunteer attorney base and strategic contracting partnerships that maximize client outcomes... These outcomes extend well beyond having a roof over families' heads, from lasting health and educational benefits to economic opportunity and lasting mobility."

From the Constellation Fund, who awarded VLN's Housing Program a grant for the 3rd year in a row