

MACDL announces Witness Advocacy and Representation Network (WARN)

MACDL is pleased to announce the creation of a state-wide Witness Advocacy and Representation Network (WARN) designed to provide pro bono legal representation for individuals who are contacted by law enforcement agents for questioning or interrogation.

This network, the first of its kind in the United States, will make prompt referral of cases to volunteer local attorneys.

This is an important and crucial step to closing the gap in the provision of legal representation in our criminal justice system. It addresses the inherent inequity of the current system where only those with adequate means are able to protect their rights when confronted by law enforcement agents.

Now, with the creation of WARN, we can take one important step further in ensuring that poor people have the same access to legal representation during the investigation phase of a case as those with means have always enjoyed.

We encourage our members to volunteer to take one case a year and provide up to ten hours of pro bono legal service. If you are interested in participating, contact Derege Demissie at dd@demissiechurch.com