



**SHRIVER
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Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

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THE WINNING FEMALE ATTORNEYS OF THE SHRIVER CENTER

Three of the non-profit's attorneys are recognized for their work by industry leaders



Wendy Pollack is the Director of the Shriver Center's Women Law and Policy Project. For her outstanding work on behalf of women, she has been awarded the National Legal Aid & Defender's Kutak-Dodds Prize. The Prizes are awarded annually to those civil legal aid attorneys and public defenders who through the practice of law "are contributing in a significant way to the enhancement of human dignity and quality of life of those persons unable to afford legal representation.



In her role as the Shriver Center's Director of Community Justice, **Margaret Stapleton**, works diligently on strategies to lessen the barriers to employment, housing, and full participation in community life imposed by criminal records. She has been awarded the Safer Foundation's CARRE Visionary Award "in recognition of her outstanding efforts and leadership in moving barriers to employment for people with criminal records."



Shriver Center Director of Housing Justice, **Kate Walz**, has been recognized by the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Inc. with the Barbara Grau Housing Advocate of the Year Award for her tireless work on behalf of public housing residents. Kate not only assists low-income tenants in defending their rights to affordable housing, she also fights against discriminatory practices and works for the preservation of federal subsidized and affordable housing.

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The Shriver Center provides national leadership in efforts identifying, developing, and supporting creative and collaborative approaches to social and economic justice for low-income people. The Shriver Center fulfills its legal advocacy and policy development through a comprehensive set of initiatives, including representing low-income people on a variety of issues that affect their social and economic well-being and managing communications and access to poverty law strategies and policy-related information.