Building Capacity, Strengthening Community.

ATTORNEYS SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

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Making a Difference.

Wayfind helps community organizations navigate the legal system. Our work stems from the belief that when nonprofits and microenterprises are free to focus on their mission, their impact is magnified and communities thrive.

Since our founding in 2003, we have:

- Built a corps of 300 volunteer attorneys across Washington
- Connected Washington nonprofits and microenterprises with over 8800 hours of pro bono legal assistance, valued at over $3.2 million
- Supported hundreds of nonprofits and microenterprises, all strengthening the fabric of our Washington communities

Sandrine and Esther had an idea to provide training and career opportunities for immigrant and refugee women. They developed an innovative sewing cooperative to meet the growing demand for local, ethical and high quality apparel manufacturing services. Wayfind assisted them in their vision to create Muses. Our volunteer business attorneys helped them to incorporate, obtain 501c3 tax exemption and reviewed their first contracts with leading designers like Eileen Fisher.

“We just couldn’t have gotten started without Wayfind.” – Sandrine & Esther of Muses, an organization providing job training for immigrant women.

Community organizations, emerging nonprofits and microenterprises like Muses have a real need for business legal services. Inside you’ll learn more about how you can help organizations support their communities across Washington.
Top Requested Legal Needs of Wayfind’s Nonprofit Clients:

Start-up Incorporation / 501c3 Application
Governance & Compliance
Risk, Liability & Insurance Matters
Employment Issues
Contract Development & Review
Mergers & Dissolutions
Intellectual Property

Helping Communities Thrive.

Nonprofits and Microenterprises win
by addressing critical legal issues at no cost and allowing staff to stay focused on the big picture of achieving their mission.

Attorneys and Law Firms win
by having access to interesting pro bono opportunities that align with their legal expertise and personal interests.

Our Communities win
by having stronger nonprofits and microenterprises serving missions that enrich us all.

Your investment will help us:

- Triple the Legal Matters Served annually by 2017.
- Grow our Network of volunteer attorneys into underserved geographic areas across Washington state.
- Expand Our Microenterprise Clinics to serve more low-income entrepreneurs.

92% of nonprofits that serve low-income communities demonstrate a critical need for business legal services.*

86% of Washington state businesses are microenterprises.**

* The Legal Needs of Nonprofits Serving Low Income Communities (2012).
** Association for Enterprise Opportunity (2011).

Wayfind volunteer attorneys and our corporate & philanthropic donors directly support our ability to meet these needs across Washington state.

Lorri Dunsmore, Perkins Coie

I Support Wayfind as a Volunteer because:
“I believe in sharing my legal skills to help my community through teaching pro bono CLE workshops and handling legal matters for passionate organizations. It’s a tremendously satisfying part of my career.”

I Support Wayfind as a Donor because:
“Wayfind provides a critical service to me as an attorney, to our legal profession, and to all Washington state nonprofits. Wayfind connects me and other attorneys with easy access to meaningful pro bono work.”

Supporting Microentrepreneurs
Sister Sage founder Jayne Simons grows and nourishes plants from seed and creates remedies in small artisan batches. Jayne consulted with Wayfind attorneys at our Microenterprise Legal Clinic on protecting her intellectual property rights in her company name and logo and whether her company should be a limited liability corporation. She appreciated that she was able to access our legal services quickly and talk freely about her dreams. Jayne now has a successful business selling her products at the Pike Street Public Market and online at sistersageherbs.com.

“Consulting with Wayfind attorneys boosted my confidence and was a great check-in to see if my dreams were crazy or not.” – Jayne Simons of Sister Sage

Growing Community Organizations
White Center Community Development Association promotes a vibrant White Center community for people of all incomes and ethnicities. Wayfind volunteers helped them navigate the legal complexities of developing public-private partnerships among 20 community partners and the Highline School District. Wayfind volunteers also helped to update and revise their Employee Handbook.

Training Attorneys and Nonprofits
Wayfind legal trainings serve over 175 participants each year in addressing topics such as: Board Governance, Federal & State Law Compliance, and Employment Law.

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Join Us Now to Help Communities Thrive. Visit wayfindlegal.org to learn more.

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Join us today in making access to quality legal services a reality.

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