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## Education

J.D., Georgetown University  
Law Center, 2002

B.A., University of Michigan, 1998

## Bar Admissions

Illinois

New York

## Associations

President, Association of  
Pro Bono Counsel

Member, Board of Directors, Chicago  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Executive Committee, New York City  
Bar Association

Member, Board of Directors, National  
Center for Access to Justice

Past Chair, New York City Bar  
Association, Pro Bono and Legal  
Services Committee

Past Chair, Sanctuary for Families Pro  
Bono Council; Member of Sanctuary for  
Families Legal Advisory Council

Brenna DeVaney directs Skadden's global *pro bono* practice and is responsible for the firm's relationships with legal services organizations and nonprofits. Her own practice focuses on representing low-income individuals, including women in family law matters who have been the victims of domestic violence. Ms. DeVaney also is involved with the Skadden Honors Program in Legal Studies at The City College of New York, part of the firm's effort to increase diversity in law schools and the legal profession. Additionally, she regularly consults with corporate legal departments on their efforts to develop in-house *pro bono* programs.

In 2017, Ms. DeVaney received the Jeremy G. Epstein Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service awarded by the City Bar Justice Center and the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts award for outstanding *pro bono* counsel. In 2016, she was awarded the Public Interest Law Leadership Award by the Legal Aid Society for her commitment to the organization and its clients, as well as for her leadership role in the Association of Pro Bono Counsel and as the chair of the New York City Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee where she has developed best practices in *pro bono* used around the country. In 2014, Ms. DeVaney was presented with the Abely Pro Bono Achievement Award by Sanctuary for Families' Center for Battered Women's Legal Services for her advocacy against sexualized violence and her support of Sanctuary for Families and its clients, including victims of domestic violence and their children. In 2011, she was honored by Sanctuary for Families with its Above and Beyond Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy. Additionally, Ms. DeVaney was recognized by The Legal Aid Society as one of the recipients of the 2011 Pro Bono Publico Awards for her outstanding service and leadership to expand access to justice for low-income New Yorkers. She also has been the recipient of the New York Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program Pro Bono Service Award on multiple occasions.

Ms. DeVaney serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. She is a frequent lecturer and presenter at both national and international convenings focused on access to justice.

Prior to her role as the firm's first *pro bono* associate, Ms. DeVaney was a member of the Government Enforcement and White Collar Crime Group, where she represented individual and corporate clients in federal and state criminal and regulatory matters and conducted internal corporate investigations.

## Publications

"The Law Firm Antiracism Alliance: Maintaining Momentum," *New York Law Journal*, January 12, 2022

"Why Now? Year One of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance," *Reuters Legal News*, August 10, 2021

"Cultivating a Successful In-House *Pro Bono* Program," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, January 23, 2018

Co-Author, "Doing Better Work by Working Better Together: Law Firms and Legal Services Surveyed on Successes and Challenges of the Pro Bono Relationship," *American Bar Association, Vol. 19 No. 3*, Summer 2016

"School-Based Clinics: Partnerships to Assist Families and Children," *The Shriver Center*, September 18, 2014

"Simple Twist of Fate Or Outlaw Blues?" *New York Law Journal*, February 9, 2009