

# JUDY CONTI

D.C. Employment Justice Center

Co-Founded with Kerry Obrien

2000 Global Fellow

## BIG BOLD IDEA

Protect the rights of low-wage workers by providing them with high-quality, free legal assistance, and advocating for changes to workplace fairness laws.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The mission of the D.C. Employment Justice Center is to secure, protect and promote workplace justice in the D.C. metropolitan area. The EJC combines legal services, community education, systemic reform advocacy, and community organizing to achieve workplace justice. It provides free and low-cost bilingual legal services to low-income workers in the metropolitan Washington area on employment law matters such as unpaid wages, discrimination, workplace injuries, unsafe working conditions, and unemployment compensation. Through weekly Workers' Rights Clinics and in-house representation, the EJC's volunteer law students, paralegals, and lawyers counsel more than 1,000 workers per year. The EJC has collected more than \$2.5 million in back wages and benefits for clients and has trained more than 200 law students in legal skills, compassion and employment law since its founding in 2000.

## PERSONAL BIO

Judith M. Conti is the Co-Founder and former Executive Director of the D.C. Employment Justice Center. She received her JD from the College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, where she was named her class's Outstanding Trial Advocate. Judy clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Wisconsin, before moving to Washington, D.C. to begin her career as an advocate for working men and women.

After spending seven years as the Executive Director of the D.C. Employment Justice Center, Judy joined the National Employment Law Project (NELP). She has developed NELP's presence in D.C., working to bring the expertise and experience of NELP and its allies to the halls of Congress and relevant agencies. Judy's work has been widely recognized with awards from the American Bar Association, the Washington Area Women's Foundation, and the Hispanic Bar Association of D.C.

### Organization/Fellow Location

Washington, United States

### Impact Location

North America

United States

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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