

Emily Cordo

Ms. Cordo is the Managing Attorney of SALSA, the Sexual Assault Legal Services & Assistance program at the Sexual Violence Law Center (SVLC). In that role, she has represented survivors of sexual assault in a wide variety of legal matters such as the protection of victims' privacy rights in criminal cases, protection orders, housing, employment, family law, and petitions for asylum. Ms. Cordo also staffs the SALSA hotline, providing free confidential legal information to survivors and advocates from across the state.

For more than four years prior to joining the SVLC, Ms. Cordo was a staff attorney at Northwest Justice Project (NJP), where she represented indigent clients in protection order and family law cases involving domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, or other serious risks to the safety of the client or client's children. Her clients often faced additional access to justice barriers such as limited English proficiency, mental health disorders or cognitive limitations, abusive use of litigation by opposing parties and/or counsel, complex UCCJEA issues, or homelessness. While at NJP, Ms. Cordo designed and presented CLEs, non-attorney trainings, and community education events about domestic violence, family law, and human trafficking, and was a guest lecturer on domestic violence for the family law class at Gonzaga University School of Law. Additionally, Ms. Cordo participated in task forces and other community organizations pertaining to family law and human trafficking.

Prior to her work at NJP, Ms. Cordo graduated from the University of Washington School of Law, where she was President of the Public Interest Law Association. Also during law school, she volunteered with programs like the Immigrant Family Advocacy Project and Washington State Civil Legal Needs Study and interned at the Northwest Women's Law Center (now Legal Voice) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She received her Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude* from Whitman College, where her studies focused on gender theory, and where she served as co-President of the Sexual Assault Prevention Educators. Ms. Cordo was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 2005, and the Federal Bar for the Eastern District of Washington in 2010.