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Patricia Malley is the Senior Staff Attorney at the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP). This is a free legal services program for individuals and families who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. Pat provides direct legal representation in a wide array of civil legal matters. She supervises volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and legal assistants in their *pro bono* representation of HAP clients. Pat conducts legal clinics for individuals who are living in homeless shelters and other emergency housing locations. In addition, she manages several of HAP's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Projects. They provide representation for individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable and unstably housed individuals who are seeking expedited federal disability benefits. The majority of HAP's SOAR clients are disabled and unable to sustain employment as a result of severe mental illness.

Prior to joining HAP, Pat worked at a civil litigation law office focusing on civil rights, criminal defense, and personal injury cases. Before that, Pat was a staff attorney for North Pennsylvania Legal Services in Towanda, Pennsylvania. Here, she represented indigent individuals in civil legal matters. These included protection from abuse petitions, dependency matters, SSI/SSDI disability claims, credit disputes, child custody cases, and public assistance benefits access.

Pat graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1986. Since joining HAP in 2003, Pat has focused on representation and advocacy issues that impact the homeless and unstably housed community in Philadelphia.