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Coco Culhane, Class of 2010, is the founder and director of the Veteran Advocacy Project (VAP) at the Urban Justice Center, New York City’s first comprehensive civil legal services program for low-income veterans.

Culhane created VAP as part of the Urban Justice Center’s Mental Health Project. In 2011, she received a coveted two-year Equal Justice Works Fellowship, sponsored by the CIGNA Foundation and Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, to support her work at the program. Today, VAP has a staff of seven and runs with support from The Bob Woodruff Foundation, Robin Hood, the Jericho Project, and others.

Culhane is a member of the VA’s Together Strong Virtual Advisory Board, assisting in the creation of a veteran peer training program. She is a former member of the Steering Committee of the Veterans’ Mental Health Coalition and she also chaired its Communications Committee in New York City.

While a student, Culhane was the symposium editor of the Brooklyn Law Review, a BLSPI Fellow, a 2010 Equal Justice America Fellow, and president of the student health law association. She currently teaches the new Veteran’s Rights Clinic as an adjunct professor.