



## Analyzing Heirs Property Efforts and Applying to DC

Summer Associate Project Exchange

### Project Title

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### Scope of Work

### Timing

The project is due by Aug 31, 2024.

### Jurisdiction

District of Columbia

### Contact Information

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### Description

The project would entail analyzing legislation like New York's recent "Heirs Property Protection and Deed Theft Prevention Act of 2024" and the statutes involving adverse possession and heirship affidavits discussed in NLC's recent report "Keeping it in the Family" report to develop an analysis of the potential application of legal solutions from other jurisdictions to mitigating the racially inequitable harms of heirs property in the District of Columbia. The statute being assessed, for project purposes, would be DC's Probate Code.

The assessment may include recommendations that include an adaptation of policy reforms from other states, and could be accompanied by a draft statute that encompasses protections going beyond current District law, like the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act. This could

be an opportunity to build on the work jurisdictions like New York, Texas, and Georgia have done to allow for heirship affidavits, adverse possession, and tax relief equity and to prevent third-party partition actions entirely.

**Subtasks (0)**

**Reminders(0)**