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Kirra L. Jarratt is the CEO of the D.C. Bar Foundation, the District's leading funder of civil legal aid. The Foundation is committed to transforming the legal aid network to ensure all residents have a fair and equal legal experience. Jarratt has served in this role since 2014. Under her leadership, the Foundation led the development of the District's first coordinated intake and referral system, aimed at helping residents navigate the more than 50 legal aid organizations offering services. The initiative included a comprehensive landscape analysis, the publication of a concept paper, and an extensive community feedback process to ensure a transparent, community-centered design. The system launched its pilot phase in June 2024, with full implementation expected in fall 2025.

Before joining the Foundation, Jarratt worked on Capitol Hill, co-founded a law practice, served as agency counsel in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, and lobbied on behalf of the American Bar Association.

She is also an active volunteer. Jarratt is a past president of the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the National Bar Association, a past president of the Women's Bar Association Foundation, and a former board member of the D.C. Bar Board of Governors, the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers and Washington Improv Theater. She is a member of Leadership Greater Washington, and in 2019 was named one of the Washington Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business.

Jarratt earned her bachelor's degree from Harvard University, her law degree from the University of Michigan and an executive MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a member of the bars in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and lives in Washington, D.C.