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William (Bill) Alvarado Rivera is Senior Vice President for Litigation at AARP Foundation, where he leads and provides strategic direction for [AARP Foundation Litigation](#) (AFL).

As the head of AFL, Bill manages a team of litigators and legal professionals who advocate nationwide for the rights of people age 50 and older, addressing diverse legal issues that affect their daily lives and ensuring that they have a voice in the judicial system. The team litigates and files amicus briefs in cases involving, among other things, employment discrimination; employee benefits; housing; consumer protection; health and long-term care; and public benefits. Over the last decade, his team has filed two dozen ERISA amicus briefs, including seven in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bill has 30 years of experience in law and public policy, specializing in litigation and policy issues affecting low-income families. Bill started his career as a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice under the Attorney General's Honors Program. He later served as Senior Advisor to the Commissioner and Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Prior to joining AARP Foundation, Bill served as Deputy Associate General Counsel and Chief of Litigation for the Children, Families, and Aging Division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the General Counsel. Among other things, he led HHS's legal team in handling matters arising under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Foster Care, Child Support, and Head Start programs. Bill also was the lead attorney for aging and disability programs funded by the HHS Administration for Community Living.

Bill received his undergraduate degree with honors in Public Policy and American Institutions from Brown University and his law degree from Stanford Law School. He spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Sweden, where he conducted research on ethnology and social welfare policy at the University of Stockholm.