

EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

“A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Dr. Martin Luther King

Volunteer Opportunity - DVPO Team Attorney

There are many survivors of domestic violence in King County who need legal assistance from an attorney to protect them from the violence which threatens them and often their children. Often the survivor is a woman who has no resources and is seeking a domestic violence protection order against her abuser. The abuser is often represented by an attorney who is quite persuasive, while the survivor often appears alone, or with a legal advocate who can be present at the hearing, but who cannot speak on the survivor's behalf. For many survivors this is a very very difficult situation, and having an attorney at her side can make all the difference in whether she is able to persuade the judge to make the protection order permanent.

A Domestic Violence Protect Order Team Attorney assists survivors of domestic violence in obtaining permanent domestic violence protection orders by appearing in court with the survivor at the DVPO hearing. Your responsibilities are limited to appearing in court with the survivor to ensure that the survivor is able to make her case. Attorneys do not need experience in the field.

Attorneys must be members of the Washington State Bar Association, or have this requirement waived by the WSBA. You will receive training and mentoring as needed, including free CLEs provided by ELAP. Also you will be eligible for four hours of CLE credit when you complete two hours of CLE offered by ELAP and volunteer for four hours on ELAP's DVPO team.

For more information or a volunteer application, contact Brandy Andersson at brandy@elap.org or 425-747-7274 ext 204.