

EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Dr. Martin Luther King

Volunteer Opportunity - Volunteer Attorney for Civil Legal Aid

Many low income individuals and families on the Eastside who need legal services cannot afford legal services. Low income individuals and families have, on average, one situation each year where they need legal advice. Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) provides free legal advice to these individuals and families through legal advice clinics, where volunteer attorneys provide free half hour consultations with the person needing legal assistance. Often the legal issues require more legal help than can be provided in one half hour session. Whenever possible ELAP attempts to provide a referral to a volunteer attorney for brief follow up legal services. You can help us provide these much needed legal services by volunteering to provide these services through direct representation of these clients in need.

A volunteer civil legal aid attorney provides brief services to Eastside Legal Assistance clients who need direct representation. These services include writing a letter, making phone call, or providing other services in a variety of legal areas including family law, immigration, dissolution, estate planning, domestic violence and general law. Clients needs direct representation are referred from ELAP's legal advice clinics and workshops and by ELAP's staff DV attorney.

Volunteer civil legal aid attorneys must be a member 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 of direct representation.

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