

EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Dr. Martin Luther King

Volunteer Attorney for Civil Legal Aid Advice Clinics

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. You can help us provide these much needed legal services by volunteering as a Civil Legal Aid Advice Clinic Attorney.

A Civil Legal Aid Advice Clinic Attorney provides civil legal aid at ELAP's advice clinics. You will see up to four clients during a two hour clinic. Clinics occur weekly and cover various areas of the law including family law, immigration issues, self-help dissolution, domestic violence issues, and general law. Clients are scheduled for 30 minute appointments at the clinics. Clinics are organized by subject matter. Most attorneys volunteer for one clinic once or twice a month.

Volunteer attorneys must be members of Washington State Bar Association, or waived from this requirement 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 at ELAP's legal advice clinics.

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