



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Volunteer Opportunity ELAP Client-Plus Services Attorney

Do you want to use your legal expertise to assist low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence? Come help make equal access to justice in our community a reality by providing pro bono services for the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) bringing civil legal services to low income residents of the Eastside and survivors of domestic violence throughout King County. Since 1989, ELAP has provided residents with a variety of civil case services enabling equal access to justice including, one-on-one legal clinics, unbundled legal services, brief services, limited and full representation, and community education seminars and workshops.

An ELAP Client-Plus Attorney volunteer provides brief services, not rising to the level of representation, following up after the client has attended their ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic appointment or another ELAP service. All ELAP clients are pre-screened for residence, income and civil case matter eligibility by ELAP and if found eligible, matched with an appropriate ELAP program. Clients needing brief services are referred from the ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic Program and ELAP DV Staff Attorneys.

Duties:

- Provide brief services to ELAP clients that do not rise to the level of representation.
- Services may include writing a letter, making a phone call or providing a variety of brief legal services that do not rise to the level of limited or full representation. Matters range from a varied course of civil legal issues.
- Follow all ELAP policies and procedures.
- Providing further pro bono case services where necessary and in accordance with ELAP policies, is encouraged as the client likely has no access to representation.

Hours:

Each client-plus matter requires varied lengths of times determined accordingly. We ask for a minimum one year commitment to ELAP.

Requirements and Training:

- Attorneys must be members of the Washington State Bar Association, or have this requirement waived by the WSBA.
- You will receive procedural training and be eligible to participate in a free training provided by ELAP.

Benefits:

Low income individuals and families have, on average, one situation each year where they need legal advice. Oftentimes the legal issue presented requires more assistance than can be provided in one ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic appointment. Whenever necessary and possible ELAP follows up on the legal clinic attorney volunteer case advice and refers the matter to a Client-Plus Attorney volunteer to provide brief services to further assist clients. You can help us provide these much needed legal services by volunteering as an ELAP Client-Plus Services Attorney.

Application Process:

To apply please submit a completed ELAP Attorney Volunteer Application Form available on the ELAP website. We will contact you shortly to discuss your interest in this position. If you have any questions, please contact Esperanza Borboa, ELAP Program Director at esperanza@elap.org or at 425-747-7274 ext. 201. Thank you for your commitment to equal access to justice.