



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Volunteer Opportunity

ELAP Direct Representation: Limited Scope Representation 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 Limited Scope Representation Attorney volunteer provides unbundled legal services to ELAP clients who need direct representation. ELAP will provide a retainer agreement outlining the unbundled legal services to be provided in the particular case. 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 limited representation are referred from the ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic Program, ELAP Seminars/Workshops and ELAP DV Staff Attorneys.

Duties:

- Provide unbundled legal services to ELAP clients needing direct representation within Washington State legal guidelines for limited scope representation.
- If court appearance is required, file a Notice of Limited Appearance with court. At the conclusion of limited scope representation proceedings the attorney's role terminates without the necessity of leave of court, upon the attorney filing Notice of Completion of Limited Appearance. (See link to Rule CRLJ 70.1 and Rule CRLJ 4.2U)
- Follow good practices for client representation.
- Follow all ELAP policies and procedures.
- Providing further pro bono case services where necessary and in accordance with ELAP procedure, is encouraged as the client likely has no access to representation.

Hours:

- Each limited representation 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 possible ELAP provides a referral to a volunteer Limited Scope Representation Attorney for unbundled legal services.

You can help us provide these much needed legal services by volunteering as an ELAP Limited Scope Representation 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