



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Volunteer Opportunity ELAP General Law Clinic Attorney

Do you want to use your legal expertise to assist low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence who may have no other access to legal services? 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.

ELAP General Law Clinics are a part of the ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic Program. Your role as an ELAP General Law Clinic Attorney is to provide legal advice to ELAP clients. All ELAP legal clinic clients are pre-screened for residence, income and civil case matter eligibility by ELAP and if found eligible, matched with an appropriate ELAP program. The day before the clinic date, you will receive the legal clinic schedule, providing the name of the client and a basic description of the legal issue presented. While survivors of domestic violence often present issues falling under the jurisdiction of ELAP Family Law Clinics, all ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinics serve survivors of domestic violence to assist them through a range of civil legal needs. Translation services are available.

Duties:

- Advise up to four clients during a two hour ELAP General Law Clinic.
- Review the clinic schedule beforehand for any conflicts of interest.
- Follow all ELAP policies and procedures.
- Option to provide pro bono client plus services to follow-up on clinic client case. Client-plus services include all services falling short of representation but beyond the scope of the ordained legal clinic appointment time.
- Providing further pro bono services as necessary in cases presented in the clinic is encouraged as the client likely has no other means for legal recourse.

Hours:

Each general law clinic lasts for two hours. Clinic frequencies vary as some occur weekly, bimonthly or monthly. Most attorneys volunteer for one clinic per month. 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.

*Member Agency, Alliance for Equal Justice
"It's not justice if it's not equal"*

Benefits:

Low income individuals and families have, on average, one situation each year where they need legal advice. The clients we serve likely have no other access to legal services. You can help us improve equal access to justice by volunteering as an ELAP General Law Clinic Attorney and provide these much needed legal services. Volunteering at an ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic may qualify you for CLE credit.

Application Process:

To apply please fill out the ELAP Attorney Volunteer Application Form available on the ELAP website and email it along with your resume to Esperanza Borboa, ELAP Program Director at Esperanza@ELAP.org or at 425-747-7274 ext. 201. Please be sure to indicate your schedule availability, length of commitment and what interests you in this position. We will contact you shortly to discuss your interest in this position. If you have any questions, please contact us at 425- 747-7274 ext. 201. Thank you for your commitment to equal access to justice.