



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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ELAP Attorney Volunteer Program

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

The following volunteer programs are available for attorneys:

- 1. Direct Representation - Full Representation**
 - Provide full representation to a pro bono client for the duration of the case.
- 2. Direct Representation - Limited Representation**
 - Provide limited representation or assistance to a client. Limited representation includes services such as providing temporary orders and then withdrawing. ELAP will provide a sample representation agreement for limited representation.
- 3. Civil Legal Aid Advice Clinic**
 - Volunteer for a two hour legal advice clinic meeting two to four clients. Attorneys are generally scheduled four to ten times a year.
 - **Mentor opportunities** available within Family Law Advice Clinics.
- 4. Client-Plus Services**
 - Provide brief services, not rising to the level of representation, following up after the client has attended their ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic appointment.
- 5. Speaker at Workshops/Seminars**
 - Present at ELAP seminars, workshops or trainings held at various senior centers, community centers, or agencies aimed at educating community members.
- 6. Family Law Mentee Program:**
 - Two year program in which an attorney new to family law will provide legal advice, with support from an experienced family law mentor.
- 7. Wills Project**
 - Provide assistance with wills and estates matters, such as drafting wills, advance directives and durable powers of attorney.
- 8. Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) Team Attorney**
 - Assist survivors of domestic violence in obtaining permanent domestic violence protection orders by appearing in court with the survivor at the DVPO hearing. Responsibilities are limited to appearing in court with the survivor to ensure that he/she is able to make their case.

Length of Commitment:

Each attorney volunteer role requires varied lengths of times determined accordingly. We ask for a minimum one year commitment to ELAP.

Requirements and Training:

All volunteer attorneys must be members of the Washington State Bar Association, or waived from this requirement by the WSBA. Each attorney volunteer opportunity may have further specified requirements. You will receive procedural training and be eligible to participate in a free training provided by ELAP. ELAP volunteer opportunities may qualify you for CLE credit.

Benefits:

Volunteering at ELAP is a great way to make a difference in your community by providing access to critical legal services for vulnerable populations, who may otherwise have no recourse. Statistics show that low-income individuals and families have, on average, at least one situation each year where they require legal advice. The need is great as ever to improve accessibility to the legal system for residents. With your help, we aim to make equal access to justice a reality for individuals and families in need.

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 the indicated positions(s). If you have any questions, please contact Esperanza Borboa, ELAP Program Director at esperanza@elap.org or you can call 425-747-7274 ext. 201. Thank you for your commitment to equal access to justice.