



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Volunteer Opportunity ELAP Sophia Way 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 has a working relationship with the Sophia Way Women's Homeless Shelter. As part of our Civil Legal Advice Clinic Program, we provide two legal clinics a month, one in the morning and one in the evening. Your role as an Attorney in this clinic is to provide legal advice to clients who live at the shelter. Unlike ELAP's other clinics, there is no prescreening of eligibility for the women in the shelter. This means that since the women sign up the same morning/evening of the clinic, the attorney does not receive a schedule prior to the clinic. There will be an ELAP Volunteer Clinic Intake Assistant who will facilitate the sign in and have the women complete the intake form. You will meet for a maximum of 30 minutes with each client. The clinic is a two hour clinic so you will see up to four clients.

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 through a telephonic interpretation service.

Duties:

- Advise up to four clients during a two hour ELAP Sophia Way Law Clinic.
- Review the intake form 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 ELAP Sophia Way Law Clinic is two hours (4 clients). We have two clinics, the first is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the morning hours, the second clinic is held the 4th Thursday of the month in the evening.

Requirements and Training:

- Only female attorneys may volunteer for ELAP clinics occurring at the women's homeless shelter.
- Attorneys must be members of the Washington State Bar Association, or have this requirement waived by the WSBA.
- Shadow another volunteer Attorney once before taking doing clinic on your own.
- 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. 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 Immigration 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 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 esperanza@elap.org or at 425-747-7274 ext. 201. Thank you for your commitment to equal access to justice