



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Volunteer Opportunity ELAP Wills Project Attorney

Do you want to use your legal expertise to assist low-income residents? Come help make equal access to justice in our community a reality by volunteering for the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) bringing 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 case services enabling equal access to justice including, one-on-one civil legal advice clinics, unbundled legal services, limited representation services, full representation and community education seminars.

An ELAP Wills Project Attorney assists clients in drafting wills, advance directives and durable powers of attorney. 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 assistance with wills and estates matters are referred from the ELAP Civil Legal Advice Clinic Program, ELAP Seminars /Workshops and ELAP DV Staff Attorneys.

Duties:

- Once informed by ELAP of a client needing assistance, reach out to client to initiate legal assistance. Client will not be provided your contact information.
- Draft wills, advance directives and/or durable powers of attorney
- Follow good practices for client representation
- Follow all ELAP policies and procedures
- Provide 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 referral 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.
- Strong experience drafting valid wills, advance directives and durable powers of attorney.
- 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 wills and estates area of the law draws many questions as clients try to secure financial security for their family and loved ones. You can help us provide these much needed legal services in this area of law by volunteering as an ELAP Wills Project Attorney to provide brief services drafting legal documents for clients 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 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