VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (BBA VLP)

Brief Description of Organization: The mission of the BBA VLP is to ensure that the legal system is accessible to those who, because of special needs or the overwhelming burdens of poverty, would not otherwise have their rights protected or their voices heard. Since 1990, dedicated volunteers from the private bar have provided critical pro bono assistance through the VLP to thousands of individuals and families from Brooklyn's poorest neighborhoods. The goal of each VLP volunteer is to use the legal system to help people regain dignity and control over their lives. The VLP's primary referral areas are family law, elder law, consumer law, Chapter 7 bankruptcy, wills, guardianship, and a newly-initiated Foreclosure Intervention Program in partnership with South Brooklyn Legal Services. In addition to serving those in need through direct representation, the VLP has established several innovative education and outreach programs for seniors and self-represented litigants.

Population Served: Low-income persons from Brooklyn, families, and seniors.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Uncontested Divorce Clinic: The VLP has an active self-represented uncontested divorce program that assists men and women whose lives are in crisis or at a standstill because they were abandoned or are survivors of domestic violence and/or emotional abuse. Most are referred to the VLP by the Office of the Self-Represented in Supreme Court. Others learn about the VLP clinic from other legal service providers.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes.

Type of Work: Full Representation; Limited Representation; Pro Se Assistance.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Downtown Brooklyn office located near the state and federal court.	**Areas of Substantive Law:** Matrimonial Law.
Supervision: Staff Supervising Attorneys and experienced practitioners in each of the referral areas serve as mentors to all volunteer VLP attorneys.	**Training:** The VLP conducts training programs for attorneys in its primary areas of referral. Each program is accompanied by a training manual with relevant case law, statutes, and forms.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: From as little as two hours a month to full-scale representation with concomitant time commitment.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.	**Specific/Previous Training Required:** No.

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