

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: Residents of Brooklyn living at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Foreclosure Law Unit: Foreclosure Intervention: The VLP will represent and assist Brooklyn residents facing foreclosure as a result of subprime or unconventional loan products through the Pro Bono Foreclosure Panel, a panel of trained pro bono attorneys recruited, trained, supervised and mentored by the VLP. The Pro Bono Foreclosure Panel will provide representation and advice and counsel in foreclosure defense litigation; in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions; and at short sale closings. In addition, within the framework of limited representation offered by SBLs, the Pro Bono Foreclosure Panel will represent homeowners at mandatory settlement conferences

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes. (is this correct)

Type of Work: Full Representation and Limited-Scope Representation.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:

Downtown Brooklyn office is located near the state and federal courts. NYS Supreme Court, Kings County.

Area(s) of Substantive Law: Foreclosure/Housing 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 volunteer 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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