

**VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS PROGRAM**

**Name of Organization:** Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP)

**Brief Description of Organization:** The Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) provides a wide variety of free civil legal services for low-income people and smaller not-for-profit groups. We involve our own staff attorneys and hundreds of pro bono attorneys to provide these quality services.

**Population Served:** Low-income people and nonprofits in Erie County. Some services are available in Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**FULL REPRESENTATION:** VLP offers opportunities in a wide variety of substantive areas of law. These include divorce, non-parent custody, guardianship of children, Article 17-A guardianships, Article 81 Court Evaluator or Attorney for the Alleged Incompetent Person, child support, Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, tax foreclosure defense, deed transfers to obtain clear title to home already living in, Income Tax problems, Immigration, unemployment insurance benefit hearings, not-for-profit incorporation, bankruptcy, debt collection defense, tort defense, name changes for adults and children, veterans' benefits, wills, powers of attorney.

**Can Volunteers Work Off Site?** Yes.

**Type of Work:** Full representation.

**Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:** Full representation: varies.

**Area of Substantive Law:** Bankruptcy; Consumer Law; Domestic Violence; Eviction; Family Law; Foreclosure; Housing; Immigration; Matrimonial Law; Non-Profit; Real Estate; Tax; Unemployment; Veterans Affairs

**Supervision:** Volunteers may request mentoring by attorneys on the VLP staff

**Training:** VLP is an Accredited Provider of New York CLE credits for live trainings, pre-recorded trainings, and for pro bono work. VLP trainings are free for attorneys who agree to handle VLP cases.

**REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER**

**Time Commitment:** Volunteer attorneys must commit to volunteering to handle a full representation case.

**Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required:** No.

**Specific/Previous Training Required:** No.