

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT OF ONONDAGA COUNTY

Name of Organization: Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.

The Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) provides opportunities for lawyers, paralegals, and law students in Onondaga County to participate in meeting the unmet civil legal services needs of low-income people in our community through pro bono service. VLP's projects include an Eviction Defense Program, Pro Se Divorce Clinic, Free Talk-to-a-Lawyer Legal Clinics, Surrogate's Court Pro Se Assistance Clinic, Family Court Pro Se Assistance Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Q-Law LGBT legal clinic, Veterans Project, Annual Elder Law Fair, and Not-For-Profit Advocacy Program. We always are looking for attorneys to assist in our projects and with full representation.

Population Served: Low-income persons in Onondaga County

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Elder Law Fair: Attorneys lead community legal education seminars designed to educate the public about a wide variety of legal issues that affect the lives of elderly people. Attorneys also provide Talk to a Lawyer Clinic appointments where clients have the opportunity to meet one-on-one and seek advice, information and referrals.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes.

Type of Work: Community education; Limited legal advice and counsel; Special projects

Location of Volunteer Opportunity: Varies depending on the opportunity, but in the Greater Syracuse Area.

Areas of Substantive Law: Disability; Elder Law; Health Care; Housing; Public Benefits; Trust and Estates; Veterans Affairs

Supervision: Staff Supervising Attorneys and experienced practitioners in each of the referral areas serve as mentors to 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: Flexible. From as little as two hours a month.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No

Specific/Previous Training Required: No