

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

Eviction Defense Clinic: Offers attorneys a chance to represent low-income tenants in eviction proceedings on a periodic basis. Landlord/Tenant Court occurs every day and requires approximately 2 hours of attorney time. Through training and representation, attorneys gain practical knowledge of the housing world which they can apply to not only their Landlord/Tenant Court experience but also to their private practices.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes.

Type of Work: Full representation

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

Areas of Substantive Law: Foreclosure; Housing

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: Full-scale representation with concomitant time commitment - about 2 hours a session.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No

Specific/Previous Training Required: No