

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

Talk to a Lawyer Clinics: Located at community centers, churches, schools and health centers throughout the community, these clinics provide low-income clients with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with an attorney regarding any civil legal matter. Attorneys provide advice, information and referrals. There are also opportunities for attorneys to provide this advice via telephone through our Tel-Law program. Within the city of Syracuse, this program provides the legal support component for Say Yes to Education Syracuse. This clinic gives attorneys an opportunity to reach outside their ordinary areas of practice by handling clients as they come in. Seeking attorneys for the clinics and to accept ongoing pro bono cases that arise from these clinics.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes.

Type of Work: Community education; Full representation; Limited legal advice and counsel; Limited scope representation

<p>Location of Volunteer Opportunity: Varies depending on the opportunity, but in the Greater Syracuse Area.</p>	<p>Areas of Substantive Law: Bankruptcy; Business Law Contracts; Civil Rights; Consumer Law; Contracts; Corporate Governance / Compliance; Disability; Domestic Violence; Education; Elder Law; Employment; Environmental Law; Family Law; Foreclosure; Health Care; Housing; Immigration; Insurance; Intellectual Property; Matrimonial Law; Negotiation; Non-Profit Law; Public Benefits; Real Estate; Special Education; Tax; Trust and Estates; Unemployment; Veterans Affairs</p>
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<p>Supervision: Staff Supervising Attorneys and experienced practitioners in each of the referral areas serve as mentors to volunteer VLP attorneys.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

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

<p>Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No</p>	<p>Specific/Previous Training Required: No</p>
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