

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. Pro Bono Program

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Description of Organization

The Pro Bono Program is a collaboration between Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. (LASMNY) and private attorneys to provide free legal services to low-income persons across LASMNY's 13-county service area: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and Otsego.

Volunteer Opportunities

Advice Clinics – Give in-person advice and counsel at one of LASMNY's clinics: Child Support, Bankruptcy-Consumer or Divorce.

Attorney of the Hour – City Court Evictions - At the "Attorney of the Hour" Eviction program, volunteers at City Court advise or represent tenants facing eviction.

Full Client Representation – Accept a case in areas of child support, divorce, bankruptcy, estate planning, unemployment insurance benefits, and other civil matters.

Legal Help Line - Volunteer gives telephone advice from the convenience of their home or office on any civil legal matter(s) they choose.

“Reverse Referrals” - If the volunteer meets with a client they would like to represent pro bono through Legal Aid, they should contact LASMNY and they will be immediately told if their client qualifies.

Unemployment Insurance Hearings - Represent employees seeking benefits at an unemployment insurance hearing.

Veterans' Center "Talk to a Lawyer" - Volunteer at local veteran clinic to give advice to veterans on various civil legal matters.

Areas of Substantive Law

Family Law

Consumer Law

Unemployment Law

Bankruptcy Law

Trusts and Estates

Veterans Affairs

General Notes

Capacity: Attorneys may generally work on-site at a Legal Aid office or from the convenience of their home or office, depending on the nature of the pro bono matter and attorney preference.

Experience: Previous experience is not required for most opportunities. Training is provided as needed.

Supervision: Pro bono work is supervised by the Pro Bono Managing Attorney and Paralegals in each of LASMNY's three major offices in Binghamton, Syracuse, and Utica.

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