

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA)

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Description of Organization

Since 1969, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA) has been the leading provider of educational and legal services, advocacy and mediation to the arts community. As the first arts-related legal aid organization, VLA is the model for similar organizations around the world.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contracts and Licensing: Volunteers review, draft, and negotiate contracts.

Corporate Law: Volunteers help clients incorporate and advise them on internal governance decisions.

Intellectual Property: Volunteers advise artists on copyright and trademark issues.

Litigation: Volunteers counsel clients on litigation matters, generally related to contract, licensing, or intellectual property disputes.

Mediation and Negotiation: Volunteers serve as a mediator (third party neutral) or negotiate with other parties on a client's behalf.

Areas of Substantive Law

Contracts
Licensing
Corporate Governance
Intellectual Property
Negotiation

General Notes

Capacity: VLA believes it has the capacity to supervise and manage an unlimited number of volunteers.

Experience: Previous experience in substantive law is required.

Supervision: VLA provides minimal supervision to its volunteers. VLA is available to answer questions by telephone or email and reaches out to volunteers periodically to receive updates and discuss developments in the case.

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