

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS PROGRAM

Name of Organization: Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP)

Brief Description of Organization: The Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) provides a wide variety of free civil legal services for low-income people and smaller not-for-profit groups. We involve our own staff attorneys and hundreds of pro bono attorneys to provide these quality services.

Population Served: Low-income people and nonprofits in Erie County. Some services are available in Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION: Volunteers take the morning shift at Buffalo City Court serving as the Attorney of the Morning (AOM) representing low-income tenants facing eviction. Even if some cases continue, your obligation to those clients ends at the end of the shift. Other limited scope opportunities are: wills clinic; Family Court Help Desk (advice to pro se petition filers; attorneys must be experienced Family Court practitioners); and Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program (advice to pro se civil litigants in the Western District of NY; attorneys must be experienced Federal Court litigators).

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Yes.

Type of Work: Limited scope representation.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Limited scope AOM: Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings; Family Court Help Desk: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from noon to 2 pm; Wills clinic: varies; Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program: Wednesday & Friday from noon to 2 pm..

Area of Substantive Law: Eviction defense, Family Court, Wills, Federal Court litigation.

Supervision: Volunteers may request mentoring by attorneys on the VLP staff.

Training: VLP is an Accredited Provider of NY CLE credits for live trainings, pre-recorded trainings, and for pro bono work. VLP trainings are free for attorneys who agree to handle VLP cases.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: Volunteer attorneys must commit to volunteering at least 3 mornings at the Attorney of the Morning Program.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: Yes

Specific/Previous Training Required: No.