

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Urban Justice Center Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project

Brief Description of Organization: The Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center (UJC) organizes law students and lawyers in the Middle East, Canada, and the United States to provide comprehensive legal representation to individual refugees and Special Immigrant Visa applicants seeking resettlement. We use our individual casework to achieve broader systemic reforms in the international refugee resettlement process, so that refugees are better able to enforce their human rights.

Populations Served: IRAP takes on urgent refugee cases that include: Iraqis and Afghans at risk of persecution because of their work as interpreters for the US military; female survivors of sexual assault, domestic abuse or human trafficking; children with medical emergencies; and LGBT refugees. IRAP receives case referrals from NGOs, the United Nations, US service members, and journalists.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP): IRAP is a network of chapters at nine law schools (eight in the U.S. and one at the University of Jordan in Amman), with more than 270 participating law students and supervising attorneys. We have provided over \$2.4 million in pro bono legal services and resettled more than 450 people who have been displaced by the war and have become refugees. IRAP is committed to representing the needs of this vulnerable population – saving the lives of Iraqis threatened by the withdrawal of US forces, guiding our persecuted allies to safe passage in the West, and creating a durable human rights infrastructure in the process that can be applied to future refugee crises. IRAP is asking the US government to help refugees by reforming the Special Immigrant Visa Process, allowing refugees to elect to be represented by legal counsel, and creating priority processing categories for vulnerable groups. Law students work in pairs, under the supervision of pro bono attorneys from private firms. They prepare visa applications, submit appeals, and advocate and empower our clients to successfully negotiate the resettlement process.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Sometimes. IRAP is very flexible and although some amount of time at UJC's office will likely be necessary, the Attorney Emeritus can also work from home or their own office.

Type of Work: Full Representation; Agency Advocacy.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:
Urban Justice Center Office.

Area of Substantive Law: Human Rights Law, Immigration Law.

Supervision: Other IRAP attorneys will be on-site and available to the attorney emeritus as needed.

Training: IRAP will provide an orientation and training materials to the Attorney Emeritus. Additional training can be provided as needed.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: IRAP seeks a volunteer willing to devote approximately 2 to 3 days per week for an extended period of time.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.

Specific/Previous Training Required: No.