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ABOUT THE CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION

As the charitable arm of The Chicago Bar Association, The Chicago Bar Foundation brings the legal community together to improve access to justice for people in need and make the legal system more fair and efficient for everyone. The CBF’s mission recognizes that taking a leadership role to ensure equal access to justice is our common cause as a profession, and that we can make a distinct impact in advancing that cause by the legal community coming together through the CBF.

The CBF pursues two overarching goals to improve access to justice:
1.) Increasing access to free and affordable legal assistance for people in need, and
2.) Making the courts and legal system more user-friendly and accessible for people without lawyers

Using a mix of grants, advocacy, pro bono and partnerships, the CBF pursues a two-pronged strategy to accomplish these goals:
1.) Supporting proven solutions that have an immediate effect, such as the CBF’s grants to established pro bono and legal aid organizations made possible by the annual Investing in Justice Campaign.
2.) Developing new and innovative solutions that drive long-term, systemic improvements through initiatives such as the Justice Entrepreneurs Project, developing a network of Court-based Advice Desks, and the CBF Legal Aid Academy.

To learn more about how you can make a difference both individually and by joining forces with your colleagues in the legal community through the CBF, please visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org or call 312.554.1204.
TIME, MONEY AND INFLUENCE: FULFILLING YOUR ROLE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

While we all get called on to support many causes, the justice system is our “home turf” as lawyers and legal professionals. Wherever you are in the legal community, you are a trustee of the justice system, and it is our common cause to make sure the system is fair and accessible for all people regardless of their income or circumstances. You can make a difference through a combination of your time, your money, and your influence. You can make a big impact both individually and by joining forces with your colleagues in the legal community through your foundation—the CBF—where we are able to make a collective impact that none of us could on our own.
Time

Lawyers and legal professionals have unique expertise to make the justice system fair and accessible to all. For lawyers, being granted the exclusive privilege to practice law comes with a special responsibility to use those skills to help those who can’t afford our services. This obligation is underscored by Illinois Supreme Court Rule 756, and this guide is your resource for finding pro bono opportunities that suit your interests, skills, and schedule.

In addition to our core responsibility of doing pro bono work, lawyers and others further support access to justice by using their expertise to provide training for legal aid and pro bono attorneys or helping to connect legal aid attorneys to training opportunities. The CBF Legal Aid Academy provides free training to legal aid attorneys and staff through pro bono contributions; learn more about how you can help on our website.

There are many other ways that lawyers can contribute their time to advance the cause, including by mentoring legal aid or pro bono attorneys, joining the governing boards or young professionals boards of pro bono and legal aid organizations, and other law-related volunteering such as educating youth about our legal system through organizations such as the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago. More information about law-related volunteering is available on our website.

Money

While you can make a tremendous impact through your time and influence, your financial support for the cause is equally critical. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 756 requiring lawyers to report both monetary contributions and pro bono hours in the annual ARDC registration process underscores that providing our financial support for legal aid and related access to justice initiatives is an essential corollary to your pro bono and other backing for the cause.

There are three complementary ways your financial support plays an integral role in advancing the cause:

1.) Contributing to the CBF, joining with your colleagues in the legal community to make a collective impact that none of us could on our own;

2.) Donating to the annual Investing in Justice Campaign to support the pro bono and legal aid organizations serving the Chicago area with one gift; and

3.) Supporting the individual pro bono and legal aid organizations where you have a personal connection.

Influence

Your influence is the final major asset you possess to make the justice system more fair and accessible for all. Your influence makes an impact both individually and in the strong collective voice you make possible through the CBF on larger policy issues in government, the courts, and the media.

As lawyers and legal professionals, we all have influence that takes many different forms, and there are three overarching ways you can use that influence to advance this cause:

In the legislative and policymaking process: Lawyers and legal professionals need to use our individual and collective influence to lead the charge in making the case that government bears the primary responsibility for ensuring equal access to justice, one of our nation’s most fundamental principles.

In the courts: One way you can use your influence is to advocate for cy pres awards to support the CBF and other pro bono and legal aid organizations when there are opportunities to do so. Another way you can advance the cause is by advocating for court policies that make the system more user-friendly and accessible for people without lawyers.

In your personal networks: Just a few examples include promoting access to justice among your colleagues, serving as a Vice Chair for a law firm or organization in the annual CBF Investing in Justice Campaign, or encouraging your firm or company’s business partners to provide support for access to justice.

In addition to the examples above, lawyers, legal professionals, and business partners of the legal community can contribute in other ways, including providing administrative support by donating secretarial, paralegal, printing, IT, and marketing/public relations assistance, and through donating rather than disposing of furniture, office equipment, or other legal resources.

The CBF can help you contribute in any of the ways identified above and can help put your new ideas into action. Please contact Bob Glaves at bglaves@chicagobar.org or 312.554.1205, or visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org for more information about getting involved, including information about the CBF’s Law Firm, Corporate, and Partner Leadership Circles.
THE CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION PRO BONO PROGRAM

The CBF promotes and supports a variety of pro bono activities to help ensure that pro bono services most effectively supplement the work of dedicated legal aid attorneys and otherwise increase access to justice to the maximum extent possible.

The CBF takes a multi-prong approach that includes:
- sustaining and improving the existing pro bono system
- developing, supporting, and funding innovative pro bono projects
- promoting, supporting, and recognizing pro bono participation

For questions about our work, pro bono in Illinois, or help developing or growing pro bono programs, contact Kelly Tautges, CBF’s Director of Pro Bono & Court Advocacy, at 312.554.8356 or ktautges@chicagobar.org.

Visit www.IllinoisProBono.org for more information about pro bono opportunities, upcoming training programs, and resources for pro bono attorneys.
**FINDING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES**

This Guide is an introductory resource for attorneys who are interested in performing pro bono service in the Chicago area. This guide identifies opportunities by legal subject area (e.g., adoption, eviction), type of representation (e.g., litigation, transactional), client group (e.g., children, elderly), evening and weekend availability, shorter time commitment, and appropriateness for group work. These lists are available on pages 6–9. Specific information and sample opportunities from each organization are listed on pages 10–29.

Additional opportunities or more information may be available on the organization’s website or by contacting the organization. In addition, most organizations welcome full-time in-house volunteers, experienced attorney mentors, and law student interns. If you are interested in one of these opportunities, visit the website of the organization in which you are interested or visit www.IllinoisProBono.org. Finally, some opportunities are particularly well-suited for law students, corporate counsel, government attorneys, or senior attorneys. If you are looking for one of these opportunities, you can find specific resources under the Pro Bono Resources section at www.chicagobarfoundation.org and more information on www.IllinoisProBono.org.

The CBF Pro Bono Support Program is your resource for pro bono. The CBF staff has extensive knowledge about the many great pro bono opportunities, and we are available to help you identify and connect with opportunities that are a good fit for your schedule, interests, and goals. We also welcome your feedback about your experience with pro bono, gaps in our system, or things we might do better. Contact Jessica Bednarz at 312.554.4952 or jbednarz@chicagobar.org.

Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO) www.IllinoisProBono.org provides up-to-date and more detailed information about pro bono opportunities in Chicago and throughout the state. The CBF partners with ILAO to ensure high-quality, accurate, and timely postings of opportunities in Chicago and the surrounding area. In addition, the website includes a calendar of upcoming training programs and events, as well as many other resources for pro bono attorneys. Visit www.IllinoisLegalAidOnline.org for more information about ILAO’s work.

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**PRO BONO IN THE CHICAGO AREA**

A network of nearly 40 pro bono and legal aid organizations provides critical legal assistance to thousands of low-income and disadvantaged people in the Chicago area. These organizations range in size from several larger organizations that collectively serve tens of thousands of people on a wide range of issues throughout Cook County to a number of smaller organizations that target their services to particular legal issues or communities.

About 700,000 low-income people in the Chicago area are expected to encounter a legal problem this year, yet fewer than half of them will be able to access legal help because there aren’t enough pro bono and legal aid resources to go around. In addition, a growing number of moderate-income people in our community are unable to find affordable legal help. The net result is many thousands of people are left without the assistance they need to fairly and effectively resolve their legal problems.

Each year, thousands of attorneys in the Chicago area volunteer their time and talents to help many people in need in our community get necessary legal help on a range of legal issues. As you look for the opportunity that is a good fit for you, it is important to be mindful that pro bono and legal aid programs are working to meet a high level of need with extremely limited resources. As discussed more fully on pages 30–31 of this guide, strong pro bono programs screen cases, provide training, and give ongoing support for their volunteers. Volunteers should expect that support and also recognize the important role that organizations play in making pro bono opportunities available. The ultimate goal for everyone concerned is to ensure that clients receive high-quality legal assistance.

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If you are looking for free legal help, please note that this guide is not intended to help you find a pro bono lawyer. To find out if you are eligible for free legal services, call CARPLS, Cook County’s legal aid hotline, at 312.738.9200. CARPLS attorneys may give you brief legal advice or may try to refer you to an appropriate legal aid program. You can also find general legal information online at www.IllinoisLegalAid.org. To find other lawyers who charge fees, you can contact The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at www.chicagobar.org or 312.554.2001. You also can find lawyers who are dedicated to providing quality, affordable legal services by contacting the CBF Justice Entrepreneurs Project at www.jepchicago.org or 312.546.3282.
PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES BY LEGAL SUBJECT AREA

Below is a list of organizations classified by the general legal areas in which they offer pro bono opportunities. Many organizations have pro bono opportunities in more than one subject area.

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| - Equip for Equality            | - LAF                            |

| Education Law: Other Issues | | |
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| - Access Living              | - LAF                            |
| - Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project |                                |
| - Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law |                                |

| Elder Abuse | | |
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| - Center for Disability & Elder Law |                             |

| Employment Law | | |
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| - Access Living | - LAF                            |
| - AIDS Legal Council of Chicago | - Lawyers for the Creative Arts |
| - Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law | - The Law Project |
| - Equip for Equality | | |
| - LAF | | |
| - The Law Project (transactional) | | |

| Estates, Wills and Probate | | |
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| - AIDS Legal Council of Chicago | - Lawyers for the Creative Arts |
| - Center for Disability & Elder Law | - The Law Project |
| - Chicago Legal Clinic | | |
| - Chicago Volunteer Legal Services | | |

| Guardianship (Child and Adult) | | |
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| - Cabrini Green Legal Aid | - The Law Project |
| - Center for Disability & Elder Law | | |
| - Chicago Legal Clinic | | |
| - Chicago Volunteer Legal Services | | |
| - Equip for Equality | | |

| Immigration | | |
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| - LAF | - National Immigrant Justice Center |

| Insurance Benefits | | |
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| - AIDS Legal Council of Chicago | | |
| - Chicago Legal Clinic | | |
| - Chicago Volunteer Legal Services | | |

| Intellectual Property | | |
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| - Lawyers for the Creative Arts | | |
| - The Law Project | | |

| Juvenile: Abuse and Neglect | | |
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| - Family Defense Center | | |

| Juvenile: Delinquency/School Discipline Defense | | |
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| - Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law | | |
| - James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy | | |
| - LAF | | |
| - Lawndale Christian Legal Center | | |

Mediation
- Center for Conflict Resolution
- Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Public Benefits
- Access Living
- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Equip for Equality
- LAF

Real Estate Closing
- The Law Project

Tax Law
- Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
- The Law Project

Tort and Insurance Defense
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Municipal Court Pro Bono Panel
PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES BY TYPE

A wide variety of non-litigation and litigation pro bono opportunities are available in Cook County. Volunteers can find opportunities to fit their skills, interests, schedules and other goals.

Non-litigation and Non-representation Opportunities in Cook County
Pro bono and legal aid organizations offer Chicago-area attorneys a wide variety of non-litigation pro bono opportunities. Opportunities include: transactional work, providing brief advice and counsel to clients, giving community legal education presentations, drafting advance directives, interviewing clients and assessing their legal needs, and providing mediation services.

Business Law/Transactional
The organizations listed below offer transactional pro bono opportunities, which include work in the areas of corporate law, tax, intellectual property, and real estate. Examples of some of the projects include helping a community organization draft bylaws, drafting a contract between an artist and a gallery, and advising an artist on intellectual property matters.

– Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
– The Law Project
– Lawyers for the Creative Arts

Clinics
Volunteer your time to provide legal information or brief advice to clients on a variety of matters through clinics located in a multitude of Chicago-area neighborhoods. You may also take clinic cases for full representation.

– Cabrini Green Legal Aid
– Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
– Center for Disability & Elder Law
– Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project
– Chicago Legal Clinic
– Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
– Legal Aid Society

Estates and Wills
The organizations below offer the opportunity to draft advance directives, wills, and other important estate planning documents.

– AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
– Center for Disability & Elder Law
– Chicago Legal Clinic
– Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Community Legal Education Materials and Presentations
The organizations below offer volunteers the opportunity to share their legal knowledge and experience with low-income clients on a variety of civil and criminal matters.

– Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
– Center for Disability & Elder Law
– Equip for Equality
– First Defense Legal Aid
– Illinois Legal Aid Online
– The Law Project
– National Immigrant Justice Center

Hotlines/Advice Desks
The organizations listed below offer opportunities for volunteers to provide clients with brief advice and counsel through a hotline or an advice desk located in the court or the community.

– Cabrini Green Legal Aid
– CARPLS
– Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
– Center for Disability & Elder Law
– Chicago Legal Clinic
– Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
– Equip for Equality
– First Defense Legal Aid
– James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
– LAF
– Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing
Intake
Assist one of the organizations below with interviewing clients and assessing their legal needs. This is an ideal fit for a volunteer interested in a defined time commitment with client contact.
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Equip for Equality

Mediation
Volunteer your time to help individuals manage and resolve conflicts by acting as a volunteer mediator or representing individuals in mediation.
- Center for Conflict Resolution
- Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Litigation Opportunities in Cook County
The organizations below assign volunteer attorneys to client representation in court, administrative hearings, and other contested situations that require direct representation. For example, an attorney might represent a refugee in an asylum case in immigration court, help an incarcerated mother transfer guardianship of her child, or speak for a disabled individual in a hearing to maintain benefits.
- Access Living
- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project
- Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Domestic Violence Legal Clinic
- Equip for Equality
- Family Defense Center
- LAF
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing
- Legal Aid Society
- Municipal Court Pro Bono Panel
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Statutory Summary Suspension Program
- Uptown People’s Law Center

Weekend or Evening Pro Bono Opportunities
For volunteers who don’t have flexible daytime schedules or who prefer to perform pro bono work outside of regular business hours, the organizations listed below offer evening and weekend pro bono opportunities.
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- CARPLS
- Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
- Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- First Defense Legal Aid
- Illinois Legal Aid Online
- Legal Aid Society

Shorter Time Commitment Pro Bono Opportunities
For attorneys who would like to volunteer for brief periods of time—usually at hotlines/help desks, a one-time court appearance, or at a community legal education presentation—the groups below have projects to accommodate individuals with fixed time slots.
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- CARPLS
- Catholic Charities Legal Assistance
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Equip for Equality
- First Defense Legal Aid
- LAF
- The Law Project
- Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing
- Legal Aid Society
- Statutory Summary Suspension Program

Pro Bono Opportunities Appropriate for Group Work
The following organizations are among those that provide opportunities well suited for groups of people who want to work on a pro bono project together.
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- CARPLS
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Equip for Equality
- The Law Project
- National Immigrant Justice Center

Pro Bono Opportunities in Cook County Identified by Client Groups
This listing is not exhaustive, but identifies organizations offering pro bono opportunities serving specific groups.

ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts

CHILDREN
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project
- Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Equip for Equality
- James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- LAF
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- National Immigrant Justice Center

DISABLED PERSONS
- Access Living
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Center for Economic Progress — Tax Clinic
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — Law Project
- Equip for Equality
- LAF
- Legal Aid Society

ELDERLY
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Center for Disability & Elder Law
- Equip for Equality
- LAF
- Legal Aid Society

HIV POSITIVE POPULATION
- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

IMMIGRANTS
- LAF
- National Immigrant Justice Center

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES
- The Law Project
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts

Visit [www.chicagobarfoundation.org](http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org) for more information about the pro bono and legal aid system in Chicago and how you can make a difference.
**PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES BY ORGANIZATION**

Below is a brief description of each legal aid provider mentioned elsewhere in this guide along with sample opportunities offered by the organization. For further information, you can contact the organization directly, visit www.IllinoisProBono.org, or call the CBF Pro Bono Support Program at 312.554.4952.

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**ACCESS LIVING**

115 West Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: 312.640.2100  
Web: www.accessliving.org  
TTY: 312.640.2102

Access Living is a cross-disability organization governed and staffed by a majority of persons with disabilities. The organization strives to enhance the opportunities of persons with disabilities to live individualized and satisfying lives. To this end, Access Living undertakes advocacy and service programs that reach the entire spectrum of disability. Access Living’s legal staff provides direct representation, educates persons with disabilities about their legal rights, engages in public policy advocacy aimed at affirmatively furthering fair housing, and utilizes systemic impact litigation to protect the rights of low-income Chicagoans with disabilities. Attorneys counsel persons with disabilities about their civil rights and provide representation in cases implicating important disability rights issues.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Interested volunteers should contact Access Living.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**CO-COUNSEL DISCRIMINATION CASES**

Volunteer attorneys co-counsel discrimination cases under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, or other relevant statutes with Access Living attorneys.

**Practice areas:** Civil rights, disability  
**Opportunity type:** Litigation  
**Skills acquired:** Client counseling, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting  
**Skills required:** The individual or firm must have significant experience in subject matter and/or litigation.

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on case complexity.

**Contact:** Ken Walden, 312.640.2100, kwalden@accessliving.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Access Living does not have a formal training program. Licensed attorneys provide support and guidance as agreed upon and needed.

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**AIDS LEGAL COUNCIL OF CHICAGO**

180 North Michigan Avenue  
Suite 2110  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312.427.8990  
Web: www.aidslegal.com

The AIDS Legal Council of Chicago (ALCC) consists of three projects that work collaboratively with medical and social services providers to do the following:

**The AIDS Legal Project** preserves, promotes, and protects the legal rights of men, women, and children in the metropolitan Chicago area living with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Legal Project provides legal services to low-income residents of Cook County who are affected by HIV/AIDS, and addresses clients’ issues including estate planning, discrimination, confidentiality, bankruptcy, immigration, social security benefits, and guardianship.

**The Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (CMLPC)** provides legal services to low-income children and their family members who are patients at participating pediatric hospital and medical center sites. The project addresses clients’ issues including public benefits, special education, early intervention, housing, immigration, health insurance, FMLA, and adult and child guardianship. CMLPC also addresses a wide array of policy issues impacting child health and well-being.
The SSI Homeless Outreach Project provides legal services to homeless mentally ill individuals. In concert with behavioral health and social services staff, the SSI Homeless Advocacy Project staff provide benefits including advocacy Social Security and SSI disability benefits, medical assistance, and other vital assistance.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Interested volunteers should email ALCC with their resume and an explanation of interest.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
PREPARATION OF ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Attorneys with subject matter experience prepare estate planning documents (wills, trusts, powers of attorney and any related documents) for low-income individuals with HIV.

Practice areas: Estate Planning
Opportunity type: Non-litigation
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Subject matter experience
Time commitment: Attorneys typically spend 5–15 hours over a 2–3 week time period.
Contact: Ruth Edwards, 312.427.8990, ruth@aidslegal.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Staff attorneys provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN A SPECIAL EDUCATION MATTER

Attorneys with subject matter experience provide legal representation on special education issues for parents of students with disabilities in school meetings, mediation, expulsion hearings, and due process administrative hearings.

Practice Area: Education law
Opportunity Type: Administrative agency litigation
Skills acquired: Litigation, negotiation, writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Subject matter experience or litigation
Time commitment: Varies depending on complexity, but attorneys typically spend 10–30 hours over 2–3 weeks.
Contact: Amy Zimmerman, 312.427.8990, amy@aidslegal.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Staff attorneys provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS

Volunteer attorneys with subject matter experience represent minor children who require guardianships and for families of children with disabilities who are transitioning into adulthood and require guardians due to lack of capacity.

Practice areas: Probate law
Opportunity Type: Litigation (uncontested)
Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Subject matter experience or litigation
Time commitment: Varies depending on complexity, but attorneys typically spend 20 hours over a 2–3 weeks.
Contact: Ruth Edwards, 312.427.8990, ruth@aidslegal.com or Amy Zimmerman, 312.427.8990, amy@aidslegal.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Staff attorneys who provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Volunteer attorneys with experience in the subject matter handle all aspects of cases for clients in areas including immigration, Chapter 7 or 13 bankruptcy, employment discrimination, consumer credit, probate, or insurance matters.

Practice areas: Estate planning, immigration, consumer law, public benefits, employment
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, trial skills, writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Subject matter experience
Time commitment: Varies by case type, but typically is 4–10 hours per month.
Contact: Ruth Edwards, 312.427.8990, ruth@aidslegal.com; Amy Zimmerman, 312.427.8990, amy@aidslegal.com; or Lisa Parsons, 312.427.8990, lisa@aidslegal.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Staff attorneys who provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
ATTORNEY AND LAW STUDENT INTAKE PROGRAM

Volunteer attorneys and law students interview potential clients at the CGLA office and satellite offices in Chicago. Following intake interviews, volunteers attend the weekly intake meeting at CGLA’s office to present the potential client’s information to staff, volunteers, and interns. At the intake meeting, all staff and volunteers vote on which cases to accept, refer to other sources, or provide advice.

Practice areas: General civil practice
Opportunity type: Non-representation, client intake/interview
Skills Acquired: Client/witness interviewing
Skills Required: Basic legal knowledge
Time Commitment: Each intake requires 4 hours, including the interview and intake meeting. After training, volunteers are asked to commit to completing 3 intakes on their own.
Contact: Shannon McDonnell, 312.738.2452, shannonmcdonnell@cglaweb.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers attend a 2-hour orientation session at CGLA’s office and then observe three intake sessions and the corresponding intake meeting before conducting intake interviews independently. CGLA’s volunteer coordinator and staff attorneys provide support to volunteers.
SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
EXPUNGEMENT AND SEALING HELP DESKS
Volunteers provide brief advice and service to individuals seeking to clear their criminal records through expungement, sealing, or executive clemency. Volunteers meet with clients, read their criminal history or RAP sheets, determine their eligibility for relief, and help them file the necessary paperwork. The desk at the Daley Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The desk at the Markham Courthouse is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Practice areas: Expungement, sealing, clemency
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, self-help desks
Skills Acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing
Skills Required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of required training (4 hrs.). Volunteers are then asked to commit to completing a minimum of six 3-hour sessions working at a Help Desk over 6 months, which can be scheduled at the volunteer’s convenience.

Contact: Shannon McDonnell, 312.735.2452, shannonmcdonnell@cga.net
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers are required to complete a two-part training orientation at CGLA’s office (each training part is 2 hrs. — total of 4 hours over 2 evenings) prior to volunteering. The volunteer coordinator and staff attorneys support volunteers.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS
Volunteer attorneys with some experience in the subject matter handle all aspects of cases in areas of housing law, family law, criminal defense law, and criminal records on an as need basis.

Practice areas: Housing, family, expungement, sealing, criminal law
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, trial skills, writing/drafting, court appearances, negotiating settlements
Skills required: Subject matter experience or law firm support
Time commitment: The time commitment then varies by case and type.
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers in housing, criminal defense, or criminal records representation first participate in CGLA’s Client Intake Program. Volunteers in family law cases may receive additional training, which is determined on a case-by-case basis.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
CRIMINAL RECORDS RESEARCH—EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
CGLA’s evening volunteers assist individuals who are experiencing collateral consequences stemming from their involvement with the criminal justice system by researching their criminal histories, documenting available options, and preparing petitions when applicable. All work is performed at CGLA’s office between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on designated evenings.

Practice areas: Expungement, sealing, alternative forms of relief
Opportunity type: Advice
Skills acquired: Subject matter experience
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of 2-hour training. Volunteers are then asked to commit to a minimum of 6 3-hour evening shifts.

Contact: Shannon McDonnell, 312.735.2452, shannonmcdonnell@cga.net
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers complete a two-hour orientation at CGLA’s office prior to volunteering. The volunteer coordinator and CGLA staff attorneys support volunteers.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
Clemency Firm-Based Program
CGLA partners with law firms to prepare and present executive clemency petitions to the Prisoner Review Board to clear clients of their criminal records. CGLA screens cases for income-eligibility and merit and refers cases it believes will be received favorably. Volunteer attorneys interview the client, work with the client to develop the theory, and draft the petition. Volunteer attorneys also present the matter at the Prisoner Review Board’s semi-annual hearing.

Practice areas: Criminal law
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, administrative hearing
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of required training (1 hr.). The time commitment then varies depending on the case but is typically 15–30 hours over several months.

Contact: Shannon McDonnell, 312.735.2452, shannonmcdonnell@cga.net
Volunteer Training and Support: A 1-hour orientation is required. The volunteer coordinator and CGLA staff attorneys support volunteers.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
Jail Family Law Clinic
The Jail Family Law Clinic provides legal advice for mothers in Cook County Jail and various transitional settings including halfway homes, work release programs, shelters, and pretrial detention facilities. Volunteers conduct an in-person intake session with clients and then provide advice in the form of a closeout letter. In addition, volunteers often assist clients with executing short term guardianship paperwork, researching foster care cases, and drafting short motions or responses.

Practice areas: Family law, guardianship, juvenile (abuse and neglect)
Opportunity type: Non-litigation and litigation, client intake/interviewing/advice, motion drafting, research
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, writing/drafting, legal research, court experience, and familiarity with Cook County Department of Corrections
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge and completion of Jail Clinic training and shadowing another volunteer prior to conducting independent appointments.

Time commitment: 3–5 hours per month. The Jail is open to attorneys seven days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Volunteers go to the Jail when they have availability during the day, evenings, weekends, and even on holidays.

Contact: Alexis Mansfield, 312.738.2452, ext. 448, alexismansfield@cga.net
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers attend training either in person or by watching a recorded program and receive extensive resources. Volunteers also have access to a supervising attorney and a network of experienced Jail Clinic volunteers.

CARPLS
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Suite 1850
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312.738.9200
Web: www.carpls.org
CARPLS is an innovative legal aid service that offers an immediate response to the everyday legal problems confronting impoverished families throughout Cook County. CARPLS’ legal aid hotline and court-based advice desks give low-income clients direct access to experienced attorneys who are trained to quickly assess and respond to a wide range of civil legal problems. CARPLS attorneys resolve over 85% of all cases in-house by providing information, advice, and brief services including the preparation and review of legal documents. Clients with more complex needs are referred by CARPLS to a network of specialized legal and social service providers.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Contact Leslie Wallin, the CARPLS volunteer coordinator, to register for a training program. Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes
Sample Opportunity
CARPLS Works — Daily Advice and Referral Hotline

Volunteer attorneys answer calls on our legal hotline in 4-hour shifts, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday–Friday. Volunteers counsel clients, assist with document preparation, and make referrals to other legal aid organizations in the areas of landlord/tenant, consumer debt, and domestic relations law.

Practice areas: Divorce/separation/annulment, landlord/tenant, consumer law
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, client intake/advice
Skills Acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, subject matter experience
Skills Required: Basic legal knowledge
Time Commitment: Completion of the required training (6 hrs.), then 36 hours over a 10-week volunteer session (one 4-hr. shift per week)
Contact: Leslie Wallin, volunteers@carpls.org, 312.421.4427

Volunteer Training and Support: CARPLS provides extensive training and support to volunteers. Before participating in the hotline programs, volunteers participate in 6 hours of in-person training, broken into 2 sessions over 2 weeks that cover substantive law, systems, and CARPLS policies. CARPLS supervisors support volunteers and are always available to answer questions. Trainings are offered 5 times a year.

Sample Opportunity
Catholic Charities Legal Assistance

651 West Lake Street
Suite 403
Chicago, IL 60661
Phone: 312.948.6821
Web: www.catholiccharities.net/ccla

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance (CCLA) provides legal assistance to the economically disadvantaged in the Chicago area. With a network of volunteers, CCLA operates a legal aid hotline to provide advice and make referrals to pro bono attorneys, provides legal advice in a variety of areas and provides direct representation in more limited areas. CCLA also hosts educational seminars for the public and three after-hours legal advice and information desks at a variety of locations.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Interested individuals should contact CCLA to request a registration form and to set up a time to discuss their specific area of interest.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes, as needed.

Sample Opportunity
Pro Bono Network Volunteer Attorney

CCLA’s greatest need is for attorneys to become part of our Pro Bono Network by accepting cases in their area of legal specialty. Once an attorney joins CCLA’s Pro Bono Network, volunteer attorneys are contacted via email with a brief summary of a case in the attorney’s specialty area. The attorney may accept or decline any referral.

Practice areas: General civil litigation
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Varies depending on the case
Skills required: Some experience in subject matter or litigation
Time commitment: Varies depending on the case
Contact: Dennis Trainor, 312.348.6984, dtrainor@catholiccharities.net

Volunteer Training and Support: CCLA staff attorneys who provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

Sample Opportunity
After-Hours Legal Advice Desk

CCLA hosts three evening Legal Advice Desks per week in Chicago and the surrounding area at Catholic Charities locations. Volunteer attorneys meet with clients and discuss client concerns. Attorneys may provide information or legal advice. Spanish-speaking attorneys are especially needed at these events.

Practice areas: General civil litigation
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, client intake/advice, self-help desks
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client interviewing
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time Commitment: 2 hours per legal advice desk
Contact: Dennis Trainor, 312.348.6984, dtrainor@catholiccharities.net

Volunteer Training and Support: CCLA provides training as needed and staff attorneys are present to supervise and support attorneys at Legal Advice Desks.

Visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org for more information about the pro bono and legal aid system in Chicago and how you can make a difference.
Center for Conflict Resolution

11 East Adams Street
Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312.922.6464
Web: www.ccrchicago.org

The Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) is a not-for-profit provider of pro bono mediation services and conflict management training. CCR’s services are flexible and cost-effective, based on a track record of over 25,000 mediated cases and backed by the expertise of knowledgeable, dedicated volunteers and employees. Every year CCR provides free mediation services in approximately 4,000 cases, trains hundreds of new mediators, facilitates meetings, and works with dozens of businesses, government agencies and organizations to create custom-designed dispute resolution systems and training programs. The Center for Conflict Resolution’s mission is to work with individuals, communities, courts, and other institutions to manage and resolve conflict. CCR offers pro bono mediation services through programs developed in the Circuit Court of Cook County including the Daley Center, Maywood, Markham, Bridgeview and Rolling Meadows courthouses, misdemeanor branch courts, and Juvenile Court.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Interested volunteers must apply to and successfully complete an intensive training program called the Mediation Mentorship Program (MMP). This program is offered twice per year—one in the winter and once in the summer. Interested volunteers should visit CCR’s website for more information about the requirements, upcoming training programs, costs, and how to get involved.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

Volunteer Training and Support: CCLA has staff attorneys who provide volunteers with basic support, but the organization does not conduct regular trainings and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

Center for Disability and Elder Law

79 West Monroe Street
Suite 919
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312.376.1880
Web: www.cdelaw.org

The Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL) is a Chicago area pro bono law firm that provides direct legal services to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities through the volunteer efforts of attorneys from throughout Chicago’s law firms and corporate legal departments. CDEL volunteer attorneys represent clients in civil legal areas including adult guardianship, real estate, landlord/tenant, dissolution of marriage, simple wills, powers of attorney, consumer fraud, collection defense, and financial elder abuse.

Process for becoming a volunteer: E-mail CDEL at volunteer@cdelaw.org

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

Senior Center Initiative (SCI)

CDEL staff and volunteer attorneys prepare Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Property, as well as Illinois Living Will Declarations for low-income seniors at senior centers throughout Cook County. This is a one day workshop with limited client engagement and is great for law firm and corporate client partnerships.

Practice areas: Estate planning

Opportunity type: Non-litigation, transactional

Skills acquired: Client interviewing, basic estate planning

Skills required: Basic legal knowledge

Time commitment: Completion of required training (1.5 hrs.), then 3 hours.

Contact: Thomas Wendt, 312.376.1880, twendt@cdelaw.org

Volunteer Training and Support: CDEL provides trainings (1.5 hrs.) on an as-needed basis. Check www.IllinoisProBono.org for dates and times. Trainings usually take place at CDEL but can also be conducted on-site upon request.
**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**CLIENT REPRESENTATION IN A VARIETY OF MATTERS**

Attorneys with experience in the subject matter handle a variety of civil matters affecting low-income seniors and individuals with special needs.

**Practice areas:** Adult guardianship, real estate, landlord/tenant, dissolution of marriage, simple wills, powers of attorney, consumer fraud, collection defense, and financial elder abuse

**Opportunity type:** Litigation, client representation

**Skills acquired:** Motion practice, trial skills, writing/drafting, case management, client/witness interviewing, client counseling

**Skills required:** Experience in subject matter or substantial experience in subject matter, depending on case complexity

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on case.

**Contact:** Thomas Wendt, 312.376.1880, twendt@cdelaw.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** CDEL staff attorneys provide volunteers with basic support and relies heavily on volunteers with experience in the subject matter.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**PRO SE ADULT GUARDIANSHIP HELP DESK**

CDEL administers the Pro Se Adult Guardianship Help Desk (“Help Desk”) at the Cook County Circuit Court Room 1202 of the Daley Center. The Help Desk provides legal information to people seeking to petition for the appointment of a legal guardian for an adult disabled person. Volunteers at the Help Desk provide information regarding the procedures for a guardianship proceeding, review completed standardized court forms, and provide detailed directions for filing the petition. The Help Desk operates Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, when Court is in session. Two shifts are available each day, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

**Practice areas:** Guardianship and estates

**Opportunity type:** Client intake/interviewing/advice

**Skills acquired:** Subject matter experience; client/witness interviewing

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of required training (2 hrs.), then one 4-hour shift per week for 4 months.

**Contact:** Thomas Wendt, 312.376.1880, twendt@cdelaw.org

**Volunteer Support and Training:** Trainings (2 hrs.) are offered at CDEL at the beginning of January, May and August each year. CDEL also provides volunteers with on-site support.

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**CENTER FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS – TAX CLINIC**

567 West Lake Street
Suite 1150
Chicago, IL 60661
Phone: 312.252.0280
Web: www.economicprogress.org

The Center for Economic Progress (CEP) helps low-income families move from financial uncertainty to financial security. Our free tax clinic assists low-income taxpayers with tax controversies before the Internal Revenue Service.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Prospective volunteers should contact the Center. Additional information about our volunteer opportunities is available at www.economicprogress.org/volunteer.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENT LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS IN A TAX CONTROVERSY**

Volunteers represent taxpayers who have a current tax controversy before the IRS. Primary responsibilities may include: explaining IRS letters/ notices to taxpayers; drafting responses to correspondence audits (including denials of EITC); arranging separation of liability for joint filers in “innocent spouse” situations; preparing tax returns ancillary to a current IRS controversy; filing amended returns to add undeclared income, exemptions and/or deductions to which the client is entitled; assisting with collections matters and payment of assessed tax; negotiating on the client’s behalf; or assisting unrepresented taxpayers in Tax Court.

**Practice areas:** Tax

**Opportunity type:** Litigation, client counseling

**Skills acquired:** Litigation, practicing before the IRS

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Approximately 20–50 hours, over several months.

**Contact:** Eric Stemberg, 312.630.0267, estemberg@economicprogress.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** The Clinic provides training and support to volunteers on an as-needed basis.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**PREPARATION OF INCOME TAX RETURNS**

Volunteers prepare prior year and amended income tax returns for low-income families. The Center for Economic Progress offers tax training sessions each January that teach volunteers to use TaxWise software and prepare tax returns.

**Practice areas:** Tax

**Opportunity type:** Non-litigation, transactional, accounting/financial

**Skills acquired:** Preparation of tax returns

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge or basic tax knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of required training and tests (9.5–11.5 hrs.), then at least 10 hours during tax season.

**Contact:** Nicole Haskins, 312.630.0288, nhaskins@economicprogress.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Formal training and support is provided to volunteers. Trainings are available from November to January and consist of several online sessions that volunteers can complete at their convenience and one classroom session. After completing the trainings, volunteers must pass the Basic Certification Test and the Standards of Conduct Test. The training and the certification exams take a total of approximately 9.5–11.5 hours to complete.

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**CHICAGO ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

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Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 773.244.2230
Web: www.caase.org

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE) was founded in 2006 with the mission to address the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Our Pro Bono Project works to support private bar involvement with local survivors of sexual assault and exploitation through prostitution (victims of sex trafficking).

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Prospective volunteers should contact the Legal Director. Additional information about our volunteer opportunities is available at www.caase.org/pro-bono-project.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**PRO BONO REPRESENTATION OF SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Volunteer attorneys handle all aspects of individual cases. Depending on the case, attorneys will represent clients as victims’ attorneys in the criminal justice system or through litigation in civil court.

**Practice areas:** General civil practice

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Varies by case

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of required training (3.5 hrs.), then varies by case type (usually between 11 and 25 hrs. per year).

**Contact:** Christine Evans, 773.244.2230, ext. 201, cme@caase.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** In-person trainings on subject matter and working with survivors of sexual exploitation are offered 3–4 times per year and last approximately 3.5 hours.
SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
YOUTH FUTURES MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC

Volunteers join an experienced attorney in our mobile legal clinic (an equipped van) to conduct legal clinics and do outreach to homeless youth on a variety of legal issues, such as: securing public benefits like SSI, food stamps and Medicaid; getting relief from medical debt; defending school disciplinary matters; or obtaining state identification cards in Chicago and suburban areas. Volunteers interview and offer brief advice to homeless youth.

Practice areas: Education, homelessness, social security/SSI, family law, public benefits
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, legal clinics, client intake/interview/advice
Skills acquired: Client interviewing, client counseling, subject matter experience
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of required training. Each opportunity takes 3–4 hours.
Contact: Beth Cunningham, 312.641.4140, beth@chicagohomeless.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Training is required and is offered on an as-needed basis. All trainings take place at our office and last approximately 1 hour. CCH works with volunteers to schedule the training at a time during business hours that is convenient for them. A CCH attorney is always present at the Clinics.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTING A FAMILY OR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN AN EDUCATION CASE

Volunteer attorneys provide direct legal representation to families and unaccompanied youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Typically, volunteers provide legal advice and advocate with Chicago and suburban school districts to secure prompt access to school, transportation, and educational services for children and youth who are homeless.

Practice areas: Education
Opportunity type: Litigation, administrative proceedings, client intake/interview/advice
Skills acquired: Client counseling, case management, negotiating
Skills required: Some experience in subject matter or litigation
Time commitment: Completion of required training then varies depending on case; administrative proceedings typically require no more than 15 hours.
Contact: Patricia Nix-Hodes, 312.641.4140, pnixhodes@yahoo.com
Volunteer Training and Support: Training on the educational rights of homeless children and youth will be provided by CCH staff on an as-needed basis. Law Project attorneys work closely with pro bono attorneys to analyze, strategize, develop evidence for the hearing, and ensure a successful result.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
SHORT-TERM MEDIATION/SETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE IN FEDERAL COURT OR EEOC

The Lawyers’ Committee’s Employment Opportunity Project seeks to eliminate discrimination in all terms of employment, including hiring, pay, harassment, promotion, and discharge through a variety of avenues, one of which is this volunteer opportunity. Volunteer attorneys represent employees in short-term federal court and EEOC mediations of employment discrimination claims. Representation is limited to a settlement conference and resulting settlement discussions. The pro bono attorney does not conduct any discovery, file any pleadings, or otherwise represent the pro se plaintiff beyond settlement efforts.

Practice areas: Employment
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, mediation
Skills acquired: Mediation, negotiation
Skills required: Some mediation experience or expertise within your firm to provide support
Time commitment: Approximately 20–30 hours over a quarter.
Contact: J. Cunyon Gordon, 312.630.9744, ext. 242, cgordon@clccrul.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Staff attorneys will train and support volunteers. In-person trainings are offered 1–2 times per year but are not required.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTING STUDENTS AT SCHOOL EXPULSION HEARINGS

Students in CPS, charters schools, and on occasion, other suburban school districts, who are charged with an offense for which they may be expelled, are entitled to a legal hearing to determine whether expulsion is warranted. Pro bono attorneys are needed at these administrative hearings to represent the students. Volunteers interview and develop a working relationship with the client, investigate and develop the case, and conduct a trial-type administrative hearing with an independent hearing officer.

Practice areas: Education, school discipline defense, children
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Oral advocacy, case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, public speaking, subject matter experience
Skills required: Some mediation experience or expertise within your firm to provide support
Time commitment: Completion of required training, then approximately 11–25 hours over a month.
Contact: Jessica Schneider, 312.202.3651, jschneider@clccrul.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Attorneys complete a 1–2 hour training program. Staff attorneys provide ongoing support.

CHICAGO LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW

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The Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (CLCCRUL) is a public interest law consortium of Chicago’s law firms. The Committee promotes and protects civil rights, particularly the civil rights of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people in order to facilitate their participation in the social, economic, and political systems of our nation. CLCCRUL has many open-ended and short-term litigation opportunities available. Volunteer opportunities include: representing students at expulsion hearings; enforcing laws prohibiting discrimination in housing by representing plaintiffs before administrative agencies and in state and federal court; and representing victims of hate crimes and employment discrimination in civil matters.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Interested volunteers should contact CLCCRUL at 312.630.9744.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS – LAW PROJECT
70 East Lake Street
Suite 700
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312.641.4140
Toll Free: 1.800.940.1119
Web: www.chicagohomeless.org

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) organizes and advocates to prevent and end homelessness. The Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless provides legal advice and representation to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with a focus on ensuring homeless children and youth have access to school and educational services.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Contact CCH at 312.641.4140 or e-mail Patricia Nix-Hodes at pnixhodes@yahoo.com.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

Volunteer Training and Support:
Training on the identification process for homeless youth will be provided by CCH staff on an as-needed basis. Law Project attorneys work closely with pro bono attorneys to analyze, strategize, develop evidence for the hearing, and ensure a successful result.

Chicagohomeless.org
Toll Free: 1.800.940.1119
Volunteer attorneys handle municipal court cases with oversight of the supervising attorney from the Chicago Legal Clinic or may volunteer to assist the supervising attorney or other staff attorneys with specific matters.

**Practice areas:** Contracts, landlord/tenant, debt collection, tort defense

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Client/witness interviewing, motion practice, writing/drafting

**Skills required:** Some experience in litigation or the subject matter preferred but not required

**Time commitment:** Completion of required training (takes place during first shift), then 4 hours of service per month.

**Contact:** Elisabeth Cruz, 773.731.1762, ecruz@clclaw.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Training takes place during the first shift at the Desk. Support and supervision are provided by CLC attorneys.

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**MUNICIPAL PRO BONO PROGRAM**

Attorneys with experience in the subject matter represent clients in a variety of areas needed by low-income clients in civil cases.

**Practice areas:** General civil litigation

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, mediation/arbitration, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting

**Skills required:** Experience in subject matter

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on the type of case, between 10 and 200 hours.

**Contact:** Bernadette Fahey, 773.731.1762, bfahey@clclaw.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Cases are monitored on a quarterly basis by the Clinic’s Pro Bono Program and volunteers can contact Program staff with questions.
CVLS NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL CLINICS

Clinic volunteers meet with clients one evening or weekend day every few months to provide a full range of legal services on a wide variety of issues. Volunteers provide brief legal advice and may choose to handle cases that need representation. Volunteers can select a clinic by location, case type, or ethnic/cultural clientele. Each clinic is chaired by a veteran volunteer who will guide and mentor you.

Practice areas: Elder law, guardianship & estates, immigration, torts & insurance, bankruptcy, consumer law, family law, housing

Opportunity type: Client intake/interviewing/advice, legal clinics

Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting

Skills required: Basic legal knowledge and subject matter experience for attorneys taking cases.

Time commitment: Completion of the orientation (1 hr.), then 4 hours every few months, longer if a volunteer accepts a case for representation.

Contact: Phil Mohr, 312.332.3528, pjm@cvls.org

Volunteer Training and Support: CVLS promises to give you the training and support that you need so that you can devote your time, talent, and skill to helping your client. CVLS provides in-person and recorded training programs as well as manuals and other support to those volunteers who need it.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR MINORS

Volunteers serve as Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) in minor guardianship cases for children involved in contested or problematic minor guardianship cases. Volunteer GALs investigate the people and issues, make a written report to the Court, and represent the child in court proceedings. GALs meet with the parties and your client, the child. GALs may also interview other interested adults, review the child’s school and medical records, and sometimes consult with mental health professionals and social workers. Some GAL cases resolve quickly and easily and require only one or two court appearances. Others take as long as several months.

Practice areas: Guardianship and estates, family law, children

Opportunity type: Litigation

Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, writing/drafting, subject matter experience

Skills required: Basic legal knowledge and subject matter experience for attorneys taking cases.

Time commitment: Completion of the orientation (1 hr.), then approximately 6 hours over 6 weeks.

Contact: Peter Ashmore, 312.332.1688, pashmore@cvls.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Training is not required prior to taking a case. In addition to basic training materials, CVLS’ experienced staff attorneys provide one-to-one training for all volunteer GALs and will walk you through your first case when needed.

CVLS PANEL PROGRAM

Volunteer attorneys choose pro bono civil matters for client representation in many areas of law including divorce, custody, adoption, immigration, consumer contract issues, collection and tort defense, bankruptcy, and landlord-tenant matters (including evictions, representing either landlords or tenants). A CVLS staff person will call a volunteer and describe a specific case. The volunteer may accept or decline it. Additionally, CVLS is able to allow volunteers access to a secure online database so that a CVLS volunteer can review and choose a pro bono case that is ready for placement. Once the volunteer expresses interest in the case through the database, a CVLS staff attorney will approve the placement and allow the volunteer access to the full database file for the client, and the case management features of the database.

Practice areas: General civil practice

Opportunity type: Litigation

Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, depositions, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting

Skills required: Basic legal knowledge to some extent in the subject matter or litigation, some experience in the subject matter or litigation depending on complexity of case.

Time commitment: Completion of the orientation (1 hr.), then varies depending on case.

Contact: Patricia Nelson, 312.332.5539, pnelson@cvls.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Attending a 1-hour volunteer orientation is required. CVLS provides extensive in-person and recorded trainings, manuals, and in-person individual support throughout the case as needed. Specific subject areas, including deceased borrowers in foreclosure and motions for mediation sanctions, require volunteers to participate in a 1-hour training.

CVLS is able to allow volunteers access to a secure online database so that a CVLS volunteer can review and choose a pro bono case that is ready for placement. Once the volunteer expresses interest in the case through the database, a CVLS staff attorney will approve the placement and allow the volunteer access to the full database file for the client, and the case management features of the database.

Practice areas: General civil practice

Opportunity type: Litigation

Skills acquired: Case management, client counseling, depositions, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting

Skills required: Basic legal knowledge to some extent in the subject matter or litigation, some experience in the subject matter or litigation depending on complexity of case.

Time commitment: Completion of the orientation (1 hr.), then varies depending on case.

Contact: Patricia Nelson, 312.332.5539, pnelson@cvls.org

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL CLINIC

The Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC) provides free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals in Cook County. We are dedicated to keeping families safe, using the legal system to combat domestic violence. Our network of volunteer and interns make a difference each and every day, providing critical services to keep families safe.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Contact Danielle Parisi Ruffatto. Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? No

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with the Circuit Court of Cook County’s Domestic Violence Courthouse, DVLC hosts the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project. Typically, volunteer attorneys are recruited from one of the Pro Bono Project’s partner law firms. Volunteers commit to rotating shifts at the Domestic Violence Courthouse, during which they are available to represent domestic violence victims seeking civil Orders of Protection. Attorneys interview potential clients, prepare pleadings, and provide same-day in-court representation for clients seeking an Emergency Order of Protection. Pro Bono Project attorneys continue to represent their clients until hearing on a Plenary Order of Protection.

Practice areas: Domestic violence
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Interview, drafting pleadings, general litigation
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of a 2.5-hour formal training and short onsite orientation, then participating firms or groups commit to at least one 4-hour shift per month.
Contact: Danielle Parisi Ruffatto, 312.325.9155, druffatto@dvlcchicago.org
Volunteer Training and Support: DVLC provides formal training from time to time and ongoing mentoring and support for our volunteers.

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY

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The mission of Equip for Equality (EFE) is to advance the human and civil rights of children and adults with physical and mental disabilities in Illinois. It is the only statewide, cross-disability, comprehensive advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, and disability rights education while also engaging in public policy and legislative advocacy, and conducting abuse investigations and other oversight activities. Cases are balanced between individual representation and impact litigation seeking systemic change. From time to time, EFE seeks law firm assistance drafting amicus briefs and co-counseling class action litigation. Volunteers who speak Spanish can participate in EFE’s Latino Advocacy Project. Finally, EFE has offices throughout the state; volunteers who are interested in volunteering outside of Chicago should inquire about those opportunities as well.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Contact Olga Pribyl at olga@equiforequality.org for general information about volunteering and the named persons below for how to get involved with a specific project.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

CLIENT INTERVIEWING

Volunteer attorneys conduct client interviews via telephone and provide people with disabilities with legal advice or information about their legal rights.

Practice areas: Disability
Opportunity type: Non-representation, client intake/interviewing/advice
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: 4 hour shifts.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equiforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers receive individualized training as needed and ongoing support. A licensed staff attorney will provide volunteers with direction and will address any questions or concerns that arise. Shadowing opportunities, for volunteers wishing to observe the process, are available as well.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLINIC HELPLINE

Volunteers provide legal information and advice to parents of children with disabilities about special education law, help parents draft letters, and conduct legal research on special education issues.

Practice areas: Special Education
Opportunity type: Non-representation, legal hotline, client intake/interviewing/advice
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of required training (1.5 hrs.) and then 4-hour shifts, followed by a telephone meeting with the intake manager. Volunteers are asked to commit to ongoing participation in the program.
Contact: Olga Pribyl, 312.895.7321, olga@equiforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must complete a 1.5 hour in-person or online training on special education law and case management software and then sit in on Helpline calls with an EFE staff member before answering calls themselves. EFE attorneys provide ongoing support.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLINIC

Volunteer attorneys provide legal representation on special education issues for parents of students with disabilities in school meetings, mediations, expulsion hearings, due process administrative hearings and federal court.

Practice areas: Special Education
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Litigation, negotiation
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge and participation in training or experience in subject matter or litigation
Time commitment: Completion of required training (if applicable & time varies) and then a minimum of 30 hours over a period of 1 week to several months.
Contact: Olga Pribyl, 312.895.7321, olga@equiforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers without subject matter experience must complete a training (time varies depending on the complexity of the case) before volunteering. EFE attorneys provide ongoing support.

Visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org for more information about the pro bono and legal aid system in Chicago and how you can make a difference.
SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
DEVELOP SELF-HELP MATERIALS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Volunteers develop self-help materials on legal rights for people with disabilities.
Practice areas: Disability
Opportunity type: Non-representation, Educating the public about the law, preparing education materials
Skills acquired: Writing/drafting
Skills required: Some experience in the subject matter
Time commitment: Varies by project.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: EFE will provide samples of other self-help materials that have been developed and provide review and feedback on materials the volunteer develops.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
PRESENT EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS
Volunteers conduct educational seminars for people with disabilities on areas of the law impacting persons with disabilities, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, employment, transportation, voting, special education, and guardianship.
Practice areas: Disability, Civil Rights, Education, Employment
Opportunity type: Disability, Civil Rights, Education, Employment
Skills acquired: Non-representation, educating the public about the law
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of required training (if applicable & time varies) and then 4–10 hours over a quarter.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Depending on the person’s subject matter expertise, EFE will provide training on the curriculum. In most cases, the volunteer will conduct the training with an EFE staff member first, and once comfortable with the subject matter and curriculum, the volunteer will be able to conduct the training seminar alone.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION CASES
Volunteer attorneys with experience in the subject matter or expertise within their firm represent people with disabilities in administrative proceedings and in federal court on employment discrimination cases under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Practice areas: Employment discrimination
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, deposition, mediation/ arbitration, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills
Skills required: Experience in subject matter or law firm support
Time commitment: Varies depending on case complexity, but at least 100 hours over at least several months.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Typically, EFE serves as co-counsel for its employment discrimination cases and provides ongoing training to volunteer attorneys through the co-counsel relationship. If a volunteer has significant employment litigation experience, EFE will serve in a consulting role.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
REPRESENTATION IN ADULT GUARDIANSHIP CASES
Volunteer attorneys with experience in the subject matter or expertise within a firm represent adults with disabilities in probate court to oppose petitions for guardianship or to modify or terminate a current guardianship.
Practice areas: Guardianship and estates
Opportunity type: Litigation
Skills acquired: Client/witness interviewing, client counseling, drafting, motion practice, trial skills, negotiating, mediation/arbitration
Skills required: Experience in subject matter or law firm support
Time commitment: Uncontested cases typically require approx. 30 hours; contested cases may require 100 hours.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Unless experienced in this area, a volunteer attorney will co-counsel his or her first case with a staff attorney. EFE will also provide training materials on guardianship law and ongoing support.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
ABUSE INVESTIGATION UNIT
Equip for Equality’s Abuse Investigation Unit works to address systemic issues of abuse and neglect and also individual matters, including legal rights violations in facilities. Volunteer attorneys with experience in the subject matter assist in a wide range of activities.
Practice areas: Abuse/neglect
Opportunity type: Litigation, non-representation, client intake/interviewing/advice, negotiation
Skills acquired: Client interviewing, client counseling, negotiation, trial skills
Skills required: Attorney or firm with experience in subject matter or litigation
Time commitment: Completion of the required training (time varies), then 1-4 hours over a month.
Contact: Deborah Kennedy, 312.895.7304, deborah@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must complete a training (time varies depending on the complexity of the case) on abuse and neglect law and investigation techniques that is offered on an as needed basis. Experienced staff will also accompany volunteers on all on-site visits and investigations.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
ADA EMPLOYMENT CASE SUMMARIES FOR NATIONWIDE DATABASE
Equip for Equality is responsible for populating a nationwide database summarizing employment discrimination cases under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Volunteers will read recent ADA employment cases, summarize them and add them to a database that is accessed by the public. The database can be found at www.adacasefile.org.
Practice areas: Employment and disability discrimination
Opportunity type: Writing/drafting
Skills acquired: Writing/drafting skills
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of the required training (0.5 hrs.), then 4–10 hours over a quarter.
Contact: Barry Taylor, 312.895.7317, barryt@equipforequality.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers complete a half-hour training on the ADA database that is offered on an as needed basis to get started. EFE staff members provide ongoing support.

FAMILY DEFENSE CENTER
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The Family Defense Center (FDC) is a multi-strategy legal advocacy organization whose mission is to advocate for justice for families in the child welfare system. FDC is counsel in major class action litigation and represents wrongfully accused caregivers in numerous individual cases. FDC also conducts trainings for attorneys, social workers and other professionals and family members affected by child welfare policies and practices. FDC is involved in policy reform at the legislative level as well as within the relevant State agencies, and FDC implements community education/outreach efforts to inform the public regarding the harm to children and families caused by unfair and unlawful child welfare policies.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Before handling a case, volunteers must either attend an FDC training in-person, or view a webcast of one of FDC’s trainings and review their training manual. Interested volunteers should contact Sara Gilloon to find out about upcoming training programs or to access our online webcast.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

Visit www.IllinoisProBono.org for more information about pro bono opportunities, upcoming training programs, and resources for pro bono attorneys.
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Web: www.first-defense.org

First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA) focuses on issues of indigent defense, police accountability, and the protection of civil rights. FDLA’s mission is two-pronged: to ensure equal justice to people in custody at Chicago police stations and to educate the people of Chicago about the power of their Constitutional rights. First, FDLA provides a free, reliable, and experienced lawyer to individuals who are arrested in the City of Chicago. Second, in an effort to promote the Chicago Police Custody Hotline and educate Chicagans, FDLA presents Street Law, classroom and community programs that teach people about the law, democracy, and human rights worldwide, in schools and community groups.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Complete FDLA’s Volunteer Information Form on their website.

ILLINOIS LEGAL AID ONLINE
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Offering free legal help to Illinois residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO) puts the law within reach. As the statewide legal services technology center, ILAO streamlines the delivery of free and pro bono legal services to the poor and delivers easy-to-understand legal information and assistance to lower-income Illinois residents. ILAO’s programs provide legal services and support to legal aid and pro bono attorneys, pro se litigants, and lower-income individuals and families through its four websites and two mobile apps: IllinoisLegalAid.org; AyudaLegalIL.org; IllinoisLegalAdvocate.org; IllinoisProBono.org; Illinois Legal Aid app; and Illinois Pro Bono app (available for iOS and Android devices).

Process for becoming a volunteer: Register at IllinoisProBono.org and e-mail the appropriate person.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? No

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
WRITING & EDITING LEGAL RESOURCES

Volunteer attorneys and paralegals draft, edit, and update online legal articles and resources for ILAO’s websites and mobile apps. Volunteers can work from any location at any time they like. All work and communication can be accomplished online. ILAO staff will assign discrete writing/editing projects in the volunteer’s area of substantive expertise.

Practice areas: Various
Opportunity type: Non-representation, educating the public about the law, preparing education materials
Skills acquired: Writing/drafting
Skills required: Some experience in the subject matter

Contact: Lindsay Ditto, 312.977.9047, ext. 15, lditto@illinoislegalaid.org

Volunteer Training and Support: ILAO does not conduct formal trainings for this opportunity, but ILAO staff is available to answer questions and provide ongoing support to volunteers.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
LIVEHELP OPERATOR

LiveHelp is a chat service that allows people looking for legal information and self-help resources on IllinoisLegalAid.org and AyudaLegalIL.org to ask a remotely located LiveHelp Operator for assistance in navigating the websites. LiveHelp volunteers provide direct
person-to-person online help so that people in need of legal assistance can obtain the information they need to achieve more positive outcomes to their legal problems. Volunteers can participate from any computer with internet access. Bilingual LiveHelp operators are needed to staff the service on ILAO’s Spanish website AyudaLegalIL.org.

Practice areas: All areas
Opportunity type: Non-representation, educating the public about the law, technology
Skills acquired: Basic legal knowledge
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Completion of the required training (2 hrs.), then 2 hours per week.
Contact: Makoroba Sow, 312.977.9047, ext. 22, msow@illinoislegalaid.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must attend a 2-hour orientation and conduct a 30-minute “practice chat” with the LiveHelp Coordinator prior to volunteering. Staff members provide volunteers with ongoing support.

JAMES B. MORAN CENTER FOR YOUTH ADVOCACY (“MORAN CENTER”)
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The Moran Center provides low-income Evanston youths and their families with integrated legal and social work services to improve their quality of life at home, at school, and within the Evanston community. Legal assistance is provided by our agency to Evanston youths in a variety of legal settings, including in juvenile delinquency and adult criminal court, before school special education and disciplinary panels (Districts 202 & 65), and within juvenile welfare systems such as the Department of Children and Family Services. Our agency also provides clients with ongoing case management, criminal records expungement services, and legal trainings and workshops. The organization also runs an Expungement and Sealing Help Desk at the Skokie Courthouse.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Contact Kathy Lyons at KLyons@moran-center.org.
Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
EXPUNGEMENT AND SEALING HELP DESK
Volunteer attorneys staff the Expungement and Sealing Help Desk at the Second Municipal District Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Cook County (Skokie Courthouse) with oversight and supervision by a staff attorney. Volunteers provide advice and referral, complete indigency petitions, assistance with police access and review, and occasionally, represent clients at motions and hearings. The desk is generally open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Practice areas: Expungement and sealing, civil rights
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, administrative proceedings
Skills acquired: Client counseling, client/witness interviewing
Skills required: Some experience in criminal law preferred
Time commitment: Completion of the on-the-job training at the Help Desk, then 2–5 hours per week.
Contact: Tom Verdun, 847.492.1410 ext. 2, t.verdun@moran-center.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Initially, on-the-job training is provided to volunteers during the Help Desk hours. Staff attorneys are available for ongoing technical assistance and support.

LAF
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For over 40 years, LAF has provided free legal services in non-criminal matters to people living in poverty in metropolitan Chicago. At LAF, we make equal justice a reality for the most vulnerable members of our community. LAF’s work starts by making the legal system accessible to clients and includes with a resolution that changes their lives and gets them back on track. With more than 100 full-time attorneys and staff providing our clients with comprehensive legal services, our advocacy results in such successes as gaining custody of a child, obtaining an order of protection against an abusive spouse, preventing an unfair eviction, or getting justice for a victim of consumer fraud.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Interested volunteers should go to www.lafchicago.org and submit a volunteer application online. All applications are reviewed and individuals will be contacted as soon as possible. LAF has about a dozen different pro bono projects. Volunteers will be matched with a project based on their interests and experience, and LAF needs.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
PRO BONO PANEL
Volunteers with experience in the subject matter handle cases from all five of LAF’s practice groups; cases include both transactional and litigation matters and opportunities suitable for highly experienced attorneys as well as attorneys needing intensive mentorship and support. Pre-screened cases are distributed monthly via email to the panel. Cases are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Practice areas: Children and family law, public benefits, consumer, immigrant and workers’ rights, housing
Opportunity type: Litigation and non-litigation, varies depending on case type
Skills acquired: Varies depending on matter
Skills required: Some experience in the subject matter or practice area, more for complex cases.
Time commitment: Varies depending on matter, from a 1-hour consultation to extended representation requiring 40+ hours. LAF will provide volunteers with an estimated time commitment for each matter in advance.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org
Volunteer Training and Support: LAF does not provide formal training in order to join the Pro Bono Panel, however each assignment has an LAF staff attorney or team member that remains on the case and provides mentorship, support, and direction to the volunteer attorney.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
BANKRUPTCY HELP DESK AT THE DIRKSEN FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
Through an ongoing collaboration with volunteer attorneys, LAF runs the Bankruptcy Help Desk at the Dirksen Federal Building. The Help Desk assists walk-in clients who are unrepresented in their bankruptcy cases. Volunteer attorneys and LAF staff help clients prepare forms, draft motions, and answer questions about bankruptcy in general or the client’s case in particular.

Practice areas: Bankruptcy
Opportunity type: Self-help desk, non-litigation/non-representation, brief advice
Skills acquired: Client interviewing and counseling
Skills required: Minimum of one year bankruptcy law practice
Time commitment: Volunteers are asked to work one 4-hour shift per month.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org
Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must complete a 90-minute online training prior to volunteering. An experienced staff attorney is available to answer questions and provide ongoing support to volunteers.
SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

WILLIAM J. HIBBLER PRO SE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LAF provides assistance to federal court pro se litigants through our award-winning Pro Se Assistance Program in the Northern District of Illinois. Volunteer attorneys provide one-on-one, 45-minute consultations to litigants in the federal court who are unrepresented. Volunteers and staff assist pro se litigants by reviewing documents, providing guidance on the discovery process, and assisting them through all phases of litigation.

Practice areas: Federal civil procedure, employment discrimination
Opportunity type: Self-help desk, non-litigation/non-representation, brief advice
Skills acquired: Client interviewing and counseling
Skills required: Significant federal court experience. Knowledge of employment discrimination law is helpful, but not required.
Time commitment: Volunteers are expected to complete one 3-hour shift per month.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must complete an on-site training that can be scheduled at the volunteer’s convenience. Training consists of observing one morning or afternoon session of appointments, followed by an opportunity for the LAF Staff Attorney to observe and provide feedback to the volunteer in his or her own consultations with clients. After training is complete, volunteers serve under the supervision of the staff attorney who is available to answer questions and provide ongoing support to volunteers.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

SNAP PRO BONO PROJECT

Volunteers help clients obtain the proper amount of SNAP (food stamp) benefits when they have been improperly denied benefits, do not receive the correct amount of benefits, or have their benefits reduced or terminated.

Practice areas: Food programs, public benefits
Opportunity type: Negotiation
Skills acquired: Case management, client and witness interviewing, client counseling, negotiating, subject matter experience
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Volunteers are expected to commit 4–10 hours over 2 months.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Training is offered once or twice a year. Volunteers receive a comprehensive reference manual and will represent clients under an staff attorney who will answer any questions that arise during the representation.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

LAF VOLUNTEER NURSING HOME OMBUDSMAN

Nursing home residents are among the United States’ most vulnerable groups, often the victims of mistreatment and neglect by facility staff, as well as financial, physical, and psychological abuse at the hands of family members. Elderly residents are often unaware of their rights, or may feel “voiceless” in the institutionalized setting of the nursing home. Nursing Home Ombudsman Volunteers visit long-term care facilities in suburban Cook County that serve the elderly, developmentally-disabled, and people with illnesses to investigate and resolve complaints of financial, physical, and psychological abuse and educate nursing home residents about their rights.

Practice areas: Medicaid, elder law, health law
Opportunity type: Educating the public about the law
Skills acquired: Subject matter experience
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Volunteers are expected to commit 4 hours per month on a continuing basis, for a minimum of 2 years.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteers must complete a 2-day in-person training at LAF. Although attorneys are encouraged to apply, prospective volunteers do not need to be attorneys to participate. Extensive support and direction from LAF Staff will be provided to volunteers throughout the duration of the project.

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

LAF’S EDUCATION PRO BONO PROJECT

LAF’s Education Law Pro Bono Project mobilizes volunteer attorneys to represent students in special education (e.g., seeking services, modifying services, school placement) and school discipline matters (e.g., expulsion).

Practice areas: Education law, school discipline defense, special education law
Opportunity type: Litigation, administrative proceedings
Skills acquired: Oral advocacy, case management, client counseling, negotiating, subject matter experience
Skills required: Basic legal knowledge
Time commitment: Time commitment varies depending on the case. Expulsions are time-intensive for the duration of a mini-trial. Special education advocacy cases (not due process) typically require 5–20 hours over two to four months. Due process cases require a 3 to 6 month time commitment and are more time intensive.
Contact: Mara Block, 312.347.8360, mblock@lafchicago.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Completion of required Education Advocacy Pro Bono Training (3 hrs.) offered annually, or prior experience in education law, is required. Volunteers will represent clients under the supervision of an experienced staff attorney, who is available to answer questions and provide ongoing support to volunteers.

THE LAW PROJECT

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The Law Project, the transactional project of the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee For Civil Rights Under Law, is dedicated to assisting Chicago’s low-income communities in generating businesses, jobs, family income, and other necessities to enable people to improve the quality of their lives. Volunteer and staff attorneys provide non-litigation transactional legal services to community-based organizations, small businesses working to revitalize inner-city neighborhoods, and low-income first-time home buyers.

Process for becoming a volunteer: Prospective volunteers should send an email to tlp@thelawproject.org with their resume attached, and a TLP staff member will be in contact with them.

Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers? Yes

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY

TRANSACTIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Volunteer attorneys provide non-litigation, transactional, and business law representation to community-based organizations in low-income neighborhoods of the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area. These clients are involved in a wide range of community development and social service activities. Volunteers also provide business law services to low-income clients starting and operating small businesses and to low-income first-time home buyers.

Practice areas: Corporate, tax, real estate, employment, finance, intellectual property, bankruptcy
Opportunity type: Non-litigation, transactional
Skills acquired: Case management, client interviewing, client counseling, negotiating, writing/drafting
Skills required: Some experience in subject matter, unless volunteer is employed by a firm that will provide mentoring and support
Time commitment: 5–30 hours, typically over a few months.
**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**SEMINAR PRESENTER — SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Attorney volunteers conduct workshops on business and tax exempt organization legal issues.

**Practice areas:** Corporate, tax, real estate, employment, intellectual property, bankruptcy

**Opportunity type:** Non-representation, educating the public about the law

**Skills required:** Public speaking

**Skills acquired:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Typically 2–4 hours.

**Contact:** Angie Hall, 312.939.3638, a hall@thelawproject.org

Volunteer Training and Support: TLP does not offer training for this volunteer opportunity but does provide volunteers with ongoing support.

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**LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN LEGAL CENTER**

1530 South Hamlin Ave.
Chicago, IL 60623

Phone: 773.762.6381
Web: www.lclc.net

Lawndale Christian Legal Center (LCLC) cares for the legal needs of the underserved and marginalized by representing youth and young adults twenty-four years old and younger who live in North Lawndale and are involved in the juvenile and adult criminal courts. We provide quality, free legal representation, compassionate social health services, and one-on-one mentoring. While we focus on serving North Lawndale youth, youth of nearby neighborhoods are also welcome to seek our services.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Interested volunteers should contact LCLC at 773.762.6381 to learn more about available volunteer opportunities.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**RESEARCH DISCRETE ISSUES**

LCLC is always in need of attorneys to conduct legal research on discrete matters related to a youth’s criminal case.

**Practice areas:** Criminal defense

**Opportunity type:** Non-representation, research

**Skills acquired:** Research

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on research issue, but flexible.

**Contact:** Rae Aderman, 773.762.6381, taderman@lclc.net

Volunteer Training and Support: Volunteer attorneys work one-on-one with a staff attorney in receiving training and support for their legal matter. Volunteers also are given access to training videos and additional materials to inform their practice. Once volunteers have some experience with LCLC, they may have the opportunity to represent youth in criminal defense cases with support and supervision from LCLC.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENTATION OF A JUVENILE IN A CRIMINAL DEFENSE CASE**

Volunteers co-counsel with LCLC attorneys or represent a client on their own in either juvenile court or adult criminal court.

**Practice areas:** Criminal defense

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, negotiating, trial skills, writing/drafting

**Skills required:** Subject matter experience

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on the case.

Contact: Rae Aderman, 773.762.6381, taderman@lclc.net

Volunteer Training and Support: LCLC primarily relies on volunteers with subject matter experience.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**EVIICTION DEFENSE PROJECT**

There are over 30,000 evictions cases filed every year in Cook County. Without counsel, over 90% of pro se tenants are evicted, many after only a few minutes before the judge. Volunteer attorneys protect the rights of tenants by presenting defenses in eviction court proceedings that can keep tenants in their homes. Volunteers represent clients in start-to-finish cases under the supervision of LCBH staff attorneys. Evictions are heard on an expedited schedule; cases may settle quickly or proceed to jury trial within a few months, offering volunteers experience in all stages of litigation including discovery, motion practice, and evidentiary hearings. Volunteers may also work on pre-litigation matters in order to resolve landlord-tenant disputes in order to avoid an eviction filing.

**Practice areas:** Housing

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, writing/drafting, negotiations, trial skills

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge
**Time commitment:** Completion of the initial 1-hour training and then flexible.

**Contact:** Samira Nazem, 312.784.3517, snazem@lcbh.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** LCBH provides an initial 1-hour in-person training on the basics of landlord-tenant law and eviction court practice that is offered on a monthly basis. LCBH also provides volunteers with resource manuals and ongoing support.

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**TENANTS IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PROJECT**

The Tenants in Foreclosure Intervention Project (TFIP) protects the rights of tenants renting in buildings that have fallen into foreclosure. TFIP volunteers provide legal information and support to tenants impacted by foreclosure at the TFIP Daley Center Help Desk. Volunteers may also take on start-to-finish cases representing tenants impacted by foreclosure in eviction court.

**Practice areas:** Housing

**Opportunity type:** Non-representation, self-help desk

**Skills acquired:** Client counseling, client interviewing, advice

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of the initial 1-hour training and then one or more 3-hour shifts per month.

**Contact:** Samira Nazem, 312.784.3517, snazem@lcbh.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** LCBH provides an initial 1-hour in-person training that is offered on a quarterly or as-needed basis. LCBH also provides volunteers with resource manuals and ongoing support.

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**LAWSYERS FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS**

213 West Institute Place
Suite 403
Chicago, IL 60610
Phone: 312.649.4111
Web: www.law-arts.org

Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA) provides pro bono legal services to qualifying individuals and organizations in all areas of the arts and entertainment. Clients include recording artists, musicians, dancers, filmmakers, writers, photographers, painters, graphic artists, actors, arts educators, theaters, studios, and more. LCA’s volunteer attorneys assist clients with contracts, business organization, intellectual property protection, licensing, corporate governance, tax, employment, immigration, dispute resolution, and litigation. LCA provides not-for-profit and tax exemption assistance and regular training sessions in this area of law.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Prospective volunteers should complete a registration form at www.law-arts.org. The website includes answers to frequently asked questions and various primers located under the Resource tab.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**SMALL BUSINESS COUNSELING**

Volunteer attorneys assist clients in order to form business entities, including corporations and LLCs. Volunteers gain experience filing articles of incorporation, drafting shareholders or operating agreements, and advising on corporate formalities. In some cases, attorneys advise existing nonprofit corporations.

**Practice areas:** Corporate

**Opportunity type:** Transactional matters

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling

**Skills required:** Experience in subject matter

**Time commitment:** 10–30 hours, dependent upon the business structure selected and the volunteer’s corporate expertise.

**Contact:** Marci Rolnik Walker, 312.649.4111, mrolnik@law-arts.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** LCA does not have a formal training program. LCA staff attorneys and other volunteer mentors provide ongoing support to volunteers.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION**

Volunteer attorneys assist clients regarding intellectual property protection and disputes. Disputed matters often involve evaluating the merits of infringement claims. Transactional matters often involve advising on the best means to protect intellectual property in various disciplines of art and entertainment, including the literary, performing, and visual arts.

**Practice areas:** Arts and entertainment, copyright, patent, trademark

**Opportunity type:** Non-litigation, transactional matters, IP litigation, mediation/arbitration

**Skills acquired:** Client counseling, drafting, negotiation, trial skills

**Skills required:** Experience in subject matter

**Time commitment:** Varies according to the type of IP protection and case complexity.

**Contact:** Marci Rolnik Walker, 312.649.4111, mrolnik@law-arts.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** LCA does not have a formal training program. LCA staff attorneys and other volunteer mentors provide ongoing support to volunteers.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Volunteers review claims and often negotiate settlements to collect royalties or otherwise enforce or terminate contracts. LCA prefers that matters settle out of court and offers an arts mediation program. In some cases, it is more strategic to file complaints and proceed through the court system.

**Practice areas:** Arts and entertainment, commercial litigation

**Opportunity type:** Litigation, mediation/arbitration

**Skills acquired:** Client counseling, drafting, negotiation, trial skills

**Skills required:** Litigation experience

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on case complexity and other factors.

**Contact:** Marci Rolnik Walker, 312.649.4111, mrolnik@law-arts.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** LCA does not have a formal training program. LCA staff attorneys and other volunteer mentors provide ongoing support to volunteers.

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**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**

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Chicago, IL 60601
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Web: www.metrofamily.org
TTY: 312.986.4237

Founded in 1886, the Legal Aid Society (LAS) is one of the oldest legal aid programs in the nation still providing legal assistance to families who cannot afford a private attorney. Since 1919, the Legal Aid Society has been part of Metropolitan Family Services, the oldest and largest non-sectarian family social service agency in the Chicago area. LAS provides free legal services to low-income people in the following areas: family law; elder law and abuse; housing; and consumer law and assistance for survivors of human trafficking.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Prospective volunteers should contact the Legal Aid Society’s Director of the Pro Bono Project, Grace Newgard, to find out about existing opportunities and first steps to get involved.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**SIMPLE DIVORCE PROGRAM**

Volunteers handle uncontested or simple divorce for representation from beginning to end. Volunteers interview the client, prepare and file the pleadings for divorce, possibly conduct discovery, and elicit client testimony at the prove-up hearing. Once volunteers are familiar with uncontested/simple divorces, they may request a contested divorce if interested.

**Practice areas:** Divorce/separation/annulment
**Opportunity type:** Litigation
**Skills acquired:** Client interviewing, client counseling, drafting, court appearances, subject matter experience
**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge
**Time commitment:** Completion of required training (1 hr.), then 10–30 hours over several months.
**Contact:** Grace Newgard, 312.986.4011, newgard@metrofamily.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Volunteers must complete a one-hour simple divorce training, either in person or via recorded webcast. LAS then provides volunteers with a training manual and sample pleadings, an attorney mentor, and ongoing support.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**LEGAL ADVICE & REFERRAL AT MICAH LEGAL AID CLINIC AND ENGLEWOOD LEGAL CLINIC**

Volunteer attorneys and Spanish-fluent interpreters provide legal advice & referrals to clients in the areas of family law, consumer, unemployment, housing, and other areas at the Micah Legal Aid Clinic in Logan Square, 2804 W. Belmont, on the first Tuesday (6:30 pm–9:30 pm) and third Saturday of the month (10:00 am–1:00 pm). Volunteer attorneys may also provide legal advice and referrals in family and housing law at LAS’ Englewood Legal Clinic at 5338 S. Loomis in Chicago on the first Saturday of the month (10:00 am–1:00 pm).

**Practice areas:** General civil practice
**Opportunity type:** Client interviewing/advice, non-litigation
**Skills acquired:** Client interviewing/advice, client counseling, subject matter experience
**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge
**Time commitment:** 3 hours per clinic, 3 clinics per year.
**Contact:** Grace Newgard, 312.986.4011, newgard@metrofamily.org

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Volunteer attorneys must complete a 3-hour training, either in-person or via recorded webcast. LAS then provides volunteers with a mentor attorney at each clinic, training materials, and ongoing support.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**MUNICIPAL COURT PRO BONO PANEL — THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION**

321 South Plymouth Court
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 312.554.2000
Web: www.municourtpanel.illinoisprobono.org

Through the Municipal Court Pro Bono Panel Program (“MCPB”), volunteer lawyers provide pro bono representation to low-income litigants in Cook County’s First District Municipal Court, specifically in those cases where a jury demand has been filed and the opposing party is represented by an attorney. The MCPB Program is a collaboration of the Circuit Court of Cook County, The Chicago Bar Association, The Chicago Bar Foundation, CARPLS, Chicago Legal Clinic and area law firms. The Program goals are to assist individual low-income litigants, improve the administration of justice and provide the opportunity for volunteer attorneys to gain jury trial and other litigation experience through pro bono service.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Contact Megan Healy McClung.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes, as needed, as a supplement to the volunteer’s law firm coverage.

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**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENTATION IN A MUNICIPAL COURT PRO BONO PANEL CASE**

Panel attorneys represent low-income plaintiffs or defendants in municipal court cases when a jury demand has been filed and the other side has an attorney. Volunteers handle all aspects of the case which may include interviewing clients, developing case strategy, negotiating settlement, or representing the client at arbitration or a jury trial. Examples of these small claims case types include damages arising from a multi-car accident, personal injury, dental malpractice, and breach of contract. Cases are referred at every stage of litigation, including after the case is assigned to trial.

**Practice areas:** Litigation, arbitration, torts, contracts, malpractice
**Opportunity type:** Litigation, arbitration, jury trial
**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, limited discovery and depositions, motion practice, direct and cross examination, arbitration experience, jury trial practice.
**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge. However, volunteers must have the commitment and support of experienced litigators in the volunteer’s law firm to assist with the pro bono case through jury trial

**Time commitment:** Completion of the required training (2–3 hrs.) in-person or online. Cases require between 25–200 hours, depending on which stage of litigation the case is referred and the complexity of the issue(s). Arbitrations are limited to 2 hours and jury trials are limited to 1 day.
**Contact:** Megan Healy McClung, 312.371.2489, mhmclung@gmail.com

**Volunteer Training and Support:** The Program provides an in-person training approximately once per year. The program and supporting resources are also available online. The Program relies on partnering law firms to provide litigation and other supervision and support for their attorneys participating in the program. A licensed attorney is available to assist volunteers on a limited basis.

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Visit www.IllinoisProBono.org for more information about pro bono opportunities, upcoming training programs, and resources for pro bono attorneys.
Asylum applications may be time-sensitive and require the work to take place over 2–3 months. Contact: Carolina Ramazzina Van Moorsel, 312.660.1307, cramazzinavanmoorsel@heartlandalliance.org

Volunteer Training and Support: NIJC provides formal training, supporting manuals, and ongoing support for volunteers. Although we have training webinars and PowerPoint presentations available to view on our website, we require that new pro bono attorneys attend an in-person asylum training before or shortly after being assigned a case. The training lasts 3 hours and is held quarterly.

### SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
**REPRESENTATION IN AFFIRMATIVE ASYLUM CASES**

Asylum is a form of immigration relief that may be granted to individuals who flee persecution in their home country and arrive in the United States to seek protection. Asylum provides individuals with lawful status in the United States and can lead to citizenship. In affirmative asylum cases (when the applicant is not in removal proceedings) the volunteer attorney prepares an application for asylum, which is filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. After filing the application, the attorney represents the client at a non-adversarial interview before the Chicago Asylum Office and will receive a decision approximately two weeks later. Given the extensive time commitment and expenditure of resources needed for asylum cases, NIJC generally partners with law firms rather than individual attorneys to ensure adequate resources are available to handle the case.

**Practice areas:** Immigration

**Opportunity type:** Litigation, administrative hearing

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, motion practice, trial skills, writing/drafting

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of required 3-hour training, then at least 75–100 hours over a period of several months to 2 years.

**Contact:** Carolina Ramazzina Van Moorsel, 312.660.1307, cramazzinavanmoorsel@heartlandalliance.org

Volunteer Training and Support: NIJC provides formal training, supporting manuals and ongoing support for volunteers. Although we do have training webinars and PowerPoint presentations available to view on our website, we require that new pro bono attorneys attend an in-person asylum training before or shortly after being assigned a case. The training lasts 3 hours and is held quarterly.

### SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
**REPRESENT IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER CRIMES**

Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), immigrant survivors of domestic abuse may file a Self-Petition to obtain an immigration status in the U.S. Under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act (TVVP), U.S. immigration law also offers protection called a U Visa to non-citizen victims of certain serious crimes who have gathered the courage to come forward, report the crime, and assist in its investigation or prosecution. In both VAWA Self-Petitions and U Visa applications, volunteer attorneys prepare relevant applications for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and other serious crimes. Volunteer attorneys meet with the client on several occasions and prepare the relevant documentation. VAWA and U Visa cases generally do not require litigation and may sometimes have filing deadlines.

**Practice areas:** Immigration

**Opportunity type:** Non-litigation, legal representation

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, client/witness interviewing, writing/drafting, advocacy

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of required 90-minute training, then approximately 20–30 hours of casework over 3–4 months.

**Contact:** Megan Helbling, 312.660.1318, MHelbling@heartlandalliance.org

Volunteer Training and Support: Although we do have training webcasts and PowerPoint presentations available to view on our website, we require that an interested pro bono attorney attend an in-person VAWA or U Visa training before being assigned a case. The training typically lasts about 90 minutes.

### SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY
**REPRESENT IMMIGRANT CHILDREN**

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SJS) is a form of immigration relief for children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Volunteer attorneys meet with the client on numerous occasions, draft the relevant documents, prepare the client for court, and develop legal arguments.

**Practice areas:** Immigration

**Opportunity type:** Litigation, client intake/interviewing/advice, legal representation, litigation

**Skills acquired:** Client/witness interviewing, client counseling, case management, trial skills, writing/drafting, motions practice, advocacy

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Typically 80–100 hours over about 1 year.

**Contact:** Carolina Ramazzina Van Moorsel, 312.660.1307, cramazzinavanmoorsel@heartlandalliance.org

Volunteer Training and Support: NIJC provides training materials and on-going support to volunteers. Live trainings are provided based on need and demand.
The Statutory Summary Suspension Hearings program is a project of The Chicago Bar Association. Volunteer attorneys participate in a training course that prepares them to represent indigent persons who have petitioned the Court for the reinstatement of their driver’s licenses. An indigent person charged with a DUI is represented by a Public Defender in the criminal proceeding and may win that case, but may still lose their license (statutory summary suspension) when they have no representation in the civil matter. Volunteers can help an indigent person in need and get priceless courtroom experience at the same time.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Contact Megan Healy McClung.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** Yes, as needed

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENTATION IN STATUTORY SUMMARY SUSPENSION CASES**

The statutory summary suspension program involves representing indigent clients who have had their driver’s licenses summarily suspended because they allegedly refused to take a breathalyzer or drug test or failed the field tests. The cases often turn on whether the stop was lawful (constitutional), the driver refused to take a breathalyzer or drug test, or the driver was properly warned of the consequences of refusing to take a test. Volunteer attorneys typically meet with their clients at a Richard J. Daley Center courtroom on the assigned hearing date. Two weeks before the hearing, volunteers receive 10–12 pages of discovery documents needed to prepare for the courtroom cross-examination of the Chicago Police Officer. The summary suspension rescission hearing typically lasts 40 minutes, during which the volunteer will give a 1-minute opening about the grounds for rescission, possibly conduct a direct exam of their client, cross-examine the Chicago Police Officer, and conclude with a brief closing argument.

**Practice areas:** Driver’s licenses

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Case management, client counseling, motion practice, cross examination, trial practice

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Completion of the required training (3 hrs.) in person or online, then 5 hours or less per case (up to 2 hours for the hearing and 3 hours preparation).

**Contact:** Megan Healy McClung, 312.371.2489, mhnmcclung@gmail.com

**Volunteer Training and Support:** Each year, the CBA hosts a 3-hour intensive, interactive DUI Summary Suspension session followed by a 2-hour skills training by expert advocates. During the training, participants have the opportunity to practice their cross-examination skills and be critiqued by judges and coaches who offer suggestions for improvement. The CBA also provides online resources and a licensed attorney to support volunteers.

**UPTOWN PEOPLE’S LAW CENTER**

4413 North Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60640

**Phone:** 773.769.1411

**Web:** www.uplcchicago.org

The Uptown People’s Law Center represents poor and working people living in Uptown and other similar communities. The Law Center’s biggest areas of practice are landlord-tenant, Social Security disability, and public benefits. In addition, the Law Center represents prisoners seeking to challenge the way they are treated in prison.

**Process for becoming a volunteer:** Interested volunteers should contact the Law Center to discuss matters of interest. If a case is not immediately available, the Law Center maintains a contact list of interested attorneys and periodically circulates memos via email describing available pro bono opportunities.

**Does the organization offer malpractice insurance coverage to volunteers?** No

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENTATION IN LANDLORD/TENANT MATTERS**

Volunteer attorneys represent clients in landlord/tenant matters in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The Law Center provides extensive support and training for landlord-tenant cases.

**Practice areas:** Housing

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Litigation, negotiation

**Skills required:** Some experience in litigation or subject matter

**Time commitment:** Varies depending on case complexity, typically 10–50 hours with 2–3 court appearances, but may be substantially more if the case goes to full jury trial.

**Contact:** Alan Mills, 773.769.1411, alanmills@comcast.net

**Volunteer Training and Support:** The Law Center does not have a formal training program. Licensed staff attorneys provide ongoing support to volunteer attorneys.

**SAMPLE OPPORTUNITY**

**REPRESENTATION IN PRISONER RIGHTS CASES**

Volunteer attorneys represent prisoners seeking to challenge the way they are treated in prison. Typically, these are cases brought in federal court in all three Illinois districts. There are also cases filed in the Circuit Courts of any county in which a prison is located in Illinois. The Law Center provides extensive support and training for prisoner’s rights cases. Impact litigation is often (although not necessarily) undertaken with the Law Center as co-counsel. The Law Center typically partners with firms rather than individual attorneys on these cases because they can require significant resources. Cases are typically staffed by a team of attorneys from one or more law firms.

**Practice areas:** Civil rights, prisoner’s rights

**Opportunity type:** Litigation

**Skills acquired:** Trial skills, writing/drafting

**Skills required:** Basic legal knowledge

**Time commitment:** Varies, but a minimum of 100 hours and often 200–400 hours over the course of 12–24 months.

**Volunteer Training and Support:** In cooperation with the courts, the Law Center offers a series of three trainings on handling prisoner civil rights cases: Anatomy of a Prisoner Civil Rights Case (5.5 hrs.); Handling Medical Cases for Prisoners (3.5 hrs.); and Representing Prisoners When Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies Is a Defense (3.5 hrs.). These three courses are offered roughly every 3 months. In addition, the Law Center offers as-needed support for all attorneys handling prisoner civil rights cases.

Visit [www.IllinoisProBono.org](http://www.IllinoisProBono.org) for more information about pro bono opportunities, upcoming training programs, and resources for pro bono attorneys.
FEDERAL COURT-BASED PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

A number of pro bono programs offer opportunities in the Federal Courts. Several Federal Court-based pro bono programs are featured in this guide, including the Settlement Assistance Program on page 16, the Bankruptcy Help Desk on page 22, and the William J. Hibbler Pro Se Assistance Program also on page 23. Two additional programs administered by the Courts are listed below.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT PRO BONO PANEL

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois has established a panel of volunteer attorneys to represent indigent parties on a pro bono basis in discrete adversary proceedings and contested matters. The program is administered by the Bankruptcy Court under the Court’s procedures, with support and assistance from the Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee and The Chicago Bar Association Bankruptcy and Reorganization Committee. Judges of the Court are responsible for identifying matters in which a party (generally a debtor, but occasionally a creditor) appears to qualify and would benefit from representation.

When a suitable matter is identified, the judge will notify the Clerk of the Court. The Clerk will contact a panel member to obtain representation for the party needing it. The program is limited strictly to representation in adversary proceedings and contested matters — matters that demand the kind of litigation skills pro se parties lack. No panel member is expected to file a bankruptcy case, complete schedules and similar forms, or attend a meeting of creditors. The program is also entirely voluntary. Panel members will never be required to accept representation in a particular matter and may decline a request for representation because of a conflict of interest or for any other reason.

Attorneys who are interested in handling appeals in the Seventh Circuit should fill out the Volunteer Panel Attorney Questionnaire which can be found on the court’s website at www.ca7.uscourts.gov (click on “CJA Information” then “Volunteer Panel Attorney Questionnaire”). Questions should be directed to Donald J. Wall at 312.435.5805 or don_wall@ca7.uscourts.gov.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PANEL

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit maintains a volunteer attorney panel for appointments in certain cases before the Seventh Circuit. The Court is continually seeking attorneys to join the panel who have experience or who have a sufficient support infrastructure from mentors or firm colleagues to handle these complex matters. A majority of these cases are federal criminal appeals in which the previous attorney seeks to withdraw. Counsel to the Circuit Executive, Donald J. Wall, selects and appoints counsel in all direct criminal appeals where the defendant is financially unable to retain counsel. The appointments are made under the Criminal Justice Act.

On occasion, the Court also will appoint attorneys to represent prisoners in habeas corpus appeals. These appointments too are made under the Criminal Justice Act. The Act authorizes the payment of some compensation (plus expenses) to appointed counsel. At times, the Court will provide free representation to litigants in civil matters, such as employment discrimination, immigration, and prisoner civil rights cases. These appointments are not made under the Criminal Justice Act, therefore appointed counsel provide their services without compensation. The Seventh Circuit, however, will reimburse certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by appointed counsel up to a maximum of $1,000.
WHY SHOULD YOU DO PRO BONO?

It is our ethical obligation as attorneys in Illinois to provide pro bono assistance to persons in need of legal services who cannot afford them. The preamble to the Supreme Court of Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

It is the responsibility of those licensed as officers of the court to use their training, experience and skills to provide services in the public interest for which compensation may not be available. An individual lawyer’s efforts in these areas is evidence of the lawyer’s good character and fitness to practice law.

Professional Duty

- As lawyers, we are officers of the justice system and have a special responsibility to ensure that all people, not just those who can afford it, have access to the system.
- Recognizing the importance of pro bono, the Illinois Supreme Court requires as part of the annual attorney registration process that all licensed attorneys report their pro bono service and qualified monetary contributions to support legal aid. More information is available on page 31 of this guide.
- The Chicago Bar Association Pro Bono Resolution encourages CBA members to participate in pro bono activities for a minimum of 50 hours each year.
- Similarly, the American Bar Association Model Rule 6.1 encourages lawyers to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services per year.

Professional Development

- Pro bono matters expose attorneys to new substantive areas of the law and provide excellent skill-building opportunities for lawyers.
- Pro bono generates goodwill for your company or law firm, as well as the opportunity to interact with many others in the legal profession.

Personal Satisfaction

- Pro bono work provides an opportunity to learn about and become involved in your community.
- Your exposure to low-income and disadvantaged people in our community brings an important perspective that is sometimes lost in our fast-paced practice.
- Doing your part to help people who need it is rewarding.

Community Improvement

- By providing competent representation to low-income or disadvantaged people, you can make our community a better place to live.

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU TAKE A CASE

Before committing to a pro bono case, you should (1) understand the pro bono program’s expectations, and (2) receive any needed training and support. Depending on your needs, you should ask the following questions of the program staff:

Does the program thoroughly screen clients?

Before referring a case to a volunteer lawyer, the program should, at a minimum, complete a comprehensive screening of clients. A program should also provide a statement of facts and assessment of the case.

How does the program’s intake system ensure that I will receive a meritorious case or project?

Solid intake and screening procedures should ensure that you are receiving a meritorious case involving an eligible (financially and otherwise) client.

Will the program assign me a case that matches my expertise, interests, and time restraints?

A program’s intake and screening procedures should ensure that the case is within the parameters of the type of work for which you volunteered.

What types of training and support does the program offer to its volunteers?

Programs offer a variety of support mechanisms and training to its volunteer lawyers that should include all or some of the following:

LEGAL SUPPORT
- Substantive law and procedural training and support
- Legal manuals (containing compiled legal research)
- Form pleadings
- Mentors (program staff or more experienced volunteer lawyers)

TIME MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
- Co-counseling arrangements
- Program staff attorneys to cover in emergencies

TRAINING SPECIFIC TO THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS CLIENTS
- Handbooks with program policies and staff contact information
- Client sensitivity training

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE
- Malpractice insurance
- Office space for client interviewing and meetings
- Administrative assistant/legal support (through volunteer paralegals, law students)
For which expenses, if any, will I be responsible?

Some pro bono programs require that the clients pay for out-of-pocket expenses such as court costs, filing fees, etc. However, some programs maintain a fund to cover the same, while others allow or depend upon the volunteer to pay these expenses.

Will I be covered by the program’s malpractice insurance?

Most pro bono programs in the Chicago area have malpractice insurance available for volunteers. The individual opportunities listed in this guide indicate whether an organization offers malpractice coverage to its volunteer attorneys.

What is my relationship with my pro bono client and the pro bono program?

A pro bono program should clearly communicate the nature of the relationship it is establishing between the program, a client, and a volunteer. That agreement should be reflected in a written retainer agreement. A volunteer lawyer should discuss with the pro bono client the extent of the representation the volunteer agrees to undertake on the client’s behalf and document that understanding in a written retainer agreement.

Often clients may have more than one legal problem. How can I ensure that the client understands that I am agreeing to provide representation only in a specific matter?

A retainer agreement should clearly state that the pro bono attorney is providing representation only in the matter referred. A program should assure volunteers that they are not expected to provide representation in other matters, and instruct them to refer clients back to the program if the need arises, unless a volunteer is willing to assist the client in additional legal matters.

Once I accept a case, will the program keep in touch with me?

A pro bono program should maintain contact with its program volunteers through periodic follow-up via telephone or email as part of the program’s comprehensive tracking system. A tracking system provides a mechanism for determining that volunteers are progressing on cases the program has placed with them and that the program is providing effective and high quality legal services to the client.

Once I accept a case, what are my responsibilities to the pro bono program?

Generally pro bono programs ask that the volunteer attorneys: keep the program apprised of the status of the case on a regular basis (for example, every 60 to 90 days); seek support and mentoring when needed; advise the program of any problems or issues that arise; advise the program when the case is closed, the disposition thereof, and the number of hours you spent on the case; and complete any evaluation forms.

What if the case becomes too much for me to handle?

Some pro bono programs can facilitate co-counseling and/or mentoring arrangements with program staff attorneys or with other volunteer lawyers. In some instances, the program may agree to take the case back if it becomes too onerous for a volunteer.

What should I do if I leave my position or join a new firm?

Many firms welcome pro bono cases, so check with your new firm about whether you can keep the case in your new position. If you are unable to take the case with you, you should treat the case as any other open matter that you have — work with your firm to transfer the case to another attorney, if possible. Most importantly, in all situations, communicate with the legal aid pro bono program about any change in responsibility for the matter, and remember that you are responsible for the matter until it is transferred to another attorney or back to the organization.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT RULES ALLOWING ADDITIONAL PRO BONO

In-House Counsel

Attorneys who are licensed in Illinois as in-house counsel under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 716 may perform pro bono service in Illinois without any additional registration or affiliation requirements.

Attorneys Licensed in Other States, but Not Illinois

Illinois Supreme Court Rule 756(j) provides that attorneys who are admitted in another state and are not disbarred or others wise suspended from practice may perform pro bono service by doing the following: (1) annually filing the required paperwork and information with the ARDC; (2) working with a qualified sponsoring legal aid organization or other qualified entity; and (3) participating in any training required by the sponsoring organization. Forms and additional instructions are available on the ARDC’s website and a list of sponsoring entities is available on www.IllinoisProBono.org.

Attorneys Registered as Retired or Inactive in Illinois

Illinois Supreme Court Rule 756(j) provides that attorneys who are registered with the ARDC as retired or inactive may perform pro bono service by doing the following: (1) annually filing the required paperwork and information with the ARDC; (2) working with a qualified sponsoring legal aid organization or other qualified entity; and (3) participating in any training required by the sponsoring organization. Forms and additional instructions are available on the ARDC’s website and a list of sponsoring entities is available on www.IllinoisProBono.org.

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| **Center for Disability & Elder Law** |
| **Center for Economic Progress – Tax Clinic** |
| **Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation** |
| **Chicago Coalition for the Homeless – Law Project** |
| **Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** |
| **Chicago Legal Clinic**      |
| **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services** |
| **Domestic Violence Legal Clinic** |
| **Equip for Equality**        |
| **Family Defense Center**     |
| **First Defense Legal Aid**  |
| **Illinois Legal Aid Online** |
| **James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy** |
| **LAF**                       |
| **The Law Project**           |
| **Lawndale Christian Legal Center** |
| **Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing** |
| **Lawyers for the Creative Arts** |
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| **Municipal Court Pro Bono Panel** |
| **National Immigrant Justice Center** |
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