

For every client the Legal Aid Society helps, we must turn away another client due to insufficient staff and resources. Volunteer attorneys are crucial to Legal Aid's ability to help as many clients as possible.

## how the volunteer lawyer program (vlp) works

### help an individual client

The backbone of the VLP is the direct client service volunteer lawyers offer individual clients. We screen clients for financial eligibility and match them with you based on your indicated area of expertise or interest. We also offer you a brief case synopsis to allow you to check for a conflict of interest.

### adopt a project

Because of the high volume of certain types of cases, VLP has created opportunities in which a law firm or group of attorneys may collectively assume responsibility for clients seeking a particular service, such as defending evictions or obtaining domestic violence protective orders.

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### staff a clinic

Because so many of our clients have similar issues and are able to proceed on their own in court if provided some initial assistance, we offer a number of clinics. At these clinics, several clients are scheduled during a time block and are provided with one-on-one assistance.

### be a mentor

When you serve as a mentor, you help a new attorney or one who is new to a practice area gain confidence and skills. The mentor is not responsible for representing the client. Instead, he or she lends expertise to helping another attorney develop his or her career.

We also have a need for volunteer paralegals and secretaries to provide legal research and administrative support.

VLP conducts periodic training sessions to aid volunteers in the representation of clients. We provide a library of poverty law resource materials, and Legal Aid staff can answer questions and/or provide backup assistance. Malpractice insurance will be provided for all pro bono cases.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Legal Aid Society, please contact us at (502) 584-1254. You may also find more information, including a volunteer attorney registration form, on our website at [www.laslou.org](http://www.laslou.org).

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