



Volunteer with VLSC

What is VLSC?

The Volunteer Legal Services Corporation (VLSC) is the pro bono arm of the Alameda County Bar Association. VLSC matches trained volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law school graduates with low-income clients in need of critical legal services—services such as ensuring that a child has a safe and stable home, shielding a patient from financial ruin, or protecting a parent's right to custody and visitation. VLSC is the largest provider of pro bono legal services in the county.

How can I help?

VLSC seeks volunteers to assist at pro per clinics.

VLSC has volunteer opportunities in the following areas of law:

- Bankruptcy
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders
- Family Law
- Guardianship
- Low-Income Landlord Unlawful Detainer Assistance
- Unlawful Detainer Mediation

What's in it for me?

If you are a newer attorney, you can gain valuable experience, along with assistance from a more experienced VLSC volunteer. If you are a more seasoned attorney, in addition to helping clients, you can help guide the next generation of volunteers by serving as a lead or trainer. Either way, you'll hone your skills and enjoy the feeling of making a real difference in the life of someone less fortunate.

How do I sign up?

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I be sure I am getting a client who really needs me?

We screen each client to establish that his or her income and resources are within our eligibility guidelines.

What resources are available to me?

VLSC provides live trainings, recorded trainings, and written materials to volunteers. Volunteers are also covered by VLSC's professional liability insurance for all pro bono work performed through VLSC.

Do I have to do a lot of reporting?

Volunteers will need to report the number of pro bono hours performed each month. This information is required by VLSC funding sources, and enables us to monitor the program's operations, obtain statistics, and evaluate and refine the program.

Do I have to be an attorney to help?

There are limited opportunities for paralegals, legal document assistants, and interpreters. Please contact us for more information.

I can't volunteer, but I still want to help. What can I do?

Make a donation! Your tax-deductible contribution helps VLSC bridge the justice gap in Alameda County. You can give on our secure website, acbanet.org, or by contacting:

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