



GIVE BACK! 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.

HOW CAN I HELP?

VLSC seeks volunteers to assist at pro per clinics.

We have 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
- All practice areas: drop-in Saturday legal clinic (CLASP)

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH VLSC?

If you are a newer attorney, you can gain valuable experience, and volunteer with more experienced attorneys. 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 supervising volunteer. Either way, you’ll hone your skills and enjoy the feeling of making a real difference in the life of someone needing help.

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. Our staff also completes a thorough intake regarding the client’s legal matter.

What resources are available to me?

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

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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