



The Alameda County Bar Association presents

RULE OF LAW IN ACTION

MCLE TRAINING

*Opportunities to Serve and
Protect Justice*



Presented by the Alameda County Bar Association & ACBA Racial Justice Task Force

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This timely MCLE program highlighted practical ways for attorneys and legal professionals to support the rule of law and access to justice through pro bono service. We featured leaders from organizations offering tangible opportunities to get involved at the local and national level. There's truly an opportunity for everyone.

If we could impress upon you one thing, it's that even when the issues feel overwhelming, volunteering, litigating, protesting, and advocating all make a difference, even if the results aren't immediate or perfect. No one person or organization can fix everything, but everyone can do something. Start with one action that fits your skills and capacity, rather than waiting for the perfect opportunity. The cumulative impact of individual efforts—one case, one client, one act of service—can create real change.

FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

LAWYERS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT (L4GG)

Speaker: Traci Feit Love

L4GG connects lawyers with urgent, high-impact pro bono projects related to civil rights, reproductive justice, voting access, immigration, and climate issues. Volunteers receive training, support, and malpractice insurance coverage.

Learn More & Sign Up: <https://www.lawyersforgoodgovernment.org/volunteer>

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG)

Speaker: Ría Thompson-Washington

The Guild supports legal observers, protest defense, movement lawyering, and broader racial and economic justice work. Open to attorneys, legal workers, law students, and community members.

Join or Learn More: <https://www.nlg.org/join/>

NLG Bay Area Chapter: <https://nlgsf.org/>

VOTEPRO PROS

Speaker: Elaine Leitner

A virtual, all-volunteer group that helps eligible voters fix registration issues, cure rejected ballots and navigate confusing voter ID or mail-in ballot rules. Open to anyone interested, commitment can range from one hour to an ongoing leadership role.

Join the Slack & Explore Projects: <https://votepropros.com>

Email Elaine Leitner: elaineleitner@gmail.com

Sign Up to Volunteer: [Click "Join Us" at votepropros.com](#)

LEGAL ACCESS ALAMEDA

Speaker: Beth Litwin

Offers in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities across housing, bankruptcy, immigration, and family law through one day, brief legal advice or assistance clinics. Malpractice coverage is provided, and opportunities are available for attorneys, law students, and interpreters.

Volunteer with Legal Access: www.legalaccessalameda.org

- Amarilis Medrano, Operations & Program Manager amarilis@acbanet.org
- Sarah Shank, Operations & Program Manger sshank@acbanet.org

Immigration Clinic Info & Flyer: Available in MCLE materials or via email

Pro Bono Training Institute- <https://pbtraining.org/training/>

Practising Law Institute- <https://www.pli.edu/programs/collections/probono>

Alameda County Law Library- <https://lawlibrary.alamedacountyca.gov/events-and-classes/>

California Pro Bono Portal: <https://www.calprobono.org/>

State Bar of CA: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Access-to-Justice/Pro-Bono>

FAMILY VIOLENCE LAW CENTER (FVLC)

Speaker: Nicole Conrad

FVLC provides wraparound legal and crisis support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Volunteer attorneys can assist in restraining order clinics, dissolution clinics, or through a more involved volunteer attorney program. Training and supervision are provided for all roles.

- **Restraining Order Clinic:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at the Hayward Hall of Justice (in partnership with Legal Access Alameda)
- **Volunteer Attorney Program:** Requires a 2-month commitment and offers direct client advocacy and courtroom experience.

Volunteer or Learn More: <https://fvlc.org/volunteer/>

Contact: volunteer@fvlc.org

CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA

Centro Legal provides free or low-cost, bilingual, and culturally sensitive legal services in immigration, housing, and workers' rights. Based in Oakland, they are a critical resource for underserved communities and welcome volunteers in multiple areas of law.

Volunteer with Centro Legal: <https://www.centrolegal.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Website: <https://www.centrolegal.org/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES & NOTES

- **Inactive Attorneys (California):**
You may be eligible for the Pro Bono Practice Program and maintain your license without paying dues if you only do pro bono work through an approved provider.
Details from CA Bar: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Access-to-Justice/Pro-Bono/Pro-Bono-Practice-Program>
- **Malpractice Coverage:**
Both Legal Access Alameda and L4GG provide coverage for pro bono work through their programs.

INTERESTED IN ACBA'S RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE?

We plan free, topical MCLE programs and always welcome attorneys with ideas or speaker connections.

Learn More or Join: Contact Salma Taleb at salma@acbanet.org

Task Force Page: <https://www.acbanet.org/about/acba-committees/racial-justice-task-force/>

NEXT STEP: GET INVOLVED TODAY

Please take one small step today - sign up for a mailing list, a training, or a volunteer opportunity.

What will *you* sign up for?