VLP MONTHLY

A MONTHLY BRIEFING FROM THE PRO BONO TEAM AT THE ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT JANUARY 2023 EDITION



UPDATES

Welcome to the inaugural edition of VLP's monthly newsletter. In this newsletter we will keep you updated on our pro bono opportunities and available trainings. Thank you for your support of VLP and our lowincome community.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING FREE CLE:

Pro Bono Immigration Legal Services Project Launch Credits: 0.5 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias January 19, 2023 from 12PM-1PM via Zoom

For more information: https://bit.ly/3jelCuV

FEATURED FREE ON DEMAND CLE OF THE MONTH:

Wills and Advance Directives

Credits: 1.0 Professional Practice for newly admitted or

experienced attorneys

To Register: https://bit.ly/3WbMBpW

Passcode: 0Z^g6Y22

For a complete list of On Demand trainings, please visit https://ecbavlp.com/volunteer/why-pro-bono/



Final Decree of Divor

FULL REP PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Current full representation cases in need</u> of volunteer attorneys include:

- A divorce plaintiff with no marital children. Client is seeking exclusive use and occupancy of marital home.
- A divorce plaintiff with 2 marital children. Client is seeking joint custody/primary residential custody.
 Parties have an informal agreement for support.
- A divorce plaintiff with 1 marital child. Plaintiff is seeking sole custody and not seeking child support.
 Marital credit card debt. Spouse has moved to North Carolina.



LIMITED SCOPE PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Every week VLP has limited scope opportunities to volunteer at Housing Court, Family Court, and to remotely assist clients in Federal Court. The schedule is as follows:

Housing Court Eviction Defense Help

Tuesday and Thursday 9am-12pm

To sign-up: https://ecbavlp.com/volunteersignup/

Password: HOUSING2021

Family Court Help Desk

Monday and Wednesday 10am-2pm

To sign up: Email Lori Genovese at LGenovese@ECBAVLP.com

Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program

Wednesday and Friday 12pm-2pm

To sign up: Email Jillian Nowak at JNowak@ECBAVLP.com

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

The positives of volunteering through VLP are numerous. Here are just some of the benefits:

- VLP malpractice insurance primary on referred cases
- Pro Bono CLE credit provided for volunteer hours
- Free trainings and mentorships
- Helping those who need it most in our community
- Networking and recognition
- Opportunities exist for experienced and newly admitted attorneys





ON THE HORIZON

VLP is expecting a sharp increase this year in the number of noncitizens needing immigration legal services. Volunteer attorneys will be needed. Training and mentorship will be provided. Keep an eye out for future training announcements or feel free to call us for more information.

In addtion, experienced immigration attorneys will be needed to help us staff an Immigration Court Help Desk currently in the works. Please reach out if interested.