

# VLP MONTHLY

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



## BEERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Tickets are still available for Beers and Volunteers on June 21st!

# BEERS & VOLUNTEERS

MEET AND MINGLE WITH THE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

FOOD • CASH BAR • GOOD TIMES  
BASKET RAFFLE • DOOR PRIZES

JUNE 21st • 5:00-9:00 PM



Tickets on sale now!

**\$30**

(includes Food and 2 drink)



Scan for tickets

Raise a glass and cheers a volunteer! Beers and Volunteers is a fun filled evening of socializing, networking, and, of course, BEER!

Join us in the heart of downtown at Soho Buffalo, NY as we reflect on the past few years and look towards the future of pro bono and Access to Justice for all.

For tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/beerandvolunteers>

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### FEATURED FREE ON DEMAND CLES OF THE MONTH:

#### **Adjustment of Status for Asylees**

Assist a noncitizen on their path to becoming a citizen.

Credits: 1.0 Professional Practice

To Register: <http://bit.ly/3SWzMOX>

Passcode: FN1HaF\$.

#### **Journey to Citizenship**

A training that focuses on the naturalization process, from eligibility, to application, to swearing-in and beyond.

Credits: 1.0 Professional Practice

To Access: <http://bit.ly/3Zu9c1U>

Passcode: BNw99K!3

For a complete list of On Demand trainings, please visit

<https://ecbavlp.com/volunteer/why-pro-bono/>

## FULL REP PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

### Current full representation cases in need of volunteer attorneys include:

- Chapter 7 bankruptcy case for client in fear of losing home .
- Not For Profit formation for workforce development group in need of incorporation and tax exempt designation.
- Defensive asylum cases. Extremely rewarding for those who enjoy litigation and welcome the opportunity to make a generational change for a non-citizen facing persecution in their home country.





## LIMITED SCOPE PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Every week VLP has limited scope opportunities to volunteer:

### Eviction Defense Program- Attorney of the Morning

Tuesday and Thursday 9am-12pm

No experience necessary

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

Password: HOUSING2021

### Family Court Help Desk

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12pm-2pm

For experienced Family Court Practitioners

To sign up: Email Kris Sigesti at [KSigesti@ECBAVLP.com](mailto:KSigesti@ECBAVLP.com)

### Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program

Wednesday and Friday 12pm-2pm

For experienced Federal Court Practitioners

To sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4AA8AE2FA4FD0-psap2>

## PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT: IFEOLUWA POPOOLA

VLP would like to recognize some outstanding work by one of our volunteer attorneys: Ifeoluwa Popoola.

Attorney Popoola is an Assistant County Attorney for the Erie County Department of Law. Recently, she has stepped out of her normal area of practice to assist some of VLP's indigent immigration clients in need of an attorney.

In the past three months, Attorney Popoola has helped a family of three asylees apply to become Legal Permanent Residents and has committed to representing a client in her citizenship application process.

Thank you Ifeoluwa for your commitment to providing access to justice for low income people in our community!



## FEDERAL COURT TRAINING SERIES CONTINUES

Join VLP, US District Court for the Western District of New York, and JustCause in a training on Navigating a Federal Civil Appeal. The training will take place June 13th from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM, in-person at Robert H. Jackson Courthouse and live via Zoom. The training will provide 2.0 transitional CLE credits in Areas of Professional Practice.

This training will feature perspectives from the Bench and Bar including: Hon. Richard C. Wesley, Hon. Lawrence J. Vilaro, Brian M. Feldman, Esq., and Tiffany H. Lee, Esq., and will be moderated by Hon. Elizabeth A. Wolford.

Following the training, there will be a reception from 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM.

In-person attendance for this CLE program is limited to 50 people on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to register for the CLE program (remote or in-person) and/or the reception, please click the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navigating-a-federal-civil-appeal-tickets-621858293897>

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