

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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NAME: Los Angeles County Bar Association Pro Bono
Representation Panel

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Volunteer attorneys are needed to represent Respondents during Master Calendar Hearings Only before the Immigration Court in downtown Los Angeles. The PBRP ensures that Respondents (the vast majority are non-English speaking Latinos from countries south of the border) can obtain quality counsel and advice from experienced volunteer immigration attorneys before making their "plea" at the Master Calendar Removal Hearing. Commitment is for one week only. Prefer volunteers with some prior courtroom experience.

DESCRIPTION: "On Wednesdays & Fridays, morning and afternoon, pro bono attorneys show up at designated courtrooms to participate in the panel. Volunteer attorneys are then matched with participating Respondents. A typical Master Calendar Hearing might have 35 Respondents. A special room has been set aside on the 14th floor of the courtrooms so volunteer attorneys and Respondents can speak confidentially about their situation. The Pro Bono volunteer attorney will help Respondents come to an informed decision regarding their immigration matters. Once Respondents are given counsel and advice they then proceed with the volunteer attorney back to the Immigration Judge to plead their case.

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NAME: Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Section
LAW DAY

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Organized by the Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Section Law Day is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on our legal heritage, on the role of law in protecting justice and fairness in our society, and for volunteer immigration attorneys to listen and help the immigrant community to serve their legal needs and interests.

DESCRIPTION:

On the first Friday in May (May 2, 2008) volunteer attorneys are needed to give legal advice and counseling in immigration law. Located in the courtyard of the USCIS Federal Building volunteer attorneys will meet with the public to discuss their immigration needs. Law Day takes place from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers can sign up for a minimum of 2 hours, four hours, or volunteer all day. Experienced immigration attorneys will be on hand to provide mentoring and supervision.

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NAME: Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Legal Assistance Project

CONTACT PERSON:

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Directing Attorney Immigration Legal Assistance Project
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Los Angeles, CA 90053
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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Immigration Legal Assistance Project provides legal assistance and counseling to all categories of low income persons. Experienced immigration attorneys provide legal advice for U.S. Citizens and immigrants as well as all other persons seeking information on political asylum, green cards, work permits, travel documents, lost green cards, family petitions, citizenship, and much more. The Project, having no geographic restrictions, assists persons from all countries and territories.

DESCRIPTION:

The Project asks attorneys to make a commitment of volunteering one morning per week for at least 3 months. However, the Project is flexible and will work with the attorney on scheduling conflicts. No prior immigration experience is necessary. However, a commitment to serving the immigrant community is a must.

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NAME: San Pedro Community Legal Services

Website : <http://www.spcls.org>

CONTACT PERSON:

Laurie Cambra Seplow
PO Box 311
San Pedro, CA 90733
310-521-1180

lcseplow@splcs.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Volunteer attorneys are needed to provide legal services to victims of domestic violence, elderly individuals and immigrants who need the assistance of an attorney to access health care, protect their child custody rights, prevent a wrongful deportation or arrest, avoid homelessness and escape life-threatening violence in the San Pedro area.

DESCRIPTION: Attorneys assist victims of domestic violence to complete I-360 petitions. Attorneys may also consult and advise client on deportation issues.

DATED: September 24, 2007

NAME: Immigration Center for Women and Children

Website: www.icwclaw.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Suzanne McCormick
634 S. Spring St., Suite 615
Los Angeles, CA 90014
(213) 614-1165
Suzanne@icwclaw.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Volunteer attorneys are needed to assist undocumented victims of domestic violence complete VAWA and U Visa applications. (I-360)

DESCRIPTION: All work must be done on site. Commitment is at least one day per week for one month. Attorneys will complete and review applications and supporting documentation with training and under supervision of staff attorney.

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NAME: HIV & AIDS LEGAL SERVICES - HALSA

Website: www.halsaservices.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Laurie Aronoff
3550 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 750
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 387-3284

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

HALSA is dedicated to serving the HIV/AIDS related civil legal needs of persons living with HIV or AIDS. HALSA's legal services assist individuals to improve the conditions of poverty, address economic barriers to accessing primary care/treatment and support services and enhance re-entry into the workplace.

DESCRIPTION: Attorneys will be assigned immigration cases. Cases involve naturalization applications, NACARA, adjustment of status, asylum, and HIV waivers. HALSA attorneys will provide supervision, mentoring, and training.

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NAME: Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)

Website: www.castla.org

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Legal Services Director
Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking
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Los Angeles, California 90036
Telephone: (213) 365-1906 Extension 115
Facsimile: (213) 365-5257
Electronic Mail: charles@castla.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Volunteer attorneys are needed to help prepare T Visas, [adjustment of status](#), U visas, asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, VAWA, removal defense, and family based immigration.

CAST is a multi-ethnic human rights organization whose mission is to assist persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and slavery-like practices and to work toward ending all instances of such human rights violations. CAST's programs include Social Services, Legal Services, and Training & Advocacy and have assisted over 200 victims of trafficking in some of the most well known cases in the U.S.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

I. Application & Interview Process

All potential volunteers will complete an application form and submit to CAST Volunteer Program via: CAST address, fax or email - volunteer@castla.org. CAST Volunteer Program staff will conduct application reviews, and schedule interviews to best accommodate the applicants' interests and the available volunteer positions. Successful applicants will then be notified by CAST Volunteer Program staff.

II. Orientation & Training

All volunteers are required to attend:

1-hour Orientation. The Orientation will provide general information about CAST Volunteer Program and requirements.

40-hour CAST Volunteer Training. The training is a comprehensive training curriculum designed to provide educational and practical materials in working on the issue of human trafficking and volunteering at CAST. The training covers the following topics, but not limited to: human trafficking laws, systems response, support models, shelter services, legal and social services.

III. Background Check/Fingerprint

All volunteers are required to sign a release authorizing CAST to conduct a background check at CAST's discretion. We also require all trained volunteers to submit a fingerprint card.

IV. Time Commitment

The required minimum time commitment is 4 hours per week for 6 months **OR** a total of 96 completed hours, whichever comes first.

V. Costs (covers training materials)

40-hour Comprehensive Volunteer Training:

\$40.00 - CAST volunteers

Fingerprints: varies \$12 - \$30

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Name: Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center

Website: <http://www.lagaycenter.org/>

Contact: Roger or email: volunteer@LAGayCenter.org

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center
McDonald Wright Building
1625 N. Schrader Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90028
323-993-7684

Volunteer Opportunity: The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center provides a broad array of services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. The Center offers free and low-cost health, mental health, HIV/AIDS medical care and HIV/STD testing and prevention. The Center also offers legal, social, cultural, and educational services, with unique programs for seniors, families and youth.

Description: Volunteer attorneys are needed to do immigration consultations from Monday-Thursday, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. Volunteer attorneys must be interviewed by Roger before entering the program. Commitment is flexible.

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NAME: Glendale YMCA

WEBSITE: www.glendaleywca.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Eliza Karagezian

735 E. Lexington Drive
Glendale, CA 91206
818-242-4155 (ext 227)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The YWCA Domestic Violence Project provides confidential, emergency shelter and transitional housing to battered women. The Project also provides outreach, education, counseling and training services at our center in South Glendale.

DESCRIPTION: Attorneys will assist foreign-born victims of domestic violence to complete VAWA petitions. Minimum commitment is 6 months and training will be provided.

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NAME: Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association

WEBSITE: www.sccla.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Shirley Yauw
232 W. Clary Ave.
San Gabriel, CA 91776
(213) 977-7500 Ext. 265

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SCCLA is committed to assisting members of the Chinese community in Los Angeles.

DESCRIPTION: Volunteer Attorneys are needed to do immigration consultations with clients at a free legal clinic held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30. No language skills or training required. No minimum commitment. Translators are provided.

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NAME: Asociacion de Salvadorenos De Los Angeles (ASOSAL)

WEBSITE: www.asosal.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Luis Hernandez or Myrna Toulet

660 S. Bonnie Brae St.
Los Angeles, CA 90057
213-483-1244 x 112

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ASOSAL assists members of the El Salvadoran community in Los Angeles with immigration issues.

DESCRIPTION: Volunteer Attorneys are needed to provide consultation, and represent clients in removal proceedings in immigration court. Spanish preferred.

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NAME: Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) -
www.cliniclegal.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Martin Gauto –
Detention Attorney:
Tel - (213) 251-3530 or
mgauto@cliniclegal.org

Representation of detained aliens and/or unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings; mentor other pro bono attorneys; screen for relief for detainees at Mira Loma Detention Center and unaccompanied minors detainees at Los Angeles area shelters; and provide individual consultations at community forums.

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NAME: Legal Aid Foundation Los Angeles - www.lafla.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Kim Luu
Tel: (213) 640-3863 or
kluu@lafla.org

Representation of detained aliens in removal proceedings related to the Legal Orientation Project (generally asylum, CAT, and

Cancellation relief available), mentor other pro bono attorneys, volunteer opportunities to provide one-day consultations at San Pedro Detention center. Volunteer attorneys will receive a volunteer package and can provide mentor attorneys to assist the volunteer attorney. Volunteer opportunities at Naturalization clinics.

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NAME: Los Angeles Center of Law and Justice

WEBSITE: www.laclj.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Amy Woo
1241 S. Soto St., Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(323) 980-3500

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

The Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice ("LACLJ") has provided high quality free legal representation, education, and advocacy to low-income residents and communities of East, Northeast and Southeast Los Angeles. We specialize in family, housing, and government benefits law.

DESCRIPTION:

Attorneys needed to provide advice and consultation on immigration law, help prepare forms including: Adjustment of status, Family petitions, conditional residency, naturalization, lost green cards, travel permits, translations of Spanish language documents, VISA packets, affidavits of support. Spanish speaking preferred.

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NAME: Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLS-LA)

CONTACT PERSON: Chancela Al-Mansour, Esq., Pro Bono Director

(818) 834-7526 or cmansour@nls-la.org

Secondary Contact : Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq., NLS-LA Deputy Director

(818) 834-7531 or ymariajimenez@nls-la.org

Offices Located in Pacoima, Glendale and El Monte

General Number: (818) 896-5211

FAX: (818) 896-6647

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer attorneys are needed to represent low income clients with matters related to :

Naturalization Waivers)	N-648 (Citizenship Disability
VAWA	U Visas;
T Visas cancellations	VAWA adjustments and
LPR cancellations	Special Juvenile Immigrants

Volunteer applicants can contact the primary or secondary contacts identified above. NLS-LA accepts attorney and law student volunteers dedicated to serving poor immigrants whether or not the volunteers have experience in the immigration legal specialty. Orientation, training and mentorship will be provided by NLS-LA immigration attorney staff.

It is recommended that volunteers have a minimum of 8 hours per week available to dedicate as it will make the learning experience much richer. Office hours are 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Arrangements can be made for volunteer attorneys to take cases and work under the supervision of a NLS-LA immigration attorney. Work does not have to take place within NLS-LA offices.

There are also opportunities to volunteer in NLS-LA Naturalization clinics held throughout the year in outreach efforts made to immigrant communities through out LA County.

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NAME: Asian Pacific Legal Center (APALC) - www.apalc.org

CONTACT PERSON:

March Yoshida - Staff Attorney:
Tel - (213) 977-7500 ext 247 or
myoshida@apalc.org

Representation of applicants in various immigration applications and petitions; pro bono assistance in citizenship workshops; and individual consultations at community forums.

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NAME: Public Counsel – www.publiccounsel.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Contact: Judy London
jlondon@publiccounsel.org

Expert mentoring opportunities for complex questions regarding consular processing and waivers.

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NAME: Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF) -
www.maldef.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Cynthia Valenzuela - Director of Litigation, LA:
cvalenzuela@maldef.org

Pro bono attorneys to assist in class action lawsuits; presenters at "know your rights" community presentations; pro bono attorneys for

individual cases; and pro bono attorneys to serve as resources for general immigration issues that arise within the organization.

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NAME: Central American Resource Center - www.carecen-la.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Contact: Daniel Sharp - Legal Director:

Tel: 213 385 7800 x153 or

dsharp@carecen-la.org

Representation of detained and non-detained aliens in deportation proceedings

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NAME: Immigration Legal Resource Center (IRLC) - www.irlc.org

CONTACT PERSON:

Mark Silverman, Director of Immigration Policy

msilverman@irlc.org

Provide individual consultations at community meetings and forums about immigration law.

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NAME: Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights of Los Angeles - www.chirla.org

CONTACT PERSON

Claudia Guevara, Legal and Policy Coordinator:

213.353.1333, ext. 232 or

cguevara@chirla.org

Provide individual consultations at community meetings and forums about immigration law.

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