



Colorado Access to Justice Commission

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAWYERS

To help support the Colorado Supreme Court's Law Firm Pro Bono Initiative (see revised comment to Colo. RPC 6.1), the new Pro Bono/Emeritus Rule (C.R.C.P. 223), and the pro bono efforts of all attorneys, the Colorado Access to Justice Commission has compiled this list of pro bono opportunities. Volunteers should consult with the individual programs to determine whether they qualify for pro bono/emeritus service under Rule 223 and whether they provide malpractice coverage.

DENVER METRO AREA



Denver Bar Association Clinics

For more information, contact cgravit@cobar.org.

-Legal Night at Mi Casa (360 Acoma, Denver – (303) 573-1302 – www.micasadenver.org – 3rd Tues. of each month, 5:30 – 7 p.m.) Attorneys needed to provide information, and make referrals to appropriate agencies, in areas of immigration, credit, housing, landlord/tenant issues, employment and family law. Spanish interpreters are available.

-El Centro de San Juan Diego (2830 Lawrence St., Denver – (303) 295-9470) Legal night held first Wednesday of each month, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Volunteer attorneys provide information and advice in credit, housing, landlord tenant, employment and family law. Attorneys provide referrals to appropriate agencies. Call (303) 295-9470.

-Bankruptcy Clinic (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 721 19th St., Rm. 125, Denver – 2nd Tues. of each month, 1:30 – 3 p.m.) Attorneys review bankruptcy process and forms, including how bankruptcy can eliminate debts, difference between Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, effect on credit ratings, and forms required for filing; also address issues relating to creditor harassment and contacts by collection agents.

-Small Claims Clinic (Denver County Court, Civil Div.—4th floor – 1515 Cleveland Pl. – 3rd Tues. of each month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and Collections Clinic (same address – 3rd Thurs. of each month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Informational clinics on filing small claims cases and collecting on judgments.

-Doing Your Own Divorce Clinics (Denver County – 1437 Bannock, Denver – 3rd Wed. of each month, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.; Jefferson County – 100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden – 2nd Wed. of each month, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.); Family Law Legal Clinic (Div. of Workforce Development, 1200 Federal Blvd, Rm. 1018, Denver – 3rd Tues. of each month, 5:30 – 7 p.m.); Spanish Language Family Law Legal Clinic (1200 Federal Blvd, Rm. 1019 – 3rd Wed. of alternating months, 1 – 2:30 p.m.). Informational clinics providing overview of divorce process, including procedures and forms, child custody, child support, maintenance and property division.

Lawline 9 at KUSA-TV Channel 9 continues to be a popular community call-in program with over 7500 calls received in the last year. Over 200 attorneys volunteer to staff this event every Wednesday evening, and on special occasions, additional early morning Lawline 9 programs are offered to highlight a current legal topic in the news. Answer general legal questions and provide legal information and referrals to other community legal resources. Weekly Topics vary and legal resource information provided. Year-round every Wednesday. (4:00 p.m.-5:15p.m. and/or 5:15p.m.-6:30p.m.)

EI Centro Humanitario

ECH seeks attorneys for its wage claim program, Denver's first day laborer organization that protects the rights of vulnerable day laborer populations through an employment program, a legal program, and other educational programs. For more information call (303) 292-4115, or email mji@centrohumanitario.net.



Family Tree Women in Crisis

Family Tree serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. There are two opportunities to volunteer. This organization needs attorneys for its free legal clinic in Wheat Ridge, which is held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7p.m. for about 2.5 hours. The clinic deals with do-it-yourself divorce as well as custody issues. Family Tree is also looking for volunteer attorneys to take individual cases often involving post-decree issues. Call (303) 420-0412 or visit www.thefamilytree.org.

First Judicial District Bar Association Legal Assistance Program

This program provides free and low-cost legal information, advice, and representation to senior citizens 55 and older residing in Jefferson and Gilpin counties. Call (303) 216-0851 for more information.



Longmont Ending Domestic Violence Initiative (LEVI)

LEVI is a coalition of 23 agencies in the Longmont and Boulder area that deals with domestic violence issues. LEVI can put volunteer attorneys in touch with indigent clients who need legal representation. For more information call (303) 774-4534 or visit www.longmontdomesticviolence.org/.



Metro Volunteer Lawyers

MVL needs attorneys to assist low income residents of the seven county metropolitan Denver area including Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert counties and the First Judicial District. MVL accepts only civil cases that are not fee-generating. Cases include domestic relations, divorce, parental rights, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant. MVL also conducts family law and pro-se divorce workshops. For more information call (303) 866-9378 or visit www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org.

Project Safeguard

Project Safeguard needs family law attorneys for domestic violence victims seeking permanent civil protection orders and dissolution of marriage or allocation of parental responsibilities. Project Safeguard provides all the appropriate forms and there is no charge to clients. For more information call (303) 863-7416, or email clientservices@projectsafeguard.org, or visit <http://psafeguard.qwestoffice.net/>.



Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

RMCLC provides legal representation for children, primarily abused and neglected children, in dependency and neglect cases in juvenile court. The Center operates in partnership with the Denver Department of Human Services. The Law Center trains and supports attorneys who

provide legal representation for cutting edge programs that serve and support children and families at risk. RMCLC offers a domestic violence program, foster parent program, and legal clinic for homeless youth. Visit www.rockymountainchildrenslawcenter.org or call 303-692-1165.



Rocky Mountain Survivors' Center

RMSC is a non-profit organization that works with survivors of torture and war trauma. The group needs volunteer attorneys to work with refugees seeking asylum. RMSC recruits, trains and mentors volunteer attorneys and law students. The Center maintains a legal website and a resource library for volunteers, including links to legal resources, asylum and refugee law treatises, and videotapes and DVDs which explain the U.S. asylum process. For more information, call (303) 321-4287 ext. 220 or visit www.rmscdenver.org/.

COLORADO OUTSIDE DENVER METRO AREA

Alpine Legal Services, Inc. Pro Bono Program

Alpine Legal Services is a complete full service legal aid office providing information and referral, *pro bono* attorneys, legal information rights, do-it-yourself divorce class, landlord-tenant, elder law, and emergency assistance for victims of domestic violence. ALS serves Garfield, Pitkin and Eagle counties. Call (970) 945 – 8858, (970) 920 – 2828, or visit www.alpinelegalservices.com.



Alternative Horizons

Alternative Horizons needs attorneys in the Durango area to provide legal representation to people experiencing domestic violence in divorce, child custody, and post decree cases. We offer a 24 hour hotline to support domestic violence survivors, protection orders, pro se divorce clinics, court advocacy for victims involved in criminal cases, support groups in English and Spanish. Visit www.alternativehorizons.org or call (970) 247-4374.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteer attorneys to represent indigent clients on immigration matters in Eagle, Vail, Garfield and Pitkin counties. For more information, call (970) 384-2060.

Delta County Bar Association Pro Bono Program

Delta County Bar Association Pro Bono program assists indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys provide equal access to justice by advising or representing qualified residents in civil cases. For more information or to volunteer, call (970)252-8491.



El Paso County Pro Bono Project

The *pro bono* project is a nonprofit organization that assists indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys provide access to justice by advising or representing qualified residents in civil cases, and assisting with clinics and workshops. Call (719) 471-0380, ext 121.

Heart of the Rockies Bar Association Pro Bono Program

The *Pro Bono* program assists indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys provide equal access to justice by advising or representing qualified residents in civil cases. For more information call (719) 539-4251.



Larimer County Bar Association *Pro Bono* Program

The *Pro Bono* program needs attorneys to assist low income individuals who are financially over-qualified for Colorado Legal Aid, but who are still within the federal poverty guidelines and unable to afford legal representation. For more information call (970) 402-2075 or visit <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/1596/larime/Pro-Bono-Program/>.

Mesa County *Pro Bono* Project

The Mesa County *Pro Bono* Project is a non-profit organization that assists indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys provide equal access to justice by advising or representing qualified residents in civil cases, and assisting with clinics and workshops. For more information call (970) 243-7940, ext. 108.

Northeast Colorado Legal Services, Inc. (NECLS) *Pro Bono* Program

NECLS is a non-profit organization assisting indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. NECLS attorneys assist applicants with preparation of court documents to foster understanding of the legal process. NECLS serves Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties. Call (970) 265-4391.

Northwest Colorado Legal Services (NWCLS)

NWCLS has several state offices. Please contact the office nearest your location to inquire about *pro bono* opportunities:

- ◆ Frisco, Colorado, counties served, Clear Creek, Pitkin, Summit, contact Patricia Craig, PO Box 2694, Frisco, CO 80443, 970-668-9612/800-521-6968, Fax: 970-668-9642
- ◆ Gunnison, Colorado, county served, Gunnison, contact Candace Sparks, PO Box 963, Gunnison, CO 81230, 970-641-3023/800-521-6968, Fax: 970-641-3023 (call first)
- ◆ Hayden, Colorado, counties served, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt, contact Sherri Ferree, PO Box 1555, Hayden, CO 81639, 970-276-2161/800-521-6968, Fax: 970-276-2185
- ◆ Leadville, Colorado, counties served, Eagle, Lake, contact Lea Ann Martinez, PO Box 1904, Leadville, CO 80461, 970-486-3238/800-521-6968, Fax: 970-486-1706

Pueblo County Bar *Pro Bono* Project

Volunteer attorneys participate in Lawyer Night, Ask-A-Lawyer, Clinics, and Radio-TV presentations on legal issues. Actual cases are referred to Colorado Legal Services. For more information call (719) 553-2553.

San Luis Valley *Pro Bono* Project

The *Pro Bono* project assists indigent applicants with civil legal needs through referral to volunteer attorneys. The *pro bono* project serves Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties. Volunteer attorneys provide equal access to justice by advising or representing qualified residents in civil cases. For more information, call (719) 589-6534.



Southwest Bar Volunteer Legal Aid, Inc.

SWBVLA is located in the Durango office of Colorado Legal Services (CLS). There is an ongoing need for attorneys to provide advisory and direct client services in the areas of family, employment, consumer, housing, elder, public benefits and probate law. SWBVLA serves La Plata, San Juan, and Archuleta counties as well as Southern Ute, and Ute Mountain Ute reservations. Call (970) 385-7378 or visit <http://www.coloradolegalservices.org/Program/520/index.cfm>.

Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid

UVLA refers *pro bono* cases in Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties, as well as referring *pro bono* for senior citizens in Delta, Gunnison and Hinsdale counties. It needs attorneys to provide ongoing consultations, representations, and mediations in civil matters for low income eligible individuals. UVLA also conducts a free legal advice night the second Thursday of each month at the Montrose County Justice Center. Call (970) 249-7202.

Weld County Legal Services

Founded in 1983 by the Weld County Bar Association to encourage lawyers in Weld County to provide legal services to the poor. Volunteer attorneys provide equal access to justice by representing qualified residents in civil cases at no charge, teaching monthly do-it-yourself divorce clinics, and staffing the Call-A-Lawyer hotline. 915 10th Street, Greeley, CO 80632, 970.351.7300, ext. 4514

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS



Asian Pacific Development Center

The Asian Pacific Development Center provides a variety of human services to the Asian/Pacific population in Colorado. The majority of their clients are immigrants or former refugees, most are of lower socioeconomic status, and many do not speak English very well. They need volunteer attorneys who can assist clients with the following types of legal matters:

- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Divorce
- ◆ Child Custody
- ◆ Immigration Issues (visas, removal issues, etc.)
- ◆ Civil Disputes (traffic accidents, violations, etc.)
- ◆ Work Injury and Worker's Compensation Benefits
- ◆ Social Security Benefits (SSI or SSDI related issues)
- ◆ Housing Discrimination
- ◆ Criminal Defense (e.g., youth that have gotten into trouble)

For more information, please contact their Executive Director, Frank Kim, Ph.D., at (303) 355-0710, ext. 215.



Colorado Lawyers Committee

CLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan consortium of 50 Denver-area law firms that do high impact *pro bono* work. The Committee needs attorneys to advocate, negotiate and litigate for children, indigent, and other disadvantaged communities. To volunteer, visit www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org or e-mail info@coloradolawyerscommittee.org.



Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion

CAHEP focuses on providing health care services to members of Colorado's Asian community. Often these groups involve low income, elderly people from a variety of ethnic groups. Because of cultural and language barriers, these groups are often reluctant to seek help. CAHEP organizes free health care clinics, and gathers data on at-risk populations within the Asian community. CAHEP is seeking volunteer attorneys who may be able to assist clients in securing benefits. Contact Alok Sarwal at (303) 300-5263, or visit website www.cahep.org/.



Colorado Legal Services

CLS provides legal advice and representation to low income eligible persons and seniors in civil matters throughout the state. There are 15 offices throughout Colorado. Visit www.ColoradoLegalServices.org or call one of the satellite offices.

- ◆ Alamosa (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache) (719) 589-4993, (719) 589-5532.
- ◆ Boulder (303) 449-7575.
- ◆ Colorado Springs (719) 471-0380.
- ◆ Denver (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin) (303) 837-1313.
- ◆ Durango (Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan, San Miguel) 1-888-298-8483.
- ◆ Fort Collins (Larimer) (970) 493-2891.
- ◆ Frisco (Pitkin, Summit) (970) 668-9612.
- ◆ Grand Junction (Delta, Garfield, Mesa, Montrose) (970) 243-7817.
- ◆ Greeley (Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, Yuma) (970) 353-7554.
- ◆ Gunnison (970) 641-3023.
- ◆ Hayden (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt) (970) 276-2161.
- ◆ La Junta (Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers) 1-888-805-5152.
- ◆ Leadville (Eagle, Lake) (719) 486-3238.
- ◆ Migrant Farmworker Division (all counties) 303-866-9366.
- ◆ Pueblo (Pueblo, Custer, Fremont) (719) 545-6708.
- ◆ Salida (Chafee, Custer, Fremont, Park) (719) 539-4251.



Colorado Organization for Victims' Assistance (COVA)

COVA has a new legal program that will offer *pro bono* assistance to enforce victims' rights. This organization is using federal grant money to establish a clinic to enforce state and federal crime victims' rights. COVA will train attorneys who want to be involved in this type of work. The cases will provide opportunities to litigate new legal questions because there is not much case law in Colorado pertaining to victim's rights. For more information call (303) 861-1160. <http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org/>.

Holocaust Survivors' Reparations Program

The German government has set aside a sum of money to compensate a certain class of holocaust survivor considered the last group of uncompensated survivors. Volunteer attorneys will assist in clinics to identify survivors and help people get their share of the available compensation. Kutak Rock is coordinating the effort in this region. Contact Adam Benton (303) 297-2400.



The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People

The Legal Center's primary goal is to open up the legal system to those who would otherwise be unable to voice their needs because of the complexity of the service bureaucracy, their disability or because they are unable to act on their own behalf. (303) 722.0300 or www.thelegalcenter.org



Local Access to Justice Committees

Judicial Districts have formed Local Access to Justice Committees to provide targeted legal assistance to its residents. To view pro bono opportunities coordinated by these local committees, see www.coloradojustice.org, then click on Local ATJ Committees.

Nonprofit Legal Assistance Planning Committee

NLAPC hopes to create a mechanism for lawyers (primarily transactional lawyers) to provide *pro bono* assistance to Colorado nonprofits which require *pro bono* legal assistance. For more information email the Chair of the Planning Committee, Peter Schwartz at Davis Graham & Stubbs, peterschwartz@dgsllaw.com, or call (303)892-7381.

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

The Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing legal information and representation to non-citizens detained by the Department of Homeland Security and lacking access to legal counsel. RMIAN seeks volunteer attorneys to represent non-citizen men, women, and children in immigration removal proceedings. RMIAN staff members conduct preliminary research, screen cases and write referral memorandums. Each volunteer attorney will be provided with an experienced immigration practitioner to serve as a mentor for the case. For more information please contact Mekela Goehring at (303) 433-2812 or mgoehring@rmian.org or visit www.rmian.org.



Seniors Inc.

This group is looking for attorneys to serve as volunteer coaches. A Coach is an expert in an area of interest to seniors, such as reverse mortgages, financial planning, estate planning, long-term care, etc. Seniors Inc. has a particular need for volunteer attorneys who could advise clients, 95% of whom are low income, with estate planning issues such as writing wills, POAs, or other legal issues such as tenant rights, property rights and fraud. Call (303) 300-6900 or visit www.seniorsinc.org.