## Colorado Legal Services

## San Luis Valley Civil Legal Clinic by Videoconference: Volunteer Attorney Opportunity

Since June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Colorado Legal Services has been partnering with libraries across the San Luis Valley to provide brief legal consultations to indigent clients from the San Luis Valley region using videoconferencing. These accessible legal clinics will help members of some of the most rural CO communities' get the help they need to meet the legal challenges they and their families face. Saguache Public Library was the first library to generously offer to host a clinic and now our second location at the Blanca/Fort Garland Library in Costilla County is also open.

**Volunteer Details**: Each virtual clinic occur once a month, on the same weekday and week of the month, from 5pm to 7 pm. This makes them ideal for an attorney who wants a consistent and limited time commitment.

- <u>Saguache Clinic</u>: last Thursday of every month, 5pm to 7pm.
- <u>Blanca/Fort Garland Clinic</u>: second Tuesday of every month, 5pm to 7pm.

Change the lives of indigent clients in the San Luis Valley without leaving your home or office.

- The clinics will be held by videoconference, allowing volunteers to simply choose a private location where they can access internet, a webcam and a microphone.
- Each clinic will be covered by one volunteer attorney and the clinic coordinated, who can assist the volunteer attorney with legal research, with locating forms, and with providing referrals for clients.

**Training & Support**: Volunteers are provided with a comprehensive handbook that provides legal summaries, relevant JDF form numbers, and procedure for family law, tenant/landlord law, consumer law, civil protection orders, probate, and small claims. Volunteers are provided access to brief ZOOM tutorials to learn how to use the program and will be offered a one-on-one ZOOM demonstration if they would like it.

## **Volunteer Requirements:**

- Be licensed in Colorado.
- Be comfortable answering questions in a variety of legal areas using the handbook and/or referring clients to other resources.
- Be comfortable working one-on-one with clients.
- Commit to volunteer for the entire two hour period of a clinic.
- Help clients fill out court forms that the clients may file pro se.
- Provide brief summaries of each client's legal issue and the assistance provided.

For questions, please contact Jen Cuesta, at <a href="mailto:icuesta@colegalserv.org">icuesta@colegalserv.org</a> or at 303-866-9384.

For more info or to fill out the volunteer application, please visit the following webpage:

<a href="mailto:http://coloradoprobono.com/volunteer-at-virtual-clinics/">http://coloradoprobono.com/volunteer-at-virtual-clinics/</a>

