

Getting Started

1. Review the Pro Bono Services volunteer opportunities

See volunteer application for position descriptions

2. Submit your application

3. Attend New Volunteer Orientation

4. Complete program specific training

5. Make a difference!

www.kcba.org/pbs/volunteer_app.aspx

“Volunteering for the KCBA’s pro bono programs has given me the opportunity to help low income people access that promised democratic principle of justice for all, not just those who can afford it. Clients emerge with their rights restored, their voices heard, and their faith in the justice system renewed — and being a part of that process is satisfying beyond words.”



Joanna Plichta Boisen
Pro Bono Counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC



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Pro Bono Services

About Us

The King County Bar Association was founded in 1886 and incorporated in 1906 as a voluntary professional association. Today, the mission of the King County Bar Association is to provide support to its diverse membership; promote a just, collegial and accessible legal system and profession; work with the judiciary to achieve excellence in the administration of justice; strive to benefit the community through its own efforts and those of its Foundation; and offer opportunities for public service and input into matters of public policy.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Pro Bono Publico — for the public good

“I’m going to tell everyone I know about your program, thank you for helping me be me again.
You might not know it but you saved my life.”
— Pro Bono Services Client

Pro Bono Services

The King County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Services promote social justice by providing volunteer-based, client-focused civil legal services to low income King County residents who would not otherwise receive legal assistance.

In Washington State, 88% of low income households face a civil legal problem without an attorney every year. Our talented team of over 1300 volunteer attorneys, paralegals, students and community members serves 10,000 clients annually, providing \$7.8 million in free legal services.

Volunteering empowers those who serve to make a difference and those in need to improve their lives. We are proud of the outstanding contribution our volunteers make within our local community.



“Pro Bono service has the power and potential to renew individuals, organizations and society.”

— Pro Bono Services Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunities

Family Law Mentor Program

Assistance for eligible King County residents who are married or unmarried parents with contested family law cases (dissolution, petitions to establish a parenting plan, or paternity cases) where children are at risk due to domestic violence, child abuse or neglect and alcohol or drug abuse.

Mentees: New and experienced attorneys from all practice areas

Mentors: Experienced family law attorneys

Housing Justice Project

Legal help for low income tenants facing eviction in King County. Clinics are located at the King County Courthouse in Seattle and the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent.

New and experienced attorneys from all practice areas

Kinship Care Solutions Project

Pro bono legal representation provided through a panel of volunteer attorneys for relatives and other caregivers seeking third party custody of a child or children.

New and experienced attorneys from all practice areas

Neighborhood Legal Clinics

Volunteers provide free 30-minute client consultations regarding civil legal issues. Attorneys determine the legal problem, suggest possible options and offer appropriate referrals.

New and experienced attorneys from all practice areas

Self-Help Plus

Attorneys assist pro se clients in non-contested marriage dissolutions by helping to establish parenting plans and child support agreements in cases when the father has already been determined.

Experienced family law attorneys only

Volunteer Legal Services

Pro bono representation for clients with specific legal issues including Chapter 7 bankruptcy, debt defense, estate planning, non-eviction landlord/tenant disputes, SSI/SSDI overpayments, vacating criminal records and student loan discharge.

Attorneys experienced in these practice areas only

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The Pro Bono Services blog encourages, inspires and supports the PBS volunteer community through a diverse group of contributors.

Open to everyone

Volunteer Benefits

- Make a difference in the life of someone with nowhere else to turn
- Volunteer in a PBS legal clinic or provide direct on going representation
- Learn a new area of the law
- Enhance your skills in client advising, negotiations, and litigation
- Attend free or low cost CLEs, receive CLE credits for pro bono service
- Network within the King County legal community
- Comprehensive training provided by Pro Bono Services staff and experienced volunteers
- Professional Liability Insurance provided by the King County Bar Association