

Volunteer Position: Clinic Attorney

Program Description: The Housing Justice Project (HJP) is a homelessness prevention program seeking volunteer attorneys committed to social justice and interested in helping people in their community by providing pro bono legal assistance to low income tenants facing eviction. Nationally recognized, HJP is the only court-based, housing-related legal services program in King County that provides direct, immediate and real-time client representation to low-income residential tenants facing eviction in King County.

General Duties:

- Provide counsel and advice
- Provide brief services including drafting pleadings or other relevant documents
- Negotiate settlements (with or without litigation)
- Provide limited representation for clients scheduled for eviction show cause hearings

Time Commitment: Attorneys are asked to make a once per month, one-year commitment. Morning volunteer hours are weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the King County Courthouse in Seattle and the Regional Justice Center in Kent. HJP PM volunteer hours are Mondays (Seattle only) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the King County Courthouse.

Qualifications:

- Must be licensed to practice law in Washington State
- HJP attorneys come from diverse areas of practice and may have varying degrees of experience in landlord/tenant law
- Resume, cover letter and in-person interview required

Benefits:

- Work with clients while building negotiation and litigation skills
- Opportunity to represent a client in court with the support of an experienced attorney
- Network within the King County legal community
- Attend free or low-cost CLEs, receive CLE credits for pro bono service
- Professional Liability Insurance provided by the KCBA

Training and Support: All volunteers must attend a live training/CLE or watch a previously recorded training/CLE. Volunteers are then scheduled for three or four shifts shadowing HJP staff or experienced volunteers. HJP staff provide continual mentoring and support for volunteers.

Apply online: http://www.kcba.org/pbs/volunteer_app.aspx