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KCBA Pro Bono Services Volunteer Legal Services Program

Volunteer Position: Attorney

Program Description: The Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLS) facilitates direct representation through a panel of experienced attorneys for low-income clients facing specific civil legal issues including Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, Debt Defense, Estate Planning, Eviction related Landlord/Tenant Disputes, SSI/SSDI Overpayments, and Vacating Criminal Records. VLS strives to make legal representation accessible regardless of barriers such as income, education, language or disability.

General Duties:

- Provide direct representation through completion of client's case
- Meet with client, develop case strategy
- Drafting pleadings (including initial filing and motions)
- Appear on behalf of client at a settlement conference
- Represent client at court hearings and possibly a trial

Time Commitment: Volunteers are asked to accept at least two cases per year. The time required to complete a case will vary depending on type and complexity. VLS staff will provide volunteer attorneys with a case summary and the attorney may choose to accept or decline.

Qualifications:

- Must be licensed to practice law in Washington State
- Bankruptcy attorneys must be licensed to practice in Federal Court
- Must have at least five years of experience in one of the above practice areas

Benefits:

- Provide an opportunity for low-income clients to access legal help
- 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:

- VLS Program Training Manual
- The KCBA provides office space for volunteers and interpreters for clients with limited English proficiency. Social services resources are also available.

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