

GET INVOLVED!

HJP - Kent Location

Kent Regional Justice Center
Room 1281 [1st Floor]
401 4th Avenue North
Kent, WA 98032

Office Hours: **Monday - Friday 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

To volunteer, contact:

Program Mgr/Paralegal, Sandi Wandler

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HJP - Seattle Location

King County Courthouse
Room West-314 [3rd Floor]
516 3rd Ave. (& James St.), Seattle, WA 98104

Office Hours: **Monday - Friday 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

HJP P.M.: King County Courthouse
Room West-314 [3rd Floor]
516 3rd Ave. (& James St.), Seattle, WA 98104

Office Hours: **Mon. & Thu. 4:00—6:00 p.m.**

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King County Bar Association Community Legal Services

The King County Bar Association manages nine pro bono programs. Visit our website to learn more about how to get involved as a volunteer with Volunteer Legal Services (VLS), Newcomers Resource Project, Legal Services for the Homeless, Volunteer Attorneys for Persons with AIDS (VAPWA), Neighborhood Legal Clinics (NLC), Family Law Mentor Program, Self-Help Plus Program (SHP), and Kinship Care Solutions Project.

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“Volunteer Opportunities”

Speaking from experience...

“By being involved with HJP, I have had the opportunity to make a positive difference in the community, work with great clients and attorneys, and learn practical legal skills.”

- Mike Ellsworth

HJP 2005/2006 Law Clerk & past volunteer

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HOUSING JUSTICE PROJECT OF KING COUNTY

What is HJP?

The Housing Justice Project (HJP) is a homelessness prevention project managed by the King County Bar Association. Volunteer attorneys and volunteer legal assistants staff walk-in project offices at the King County Courthouse and Kent Regional Justice Center.

HJP provides free legal assistance to low-income residential tenants in King County who would otherwise not be able to access legal services. Together, HJP Kent and Seattle served more than 1,400 clients in 2007.



PROJECT SPONSORS:

King County Bar Association, Northwest Justice Project, Legal Action Center, Columbia Legal Services, Tenant's Union, Solid Ground, and private volunteer attorneys

Housing Justice Project Staff:

Kent—

Staff Attorney, Kerry Robinson
Program Manager/Paralegal, Sandi Wandler

Seattle—

Managing Attorney, Merf Ehman
Program Manager/Paralegal, Orijit Ghoshal



Volunteer Attorneys

Role: At HJP, volunteer attorneys advise clients, negotiate with opposing counsel, and may choose to offer limited representation to clients who are scheduled for an eviction show cause hearing on that particular morning. Attorneys volunteering for HJP P.M. will only provide counsel and advice and brief service to clients.

Training/Support: Volunteer attorneys must either attend a live attorney training (offered semi-annually) or watch a recording of a previous training in addition to reading the HJP attorney training binder. The first 3 or 4 times at HJP are considered training, and new volunteers are paired with either a staff attorney or an experienced HJP volunteer attorney for these times. Mentoring and support are available from staff attorneys throughout a volunteer's time with HJP. Resources are available in HJP's offices. Client information for conflict checking purposes is sent to volunteers a day before the scheduled volunteer day.

Commitment: Attorneys are asked to volunteer once per month for at least 12 months. For HJP, attorneys volunteer between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on weekdays. For HJP PM, attorneys volunteer between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday.

Benefits: HJP is an opportunity to impact the community and meet pro bono goals with a limited volunteer commitment. HJP also provides attorneys with valuable litigation experience and free attendance at CLEs sponsored by HJP and the other pro bono programs at KCBA.



Volunteer Legal Assistants

Role: Volunteer legal assistants open and close the project's offices, conduct client intakes, distribute community resources to clients, and provide administrative support to volunteer attorneys. They are critical to the flow of service at all project sites.

Training/Support: Prior legal knowledge is not required. Volunteer legal assistants must either attend a live legal assistant training (offered semi-annually) or make arrangements to be trained by the coordinator. In addition, the first 3 or 4 times at HJP are considered training. New volunteers will work with either the coordinator or an experienced HJP legal assistant during training volunteer shifts.

Commitment: Legal assistants are asked to make a 6-month commitment to volunteer once per week. For HJP, legal assistants volunteer between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on weekday mornings. For HJP PM, legal assistants volunteer between 3:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Benefits: HJP offers non-attorneys the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the civil legal system while making a valuable contribution to the community. Volunteer legal assistants also have the opportunity to network with attorneys from various practices and attend CLEs sponsored by HJP and the other pro bono programs at KCBA free of charge.