

SOCIAL SECURITY MENTORSHIP PROJECT



KCBA Volunteer Legal Services/Seattle Community Law Center Social Security Mentorship Project

Volunteer Position: Mentee Attorney

Program Description: In partnership with Seattle Community Law Center (SCLC), the King County Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services (VLS) are launching a new program that will pair mentee* attorneys with an experienced SCLC mentor attorney to provide clients with representation for Social Security overpayment cases.

*Attorneys that are newly licensed to practice law in Washington State or are new to the area of Social Security administrative law are considered mentee attorneys for the purposes of this program.

General Duties:

- Provide direct representation through completion of client's case
- Meet with client and keep client apprised of case updates
- Develop case strategy with mentor attorney
- Draft letters/forms to be timely sent to SSA or other administrative bodies
- Appear on behalf of client at any meetings or administrative hearings with SSA

Time Commitment: Volunteers are asked to accept at least one case per year. The time required to complete a case will vary depending on type and complexity.

Qualifications:

- Must be licensed to practice law in Washington State

Benefits:

- Direct mentorship by attorneys at the Seattle Community Law Center
- Develop client counseling skills
- 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

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Training and Support: All volunteers must attend the *Social Security Overpayments Overview* CLE or watch a previously recorded version. The KCBA provides office space for volunteers and interpreters for clients with limited English proficiency. Social services resources are also available.

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