

Cortez Family Law Clinic by Videoconference: Volunteer Attorney Opportunity

Since February 2017, Colorado Legal Services (CLS) has been providing legal advice and document drafting for low-income clients in the 22nd JD with their post-decree family law matters through a monthly clinic. In August 2017, CLS extended these services to include all family law questions and allowed for clients to drop-in or schedule an appointment. This clinic uses remote attorneys to increase pro bono services to this community and respond to one of their largest legal needs. By volunteering you can help members of an underserved CO community get the legal help they need.

Volunteer Details: Each virtual clinic will occur the last Tuesday of the month from 4-7pm, making this clinic ideal for an attorney who wants a consistent and limited time commitment.

- The clinics will be held by videoconference, allowing volunteers to simply choose a private location where they can access internet, a webcam and a microphone.
- Before the clinic, volunteers will receive a file for each client with an appointment which contains their relevant court orders so attorneys can review the case before meeting with the client.
- Each clinic will be supported by the Clinic Coordinator who will be onsite in Cortez. The Coordinator can assist the volunteer attorney with locating forms, with referrals, and with printing documents for clients as needed.

*Change the lives of
low-income clients
in Cortez without
leaving your home
or office.*

Training & Support: Volunteers will be provided with a comprehensive electronic handbook that includes Colorado laws regarding post-decree family law issues, updated and organized links to all relevant court forms and instructions, and procedural flow charts for relevant legal procedures. Volunteers are also provided access to brief ZOOM tutorials to learn how to use the program and will be offered a one-on-one ZOOM demonstration.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Be licensed to practice in Colorado.
- Have experience with family law issues.
- Make time to review the client's documents before the clinic if they have an appointment.
- Commit to volunteer for the entire clinic session.
- Be comfortable working one-on-one with clients.
- Help clients fill out court forms that the clients may file pro se.
- Provide brief summaries of each client's legal issue and the assistance provided.

For questions, please contact Jen Cuesta, at jcuesta@colegalserv.org or at 303-866-9384.

For more info or to fill out the volunteer application, please visit the following webpage:

<http://coloradoprobono.com/volunteer-at-virtual-clinics/>