

San Luis Valley Civil Legal Clinics by Videoconference: Volunteer Attorney Opportunity

Since June 2016 Colorado Legal Services has been partnering with libraries across the San Luis Valley to provide brief legal consultations to indigent clients from the San Luis Valley region using videoconferencing. These accessible legal clinics help members of some of the most rural CO communities' get the help they need to meet the legal challenges they and their families face. Both Saguache Public Library and Blanca/Fort Garland Library in Costilla County host these clinics to provide this needed resource to the community.

Volunteer Details: Both virtual clinics occur once a month on the last Thursday of the month from 5 pm to 7 pm. This makes them ideal for an attorney who wants a consistent and limited time commitment.

- Two clinic locations with the same time and date:
 - Serves both locations with one volunteer.
 - Last Thursday of the Month, from 5-7pm
 - Saguache Library & Blanca Ft. Garland Library
- 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.
- Each monthly clinic date will be covered by one volunteer attorney and the clinic coordinator, who can assist the volunteer attorney with legal research, legal advice, with locating forms, and with providing referrals for clients.

*Change the lives of
indigent clients in the
San Luis Valley without
leaving your home or
office.*

Training & Support: Volunteers are provided with a comprehensive handbook that provides legal summaries, relevant JDF form numbers, and procedure for family law, tenant/landlord law, consumer law, civil protection orders, probate, and small claims. Volunteers are provided access to brief ZOOM tutorials to learn how to use the program and will be offered a one-on-one ZOOM demonstration if they would like it.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Be a licensed attorney in Colorado.
- Be comfortable answering questions in a variety of legal areas using the handbook and/or referring clients to other resources.
- Some experience with family law and/or probate law preferred.
- Be comfortable working one-on-one with clients.
- Commit to volunteer for the entire two hour period of a clinic.
- 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/>