

The Best Things in Life are Free...

Volunteers are essential to Boulder County Legal Services (BCLS). Attorneys and non-attorneys donate their time and talents in a variety of ways.

Mission

The mission of Colorado Legal Services is to provide meaningful access to high quality, civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for as many low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations throughout Colorado as possible.

Client Services

Boulder County Legal Services provides assistance by counseling and education, representation in civil actions or special proceedings, and helping in the establishment of their legal rights.

Prospective clients are interviewed by volunteers who review the financial eligibility of each client and obtain necessary facts and information about the client's legal problem. These volunteers present the cases to the staff attorneys and a decision is made as to whether the client will be provided advice only or if further assistance is warranted.

How to Become a Volunteer

1. Look at this information, then call BCLS at 303.449.7575 to discuss current opportunities

Volunteer Policy

Confidentiality

All client contact is strictly confidential. Volunteers are expected to understand this policy before they begin work.

Attendance and Commitment

Due to the amount of time it takes to properly train each volunteer, we ask that all volunteers agree to at least six (6) months of service. Volunteers who are unable to make a scheduled shift are expected to contact the Volunteer Coordinator ASAP.

Volunteer Opportunities

Client Services

Attorney:

- Provide individual clients with pro bono legal services. Must be licensed in Colorado.
- Assist clients at a family law pro se program.

Paralegal:

- Translator for clients seeking legal assistance. Assist one-on-one with clients as they work with a pro bono attorney. Especially needed: Spanish-speaking volunteer.

Fundraising/Development/PR

- Assist in seeking new grants and grant writing.

Administrative/non-profit operations

- Office Assistant - Administrative support for staff and pro bono attorneys.
- Volunteer Coordinator - Assist the staff volunteer coordinator with training, job descriptions, recruitment and retention.
- Outcome Measurement Coordinator - Data collection, analysis and reporting of client, agency and attorney surveys.

Special Projects

Call BCLS to ask about current projects, including these and others:

- Pro se program calls and closures.
- Data entry for year-end.
- "Systems" review by experienced secretary or paralegal – help BCLS create systems to become more efficient. Legal and non-profit experience helpful.