



Pro Bono Council

2020

Pro Bono Council Vision

Our vision is that a strong, recognized, and well-supported network of Volunteer Lawyer Programs is able to promote access to justice for low-income residents of Washington as equal partners in the Alliance for Equal Justice and system for the delivery of civil legal aid.

Pro Bono Council Mission

The mission of the Statewide Pro Bono Council is to further access to justice by supporting and advocating on behalf of the Volunteer Lawyer Programs in Washington State.

Pro Bono Council Values

Every person, regardless of income, employment status, mental or physical ability, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status, deserves equal access to the justice system for their civil legal needs.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs are a valuable part of Washington's civil legal aid delivery system and an efficient way to meet the unmet need for critical legal services.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs complement the legal services provided by staffed and specialty legal aid programs.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs serve the important function of enhancing relationships between civil legal aid providers and the communities they serve.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs are enriched by a diverse board, staff, and volunteer pool.

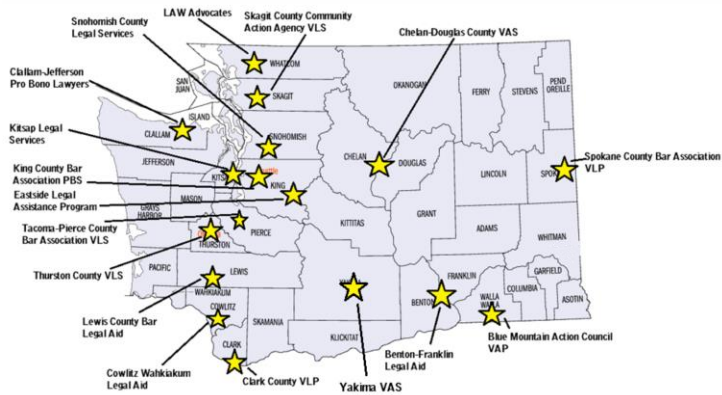
Volunteer Lawyer Programs should provide free, high quality, efficient, and innovative civil legal assistance to low income people through the recruitment, training, supervision, and support of volunteer lawyers.

Pro Bono Council 2019 Priorities

- (1) Connect VLPs to each other, the Alliance network, and other partners
 - Broad PBC Participation
 - PBC Communication
 - VLP Directory
 - CLEAR Collaboration
 - Pro Bono in Counties without a Local VLP

- (2) Discuss, Address, and Coordinate Response to Alliance-wide Issues
 - VLP Compensation Equity
 - Supporting State Plan Implementation

- (3) Technical Assistance and Training
 - Support for Individual VLPs
 - Training for VLP staff and volunteers
 - PBC Trainings



Pro Bono Council Referral Guide & Directory

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- Blue Mountain Action Council Volunteer Attorney Program
- Chelan-Douglas Volunteer Attorney Services
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- Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services
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Benton-Franklin Legal Aid Society

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Service Area

Benton County includes approximately 190,500 people and 394 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Franklin County includes 88,670 people and 54 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins, and telephone calls

Service Delivery

Benton-Franklin Legal Aid coordinates family law and record sealing clinics and refers most clients to a pro bono attorney for representation in the areas of family, housing, consumer, immigration, wills, probate, estate planning, and public benefits law.

In 2016, 160 attorney volunteers served approximately 65 clients at legal clinics. Approximately 110 clients received brief services and/or full representation from an attorney volunteer.

Staffing

Benton-Franklin Legal Aid staff includes one Executive Director and one part-time Assistant.

Blue Mountain Action Council
Volunteer Attorney Program

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Service Area

Walla Walla County includes approximately 60,000 people and 109 attorneys licensed in Washington. BMAC also serves clients in Columbia County.

Intake

CLEAR, referrals from the courthouse, and walk-ins and telephone calls for time sensitive matters

Service Delivery

BMAC coordinates advice clinics and pro bono referrals for bankruptcy, family, housing, and wills, probate and estate planning matters. BMAC also coordinates a monthly clinic for veterans.

In 2016, 17 attorney volunteers served 38 clients at legal clinics, 88 clients with brief services, and 100 clients with extensive service and full representation.

Staffing

BMAC staff includes a full-time Program Director with a social work background and a full-time Program Assistant, both of whom are bilingual (Spanish/English).

Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services

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Service Area

Chelan County includes approximately 75,910 and 245 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Douglas County includes approximately 40,720 people and 24 attorneys licensed in Washington State.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins, courthouse-based clinics

Service Delivery

Chelan-Douglas VAS coordinates legal clinics and brief services for record sealing, licensing, public benefits, wills, probate, estate planning, housing, and family law matters; refers housing, consumer, wills, probate and estate planning, and family law matters to private attorneys for limited or full representation, and operates a Housing Justice Project.

In 2016, approximately 51 attorney volunteers served more than 200 clients with advice, brief services, and full representation. 20% of closed cases were for clients who used an interpreter.

Staffing

Chelan-Douglas VAS staff includes a full-time Executive Director who holds a master's degree in systems thinking and transformational leadership, a Legal Case Manager who is an attorney, and a Housing Justice Project and Outreach Coordinator.

Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers

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Service Area

Clallam County includes approximately 73,410 people and 148 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Jefferson County includes approximately 31,090 people and 101 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, drop-in legal clinics, walk-ins at and telephone calls to the VLP, outreach events

Service Delivery

In 2016, CJCPBL served approximately 856 clients with a wide variety of civil legal matters including housing, wills, probate, estate planning, real property, bankruptcy, employment, collection/garnishment, and family law matters.

Staffing

CJCPBL staff includes a full-time Executive Director and a part-time Family Law Facilitator.

Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program

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Service Area

Clark County includes approximately 445,000 people and 859 attorneys licensed in Washington State.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins and telephone calls directly to the VLP, courthouse-based clinics

Service Delivery

CCVLP coordinates legal clinics and referrals to pro bono attorneys for housing, family law, and bankruptcy matters. CCVLP also offers a walk-in clinic at a local day center, full representation for cases involving domestic violence, and coordinates homeless court with Clark County District Court.

In 2016, approximately 75 attorney volunteers served more than 580 clients with advice, brief services, and full representation.

Staffing

Clark County VLP staff includes a full-time executive director who holds a MBA in Non-Profit Management, a full-time Program Director, a full-time Program Assistant, and a part-time Legal Director.

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid

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Service Area

Cowlitz County includes approximately 104,850 people and 141 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Wahkiakum County includes approximately 4,000 people and 10 attorneys licensed in Washington State.

Intake

CLEAR, court-housed based clinics, walk-ins to VLP, and outreach events and clinics

Service Delivery

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid coordinates legal workshops, legal clinics, and referrals to pro bono attorneys for family, housing, debt defense, bankruptcy, wills, probate, and estate planning matters.

In 2016, approximately 36 attorney volunteers served nearly 225 legal workshop attendees and provided nearly 60 clients with limited or full representation.

Staffing

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid staff includes an Executive Director, an Outreach Coordinator, and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

Eastside Legal Assistance Program

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Service Area

East, SE, and NE King County, Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Woodinville, Carnation, Sammamish, Mercer Island, Issaquah, North Bend, Renton, Kent, Auburn

Intake

Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at (425) 747-7274. Caller leaves a message and will receive a return call within 24 hours.

Service Delivery

ELAP coordinates 26 legal clinics each month covering family, immigration, bankruptcy and general law. ELAP offers a Wills Project and participates with Project Safety, a program connecting victims of crime to legal resources. ELAP's VOCA attorney works out of several Eastside agencies providing help to DV survivors and others who are victims of crime. Three ELAP domestic violence (DV) staff attorneys are in Bellevue and one ELAP DV staff attorney is at Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) to assist clients to secure protection orders and establish family plans. ELAP's Family Law Fellowship Program trains new attorneys in family law involving domestic violence in exchange for 600 hours of pro bono service.

In 2016 ELAP pro bono attorneys volunteered 2,870 hours serving over 900 clients. Of those, 399 were domestic violence survivors and 883 received appointments in our legal clinics. Non-attorney volunteers contributed 1,869 volunteer hours helping at the clinics, staffing Know Your Rights Workshops and community events, and assisting with administrative office tasks.

Staffing

ELAP staff includes a full-time Executive Director, full-time Program Director, full-time Managing Attorney, full-time Director of Development, full-time Director of Pro Bono Services, four full-time DV staff attorneys, and a part-time legal assistant. Bilingual staff (Spanish/English) is available.

King County Bar Association Pro Bono Services

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Service Area

King County includes approximately 2,105,100 people and 16,267 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

211, walk-ins, calls to clinic scheduling lines, courthouse-based clinics, courthouse referrals, social service referrals, CLEAR, and outreach events

Service Delivery

KCBA Pro Bono Services coordinates courthouse based clinics for housing through its Housing Justice Project; domestic violence protection orders through its Project Safety program; and criminal records and eviction records sealing/vacating through its Records Clinic. KCBA provides legal advice and consultation through 41 neighborhood legal clinics throughout King County. Direct representation is provided in contested family law matters where domestic violence is a factor; third party custody matters; Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases for unaccompanied youth; chapter 7 bankruptcy cases; other debt matters; and wills, probate and estate planning cases.

In 2016, more than 1,400 volunteers provided 41,500 hours of pro bono services to more than 10,000 people.

Staffing

KCBA Pro Bono Services staff includes one full-time Director who is an attorney, a Family Law Managing Attorney; a Neighborhood Legal Clinics Manager, a Housing Justice Project Managing Attorney, 6 Staff Attorneys, 2 Neighborhood Legal Clinic Program Specialists, 2 Family Law Case Specialists, 2 Housing Justice Project Program Coordinators, and one General Program/Volunteer Specialist.

Kitsap Legal Services

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Service Area

Kitsap County includes approximately 262,590 people and 730 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins and telephone calls to the VLP, courthouse-based clinics, and outreach events and clinics

Service Delivery

KLS coordinates clinics in the areas of family, housing, consumer, immigration, wills, probate, and estate planning law. KLS also refers cases to pro bono attorneys for limited or extensive representation in the areas of family, housing, consumer, wills, probate, and estate planning law. KLS offers special clinics for veterans, probate, and other areas of law and client communities. KLS also coordinates a courthouse-based Housing Justice Project with attorney volunteers.

In 2016, 65 KLS attorney volunteers provided education, advice, counsel, and brief services to 320 people and extensive service and full representation to 83 people.

Staffing

Kitsap Legal Services staff includes one full-time Executive Director and a full-time Program Coordinator.

**LAW Advocates &
Volunteer Lawyer Program of Island County**

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Service Area

Whatcom County includes approximately 212,540 people and 551 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Island County includes approximately 82,910 people and 139 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, outreach clinics and events, court-housed based clinics, telephone calls to the VLP, and referrals from the local domestic violence agency; All intakes for the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Island County go through CLEAR.

Service Delivery

LAW Advocates coordinates clinics for family, housing, consumer, public benefits, licensing, wills, probate, and estate planning matters, third party custody, veterans issues, disability issues for those experiencing homelessness, and assistance to obtain documentation needed for a Washington State ID. LAW Advocates refers immigration, wills, probate, estate planning, civil rights, employment, and adult guardianship cases to pro bono attorneys, and provides staff attorney representation for housing matters.

In 2016, 58 attorney volunteers provided counsel, advice, and brief services for 1401 cases and full representation for 16 cases.

Staffing

LAW Advocates staff includes a full-time Executive Director who is an attorney, a Bookkeeper/Office Manager, a Programs Manager who holds a Masters Degree in Social Work, a Staff Attorney, and a Programs Assistant who holds a Legal Administrative Assistant Degree. The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Island County has one part-time coordinator.

Community Action of Skagit County
Volunteer Lawyer Program

Mount Vernon, WA
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Service Area

Skagit County includes approximately 122,000 people and 273 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington State.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins and telephone calls to VLP, courthouse-based clinics, and an outreach clinic in east Skagit County.

Service Delivery

The Skagit VLP coordinates legal clinics for family law matters and pro bono referrals for brief services or full representation in the areas of wills, probate and estate planning, family, record sealing, licensing, public benefits, immigration, and consumer law. The Skagit VLP also operates a Housing Justice Project staffed by an attorney who contracts with LAW Advocates in Whatcom and the Skagit VLP to supervise attorney volunteers.

In 2016, approximately 60 attorney volunteers served 197 clients at legal clinics, provided 117 clients with brief services, and provided 51 cases with full representation.

Staffing

Skagit VLP staff includes a Program Manager with a J.D., two contract attorneys, and a part-time Legal Assistant.

Snohomish County Legal Services

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Service Area

Snohomish County includes approximately 800,000 people and 1,557 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, courthouse-based legal clinics, walk-ins at and telephone calls to the VLP, outreach clinics

Service Delivery

Snohomish County Legal Services coordinates legal clinics for consumer, housing, wills, probate and estate planning, and family law matters; referrals to pro bono attorneys in the areas of consumer, housing, family, wills, probate and estate planning; coordinates courthouse-based clinics for housing (Housing Justice Project) and consumer law matters; and provides bankruptcy workshops, clinics, and full representation.

In 2016, 200 attorney volunteers and Snohomish County Legal Services staff attorneys served approximately 400 clients at legal clinics, approximately 500 clients with brief services, and approximately 500 clients with full representation.

Staffing

Snohomish County Legal Services staff includes a full-time Executive Director, full-time Housing Justice Project Managing Attorney, full-time Debt Relief & Bankruptcy Attorney, full-time Legal Support Specialist, part-time Paralegal, and a part-time Development Director.

Spokane County Bar Association
Volunteer Lawyers Program

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Service Area

Spokane includes approximately 490,000 people and 1,850 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington State. The Spokane VLP also serves people in Adams, Ferry, Grant Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Whitman Counties who can travel to Spokane to receive services.

Intake

CLEAR, telephone calls to the VLP, and courthouse-based legal clinics.

Service Delivery

The Spokane VLP coordinates legal clinics and pro bono referrals for family, bankruptcy, and wills and estate planning matters. The Spokane VLP coordinates a Housing Justice Project and a Consumer Assistance Project, which are both courthouse-based clinics staffed solely by attorney volunteers.

In 2016, more than 140 attorney volunteers served nearly 2,000 clients at legal clinics and provided approximately 55 clients with full representation.

Staffing

Spokane VLP staff includes a Director of Legal Programs and a Legal Programs Assistant.

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Service Area

Pierce County includes approximately 850,000 people and 2,244 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, walk-ins at Tacoma Pro Bono office, outreach clinics, referrals from social service and legal aid partners, and courthouse-based clinics. Tacoma-Pierce County VLS receives approximately 50% of clients through direct telephone calls.

Service Delivery

Tacoma Pro Bono coordinates legal clinics and pro bono referrals for housing, family, records sealing, licensing, public benefits, wills, probate and estate planning, immigration, and consumer law matters, and is available to provide emergency services to crime victims. Tacoma Pro Bono also coordinates and staffs the Tacoma-Pierce County Housing Justice Project, the Puyallup/Urban Indian Legal Aid Program, and provides staff and attorney volunteer support for the South Sound Immigrant Survivors Project and the QLAW Statewide LGBT Legal Clinic Project.

In 2016, 221 attorney volunteers and Tacoma-Pierce County VLS staff attorneys served 3277 clients with counsel and advice at legal clinics, 1230 clients with brief services, and 503 clients with full representation.

Staffing

Tacoma Pro Bono staff includes 9 full-time positions and a part-time evening clinic coordinator. Attorneys, including the Assistant Director for Legal Programs, HJP Managing Attorney, VOCA Attorney, family law/QLAW Project Attorney, and Tribal Attorney hold five of the full-time positions.

Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services

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Service Area

Thurston County includes approximately 273,000 people and 1,527 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington. Thurston VLS also offers services in Mason, Grays Harbor, and Pacific Counties.

Intake

CLEAR, courthouse-based clinics, walk-ins at and telephone calls to VLS.

Service Delivery

Thurston VLS coordinates advice clinics and pro bono referrals for housing, family, consumer, wills, probate and estate planning matters. The VLS also coordinates a Housing Justice Project that is staffed solely by attorney volunteers.

In 2016, 115 attorney volunteers served 1330 clients at legal clinics, 200 clients with brief services, and 290 clients with full representation.

Staffing

Thurston County VLS staff includes a full-time Executive Director who holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration, an Attorney on Staff, a full-time Program Coordinator who holds a Master's Degree in Social Work, and a part-time Equal Justice Works Staff Assistant.

Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services

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Service Area

Yakima County includes approximately 250,900 people and 459 attorneys licensed to practice in Washington.

Intake

CLEAR, referrals from the courthouse and other service-based organizations.

Service Delivery

Yakima VAS coordinates advice clinics and brief services for record sealing, licensing, wills, probate and estate planning, immigration, consumer, housing, and family law matters. Yakima VAS also partners with local service-based organizations to offer immigrant safety plan clinics.

In 2016, nearly 60 attorney volunteers served 212 clients at legal clinics, provided nearly 30 clients with brief services, and provided 9 clients with full representation.

Staffing

Yakima VAS staff includes an Executive Director and Program Coordinator.