



EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Internship/Volunteer Opportunity ELAP Legal Assistant

Do you have research and analytical skills, legal assistant skills or experience and want to use these skills to help quantify legal realities for survivors of domestic violence? Come make equal access to justice in our community a reality by assisting Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) staff attorneys with a targeted research project. Since 1998, ELAP has provided survivors of domestic violence and low-income residents of King County with a variety of civil case services enabling equal access to justice including, one-on-one legal clinics, unbundled legal services, brief services, full representation and community education seminars.

Your role as ELAP Legal Assistant volunteer will be to review DV and family law cases and quantify legal outcomes of those clients who worked with, and without, attorneys. This research will open up new ways to advocate for legal aid.

Duties:

- Research and review family law cases from 2012-2013
- Tabulate and synthesize outcomes of survivors of DV with attorneys, and those without
- Report to Michelle Raiford, ELAP Managing DV Staff Attorney

Hours:

This volunteer position requires a minimum of five to ten hours a week committing to three months.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to ELAP's mission in promoting equal access to justice
- Excellent legal research, analytical and writing skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to learn quickly and absorb new information
- Strong typing skills and computer literacy required
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work independently
- Paralegals with family law experience and second language skills are encouraged to apply

Benefits:

This position is a great way to make a difference in your community by uncovering critical legal research to strengthen our advocacy efforts for vulnerable populations, who may otherwise have no access. Statistics show that low-income individuals and families have, on average, at least one situation each year where they require legal advice. The need is great as ever to improve accessibility to the legal system for residents. With your help, we aim to make equal access to justice a reality. Serving as an ELAP Family Law Legal Support volunteer is a terrific way to engage with your community while developing and sustaining your legal support skill set.

Application Process:

To apply please submit the ELAP General Volunteer Application Form available by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please email Esperanza@elap.org. Please be sure to indicate your schedule availability, length of commitment and what interests you in this position. Thank you for your commitment to equal access to justice.

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"It's not justice if it's not equal"*