

# Contact Us

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Nassau County has an alarming number of needy citizens. Among them are homeless people, working poor, single parents with dependent children, people with AIDS, and the elderly. Access to the legal system is only one of their needs– and every practicing attorney can help. Legal Services of Long Island, in partnership with the Nassau County Bar Association, proudly sponsors the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP), an innovative pro bono program to expand the availability of legal services for needy citizens. Created in 1981, the Volunteer Lawyers Project provides an opportunity for attorneys to fulfill their professional obligations for pro bono work. Attorneys, law students, paralegals, and others volunteer their time and expertise to provide free legal services to the County's indigent residents. Legal Services of Long Island' VLP staff screen clients for financial eligibility, identify the legal issues of each case, and refer clients to appropriate counsel. The Volunteer Lawyers Project invites you to join your colleagues and make a difference in the life of another.

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The Nassau County Bar Association

### Nassau Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP)

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# Our Mission

Legal Services of Long Island is committed to helping people in need assert and secure their rights under the law. We provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

## THE REWARDS

- Networking opportunities with colleagues
- Free or discounted pass to a Nassau Academy of Law CLE
- Free CLE Credit
- Access to legal resource materials
- Free professional liability insurance covering VLP cases
- Student interns available to assist
- Free expert consultation and mentoring
- Eligibility for Pro Bono Attorney of the Month Awards
- Volunteer Recognition Reception

## HELP IS ESPECIALLY NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Matrimonial and Family Law
- Guardianships (Article 17A)
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
  - Consumer/Tax Issues
  - Landlord/Tenant
  - Bankruptcy

## What We Do

The preservation of voluntary pro bono service is an important goal of our profession. Nassau County lawyers continue to provide free legal services to the poor and disabled and have increased the type and volume of services provided in recent years through programs such as our Volunteer Lawyers Project.

- The Landlord/Tenant Attorney of the Day Project assists hundreds of men, women and children in court to prevent homelessness.
- The Free Bankruptcy Clinics assist families either with bankruptcy advice or the filing of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, when appropriate.
- The Matrimonial Project assists hundreds of individuals in obtaining a divorce, child support and custody.

## Why Help?

- For the personal satisfaction of helping a person or family who otherwise would not receive needed legal assistance
- To expand your knowledge of various disciplines of law
- To demonstrate your professional commitment to voluntary pro bono

## How Can You Help?

- Provide direct client representation
- Be a mentor to other volunteers
- Assist Project staff with intake, case analysis, case referral and recruitment of volunteer attorneys
- Volunteer to work at the Legal Services of Long Island (LSLI) office providing assistance to clients in several areas of civil law

Please call (516) 292-8299 and ask for the Volunteer Lawyers Project Coordinator or visit our website at [www.legalservicesli.org/volunteer](http://www.legalservicesli.org/volunteer)

