

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW STUDENTS

### Clerkships/Externships/Student Practice

Law students can apply for externship opportunities at Legal Aid Center in the Children's Attorneys Project (helping kids in foster care or special education), the Family Justice Project (family law and immigration), or the Consumer Rights Project (general consumer law, bankruptcy, and adult guardianship). Legal Aid Center clerkships are also available in the Family Law or Civil Law Self-Help Centers. A legislative externship is also available every session. Paid clerkship opportunities might also be available for fall, spring, and summer semesters. Student practice is an available option for any returning law clerk who qualifies under the court's student practice rule.

Interested students can contact **Sophia Romero** at [SRomero@lacs.org](mailto:SRomero@lacs.org)

### Partners In Pro Bono Program

A volunteer law student is paired with an experienced attorney to work on a pro bono case. The mentor attorney allows the law student to participate in every aspects of the case, from the initial client interview and demand letter all the way through possible litigation. Cases include family law, civil fraud, bankruptcy, and sometimes supreme court appeals and federal litigation. The program begins in September of each year; students are encouraged to stay with the case until completion. Student practice is an option for those who qualify under the court's student practice rule.

Interested students can contact **Christine Smith** at [Christine.Smith@UNLV.edu](mailto:Christine.Smith@UNLV.edu)

### Volunteer Education Advocate Program

Legal Aid Center provides training and support to volunteers who are willing to become a Volunteer Education Advocate for children with disabilities in foster care, helping to ensure each child's school is meeting his or her disability-related needs. These volunteers will advocate with the school district for services or accommodations and participate in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process.

Interested students can contact **Ilka Szaktilla** at [ISzaktilla@lacs.org](mailto:ISzaktilla@lacs.org)

### Ask-A-Lawyer Programs

Legal Aid Center offers a variety of Ask-A-Lawyer programs, focusing on veterans, the homeless, and certain practice areas such as small claims. Law students are needed to help operate the programs, including greeting clients, assisting with form completion, and assisting attorneys with client interviews. For the Small Claims Ask-A-Lawyer, students who have already completed the small claims court community service program can sit in on the Ask-A-Lawyer sessions and assist the staff at the Civil Law Self-Help Center as they help customers with their small claims cases.

Interested students can contact **Sasha Hinkel** at [SHinkel@lacs.org](mailto:SHinkel@lacs.org)

### Community Legal Education Classes - Additional Outreach

Occasionally, local nonprofit agencies ask Legal Aid Center to present the free community legal education classes at other locations throughout Clark County. Law students who have taught particular classes can volunteer to assist a Legal Aid Center staff attorney in presenting the class.

Interested students can contact **Christine Miller** at [CMiller@lacs.org](mailto:CMiller@lacs.org)

### Other Volunteer Opportunities

Law students willing to commit more than 20 hours of service in a semester working on a case with a pro bono attorney, volunteering at one of the Self-Help Centers, or assisting at a special event can contact **Sophia Romero** at [SRomero@lacs.org](mailto:SRomero@lacs.org) for available opportunities.