



Student Volunteer Opportunities at Central California Legal Services

Know Your Rights Web Series

Short term research projects with Central California Legal Services available beginning January 2022. The Know Your Rights web series will be a 5–10-minute PowerPoint videos presented on YouTube. The law student will research the content for the presentation on substantive law topic like immigration relief, public benefits access, tenant’s rights, guardianship, domestic violence restraining orders, etc.

We are also searching for multi-lingual students fluent in either Spanish, Hmong or Punjabi who would like to translate the content and present in their second language.

If interested in either the research or presenting a topic, please email Montez Brooks at ProBono@CentralCalLegal.org with your resume and a few sentences about why you are interested in this project. Estimated time for project is 20 hours per topic.

<https://app.joinpaladin.com/central-california-legal-services/opportunities/present-in-a-virtual-know-your-rights-clinic/>

Project First Step – DVRO

Project First Step has been an institution at CCLS for over 15 years. Volunteer students assist victims of domestic violence obtain restraining orders against their abusers. Clients typically have an existing EPO or TRO. Volunteer students will interview the client, prepare, and file supplemental pleadings if necessary, and prepare for and attend the hearing on the request for DVRO. Supervising Attorney will work directly with student during each step; training is provided.

If interested in taking on a matter with a supervising attorney, please email Montez Brooks at ProBono@CentralCalLegal.org with your resume and a few sentences about why you are interested in this project. Estimated time for project is 30 hours per DVRO.

<https://app.joinpaladin.com/central-california-legal-services/opportunities/project-first-step-domestic-violence-restraining-o/>

Unlawful Detainer – Virtual Clinic

Help CCLS stem the tidal wave of evictions expected in the wake of COVID-19. Our virtual eviction defense clinic needs volunteer attorneys to meet 1-on-1 with tenants and provide information, advice & counsel, and brief services such as preparing an answer. The clinic will operate remotely via Zoom, so you can help from anywhere you have a reliable internet connection. Housing experience is not required. Advance training and in-clinic supervision will be provided.



If interested in attending the clinic, please email Mandeep Pooni at UDClinic@CentralCalLegal.org with your resume and a few sentences about why you are interested in this project. Estimated time for project is 2 hours per week on Thursdays from 2-4pm via Zoom. <https://app.joinpaladin.com/central-california-legal-services/opportunities/virtual-clinic-eviction-defense/>

Habitability and Reasonable Accommodations Claims

Help tenants prosecute claims under the implied warranty of habitability and request reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. These cases are limited scope representation and usually require interviewing a client/tenant, preparing/sending a demand letter to the landlord, and advising the client regarding the landlord's response. Students will be paired with a supervising attorney and CCLS will provide training and support, including letter templates.

If interested in taking on a matter with a supervising attorney, please email Montez Brooks at ProBono@CentralCalLegal.org with your resume and a few sentences about why you are interested in this project. Estimated time for project is 30 hours per habitability case. <https://app.joinpaladin.com/central-california-legal-services/opportunities/limited-scope-habitability-and-reasonable-accommod/>

Workers' Rights Clinic

Students can provide free legal information to low-wage workers in the Central Valley. Students are paired with a supervising attorney to assist local workers with unemployment compensation filings and appeals, minimum wage and overtime violations, failure to pay for work performed, refusal to grant meal and rest breaks, workplace discrimination based upon race, national origin, gender, pregnancy, disability, language, proficiency, and immigration status.

If interested in attending the clinic, please email Montez Brooks at ProBono@CentralCalLegal.org with your resume and a few sentences about why you are interested in this project. Estimated time for project is 2 hours per clinic held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:30pm via Zoom and phone. <https://app.joinpaladin.com/central-california-legal-services/opportunities/workers-rights-clinic-virtual/>

All opportunities can be found at <https://centralcallegal.org/volunteers/> -