

Our Mission

Our mission is to use the law to make justice a reality for our neighbors who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Combining community lawyering and advocacy to achieve our clients' goals, our expert staff and network of volunteer attorneys provide low barrier, comprehensive legal services at intake sites throughout the District of Columbia, helping our clients to access housing, shelter, and life-saving services. We aim to break down any barriers that may exist between potential clients and their access to legal services.

Our Work

The core of Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless' (WLCH) work, through our *Legal Assistance Project*, is the representation of individual low- and no-income clients through a network of over 200 volunteer attorneys and legal assistants. Volunteer attorneys conduct intake interviews and take responsibility for representation in cases requiring follow up.

Volunteers represent people on issues arising primarily in the following areas (no prior expertise is required): public benefits (*e.g.*, Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, medical assistance, food stamps and TANF); shelter and housing (*e.g.*, shelter placement, conditions and expulsions, public housing, Housing Choice Voucher Program eligibility and terminations, and housing condition disputes); street rights; and consumer debt/credit.

Federal Attorneys

Federal attorneys are commonly paired with a non-federal attorney to conduct intake. We will refer cases that present a conflict of interest to other volunteers.

Intake Schedule

Following completion of the New Volunteer Training, attorneys are eligible to begin volunteering. The Legal Clinic hosts six different intake sites across the city, where volunteers interview potential clients and assess their legal needs.

| Day | Time | Site | Accessible via: |
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| Monday | 1 – 2 PM | N Street Village | McPherson Square Metro |
| Tuesday | 1 – 2 PM | SOME (So Others Might Eat) | New York Avenue Metro |
| Wednesday | 7:30 – 8:30 AM | Miriam's Kitchen | Foggy Bottom Metro |
| Wednesday | 12 – 1 PM | Family Resource Center | New York Avenue Metro |
| Thursday | 11 AM – 12 PM | Thrive DC | Columbia Heights Metro |
| Friday | 1 – 2 PM | Unity Health Care | Judiciary Square Metro |

Volunteer Support

For your first intake, a case counseling attorney at WLCH will attend with you. Each site is assigned a specific case counseling attorney, who will provide legal guidance and support every step of the way.

For more information and to get involved, contact Kaitlyn at 202-328-1263 or kaitlyn.uhl@legalclinic.org.