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ACLU of the District of Columbia

915 15th St. NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 457-0800
www.acludc.org

Contact Name:	Intake Staff
Contact Phone:	(202) 601-4269
Contact Email:	intake@acludc.org
Service Offered:	Direct representation
Areas of Practice:	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (e.g. Criminal Justice Reform, Disability Rights, Equal Protection, Due Process and Procedural Rights, Privacy Rights, Freedom from Police Misconduct, Government Employees' Rights, etc)
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

1200 G Street, NW, Suite #725
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 678-8060
www.aje-dc.org

Contact Name:	Rochanda Hiligh-Thomas, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 678-8060, Ext. 205
Contact Email:	rochanda.hiligh-thomas@aje-dc.org
Service Offered:	AJE provides free training, resources, direct legal assistance, advocacy and support to D.C. families seeking access to appropriate educational supports and services for their children in D.C.'s public school system.
Areas of Practice:	Special Education, School Discipline
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Full Representation, Intake, Litigation, Policy
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Law Students, Litigators, Non-Litigators, Paralegals
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

American University Washington College of Law, Clinical Program

4300 Nebraska Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 274-4140
www.wcl.american.edu/clinical

Contact Name:	Kathleen Gordon, Associate Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 274-4143
Contact Email:	kgordon@wcl.american.edu
Service Offered:	Full client representation
Areas of Practice:	Tax, Family Law, Bankruptcy, Consumer, Immigration and Asylum, Human Rights, Disability Rights, Community Economic Development, Wage Theft, Intellectual Property, Prisoner Re-Entry
Pro Bono Opportunities:	For WCL students only
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

1627 K Street, NW, Suite 610
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 393-3572
www.apalrc.org

Contact Name:	Naznin Saifi, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 706-7057
Contact Email:	naznin.saifi@apalrc.org
Service Offered:	APALRC provides linguistically accessible and culturally appropriate legal services to low-income Asian Americans who have limited English proficiency and who live in the Metro-D.C. region. Our services range from advice and counsel, brief service to full representation on a range of issues, such as Abuse Prevention, Crime Victim Abuse Prevention, Employment, Family, Housing, Immigration, Crime Victim Assistance, Consumer, and Public Benefits
Areas of Practice:	Family Law, Immigration, Housing, Crime Victim Assistance
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Community Legal Workshop, Citizenship Application Assistance, Various Immigration Petitions (U and T Visas, VAWA, etc.), Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Support, etc.)
Languages Needed:	Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys admitted to practice in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, Law Students, Interpreters, Paralegals
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Sample Pleadings and Documents, Training and Orientation, Access to Interpreters and Translators
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	Yes

Ayuda

6925B Willow Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20012
(202) 387-4848
www.ayuda.com

Contact Name:	Lauren Wert, Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney
Contact Phone:	(571) 385-4106
Contact Email:	lauren.wert@ayuda.com
Service Offered:	Ayuda provides multi-lingual, culturally competent legal and social services to low-income immigrants. Ayuda is also home to the D.C. Community Legal Interpreter Bank, which provides trained legal interpreters to D.C.'s legal services providers.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration/Asylum, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Protection Orders and related Family Law, and Notario Fraud Remedies
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Consultation Clinics
Languages Needed:	Amharic, English, French, Mandarin, Spanish, Other
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys (Litigators, Non-Litigators,) Law Students, Paralegals
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation, Access to Interpreters and Translators
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Bread for the City

1525 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
1700 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020
(202) 265-2400 (NW), (202) 561-8587 (SE)
www.breadforthecity.org

Contact Name:	Su Sie Ju, Legal Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 386-7010
Contact Email:	sju@breadforthecity.org
Service Offered:	Bread for the City seeks to help D.C. residents living with low income to develop the power to determine the future of their own communities. We provide food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to reduce the burden of poverty. We seek justice through community organizing and public advocacy. We work to uproot racism, a major cause of poverty.
Areas of Practice:	Civil Protection Order, Visitation, Custody, Divorce, Child Support, Immigration, Landlord Tenant, Other Housing, TANF/Other Welfare, Food Stamps, and Medicaid
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Intake, Full Representation in all practice areas.
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys and Government Attorneys admitted to practice in D.C. or able to practice under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49 if not a D.C. Bar member
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Access to Other Professionals, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Break the Cycle

P.O. Box 66165
Washington, D.C. 20035
(202) 849-6289
www.breakthecycle.org

Contact Name:	Kirisha Marshall, Staff Attorney
Contact Phone:	(501) 291-1628 (202) 849-6289 (202) 470-5686 (Text Message Line)
Contact Email:	legalservices@breakthecycle.org; kmarshall@breakthecycle.org
Service Offered:	Break the Cycle helps young people experiencing abuse in a relationship navigate the justice system and find safety.
Areas of Practice:	Domestic Violence, Family Law (Child Support, Spousal Support and Custody), Crime Witness Advocacy and Title IX
Pro Bono Opportunities:	No
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition

1612 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 331-3320
www.caircoalition.org

Contact Name:	Michael Lukens, Associate Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 870-5962
Contact Email:	michael@caircoalition.org
Service Offered:	CAIR Coalition is the primary source of legal assistance for detained immigrants (adults and children) in the mid-Atlantic region. We provide "Know Your Rights" presentations, individual consultations and pro bono placement of cases for adult immigrants and unaccompanied immigrant children detained in facilities in Virginia and Maryland.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration/Asylum
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Full Representation, Intake, Mentoring
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys admitted in any state (Litigators, Non-Litigators,) Law Students
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation, Video access to detention centers
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services

924 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 772-4348
www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org

Contact Name:	Jim Feroli
Contact Phone:	(202) 772-4356
Contact Email:	probono@cc-dc.org
Service Offered:	Catholic Charities provides high quality, low-cost legal services to immigrants residing in the DMV area. Our greatest need is for attorneys to take on direct representation of pro bono clients. Cases include immigrants seeking asylum, unaccompanied immigrant children seeking SIJS (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status), and victims of crime and domestic violence seeking protection and legal status in the U.S. Our pro bono volunteers have helped over 900 immigrant families seeking U-Visa and VAWA relief. We provide training and mentorship for our pro bono volunteers and offer educational seminars and talks to the immigrant community.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration, Asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U Visa, VAWA relief
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Represent a pro bono client, mentor a pro bono attorney, interpret for a pro bono attorney, and/or conduct intakes at the Montgomery County Family Justice Center.
Languages Needed:	Spanish, French and other
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys, Paralegals, Non-legal, Interpreters
Support Provided:	Training, Mentoring, Access to Training Materials, Interpretation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Catholic Charities Legal Network of the Archdiocese of Washington

924 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 350-4305 En Español: (202) 772-4325
www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org

Contact Name:	James D. Bishop, Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 772-1201
Contact Email:	james.bishop@cc-dc.org
Service Offered:	For over 30 years, Catholic Charities Legal Network ("Legal Network") has provided pro bono legal services, including general legal information, access to volunteer attorneys and law firms, and referrals to other appropriate legal and social service organizations. The Legal Network does not handle criminal, fee-generating or immigration cases. The Legal Network focuses on serving low-income families and individuals whose earnings are equal to or less than 250% of the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines.
Areas of Practice:	Consumer Debt/Bankruptcy, Employment, Family Law (including Child Custody and Domestic Violence), Landlord Tenant/Housing Issues, Public Benefits (Social Security & Disability), Wills and Probate, and Guardianship & Conservatorship.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Represent a pro bono client, mentor a pro bono attorney, interpret for a pro bono attorney, conduct a community law-related education seminar or training for attorneys.
Languages Needed:	Amharic, French, Sign Language, Spanish. All other languages are needed and welcomed too.
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys, Paralegals, Non-legal, Interpreters
Support Provided:	Training, Mentoring, Access to Training Materials, Interpretation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)

1460 Columbia Road, NW, Suite C1

Washington, D.C. 20009

(202) 328-9799

www.carecendc.org

Contact Name:	Pamela Yee, Director of Legal Services
Contact Phone:	(202) 328-9799, Ext. 220
Contact Email:	pamela.yee@carecendc.org
Service Offered:	CARECEN's immigration legal services program assists clients to apply for a variety of immigration benefits, including family-based petitions for adjustment of status and consular processing, citizenship and naturalization applications, humanitarian relief such as U Visa nonimmigrant status, temporary protected status (TPS), and deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA). We also offer brief services such as work permit renewals, advance parole, and FOIA requests.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Litigation
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Law Students, Litigators
Support Provided:	Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Children's Law Center

501 3rd Street, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 467-4900
www.childrenslawcenter.org

Contact Name:	Jennifer Masi, Pro Bono Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 467-4900, Ext. 541
Contact Email:	jmasi@childrenslawcenter.org
Service Offered:	Children's Law Center fights so every child in DC can grow up with a loving family, good health, and a quality education. Judges, pediatricians, and families turn to us to advocate for children who are abused or neglected, who aren't learning in school, or who have health problems that can't be solved by medicine alone. We reach 1 out of every 9 children in DC's poorest neighborhoods – more than 5,000 children and families each year. And, we multiply this impact by advocating for city-wide solutions that benefit all children.
Areas of Practice:	Adoption, Guardianship, Third-Party Custody, Custody Guardian ad litem, Abuse & Neglect, Special Education, Policy, Housing Conditions, Access to Healthcare
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Litigation, Negotiation, Research
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish and Other (Upon Request)
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys licensed in DC or eligible to practice under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49 (Litigators and Non-Litigators)
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Training, On Demand Training Videos, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Christian Legal Aid of the District of Columbia

907 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 710-0592
www.christianlegalaid-dc.org

Contact Name:	Whitney King, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 710-0592
Contact Email:	whitney.king@christianlegalaid-dc.org
Service Offered:	CLADC provides free or reduced-cost legal services to low-income individuals, families and non-profit organizations from a faith-based perspective.
Areas of Practice:	Landlord/Tenant, Expungement, Estate Planning, Probate, Social Security Benefits (referral provided in various other practice areas)
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	Spanish, Korean, Arabic
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys licensed in D.C. or eligible to practice under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49 (Litigators and Non-Litigators)
Support Provided:	CLADC supports its volunteers through orientations, mentoring from staff, and its electronic library that contains hundreds of forms and resource materials.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS)

3600 John McCormack Road, NE

Washington, D.C. 20064

(202) 319-6788

http://law.cua.edu/clinics/cle/clinics_columbus.cfm

Contact Name:	Paul Kurth, Managing Director; Catherine F. Klein, Faculty Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 319-6788
Contact Email:	kurth@law.edu
Service Offered:	Founded in 1969, in response to the desire of students to develop their legal skills in concert with their wish to serve the legal needs of the surrounding community, Columbus Community Legal Services provides free, high-quality legal services to needy individuals and families who live in the District of Columbia on a range of civil law matters.
Areas of Practice:	Domestic Violence, Family Law, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Immigration, Veterans, Wills and Estate Planning, and Tax Law
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Counsel for Child Abuse & Neglect (CCAN)

D.C. Superior Court, Suite JM-100
500 Indiana Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 879-1406

www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/family/ccan.jsp

Contact Name:	Kimberley Cruz, Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 879-1406
Contact Email:	kimberley.cruz@dcsc.gov
Service Offered:	The Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) Office is a branch of the Family Court of the District of Columbia Superior Court. The CCAN Office maintains a list of qualified attorneys who are available for appointment in child abuse and neglect cases.
Areas of Practice:	Adoption, Guardianship, Custody, Abuse and Neglect, Guardian ad litem
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Appleseed Center for Law & Justice

1111 14th Street, NW, Suite 510
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 289-8007
www.dcappleseed.org

Contact Name:	Walter Smith, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 289-8007
Contact Email:	wsmith@dcappleseed.org
Service Offered:	Founded in 1994 by a group of public-spirited lawyers, D.C. Appleseed is a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing important public policy challenges facing the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. D.C. Appleseed organizes volunteer attorneys and other experts, who work in teams to analyze, develop, and advocate for solutions to problems facing the region. In all these efforts, D.C. Appleseed is an independent, constructive voice for reform. And in all of them, D.C. Appleseed works to implement solutions to pressing problems, and to do so in ways that bring better services to those who live and work in the region. Our project agenda touches on the major issues facing the region from ending AIDS in D.C. to affordable housing to workforce development to environmental concerns to more democracy for D.C to supporting our frontline and essential workers during the pandemic.
Areas of Practice:	Public Policy
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	English
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys and Non-Attorneys
Support Provided:	D.C. Appleseed board and staff work with pro bono attorneys and other volunteers to address public policy issues facing the National Capital Area.
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center

901 4th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 780-2738

www.dcbar.org/pro-bono/resources-and-training/pro-bono-center-training-program

Contact Name:	Alison Percich, Training and Volunteer Specialist
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2738
Contact Email:	apercich@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	Fall and Spring Trainings offered in various areas of poverty law.
Areas of Practice:	Bankruptcy, Landlord Tenant, Public Benefits, Immigration and Asylum, Family, D.C. Volunteer Attorney Negotiator Program, and Family Court Self Help Center
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Small Business Brief Legal Advice Clinic, Pro Bono Training Program, Advice & Referral Clinic, Court-Based Resource Centers, Nonprofit Legal Assistance Program, Bankruptcy Clinic, and Advocacy & Justice Clinic.
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish, Mandarin, Amharic, Other
Volunteers Needed:	We train volunteers (attorneys, law students, attorney/paralegal teams) for various pro bono opportunities.
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Manuals, On-Demand Training Videos, Training Webinars.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Advice & Referral Clinic

(202) 780-2745

www.dcbar.org/pro-bono/what-we-do/advice-referral-clinic

Contact Name:	Erik Goodman, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2747
Contact Email:	egoodman@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	Monthly clinic that provides advice, brief services and referrals for people with civil legal problems governed by D.C. and federal law. During regular operations, the Clinic is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at Bread for the City's centers in the Shaw (1525 7th Street NW) and Anacostia (1640 Good Hope Road SE) neighborhoods. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this clinic is operating remotely.
Areas of Practice:	Civil matters only, including: Bankruptcy/Debt Collection Defense, Employment, Domestic Violence, Disability (SSI/SSDI), Guardian /Conservator, Personal Injury, Individual /Personal Income Tax, Probate, Landlord Tenant, Child Custody/Support, Administration of Simple Estates
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Mentoring
Languages Needed:	Amharic, French, Korean, Mandarin, Sign Language, and Spanish
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Advocacy & Justice Clinic

901 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 737-4700
www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Advocacy-Justice-Clinic

Contact Name:	Vanessa Batters-Thompson, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2741
Contact Email:	vbatters-thompson@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	The Advocacy & Justice Clinic supports individuals and families living on low-incomes with much needed representation in civil legal matters. The Clinic offers support and training for its volunteers. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, client matters can be handled remotely.
Areas of Practice:	Custody (may include Divorce and Child Support), Landlord Tenant, Affirmative Housing, Disability (SSI/SSDI), Consumer (including Health Care Access) and Personal Injury Defense.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation
Languages Needed:	Amharic, French, Sign Language, and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys licensed in D.C. or eligible to practice under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49 (Litigators and Non-Litigators)
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings Briefs and Documents, and On Demand and In-Person Training and Orientation.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Note: For office space, please call the contact above. The Pro Bono Center's physical office will be closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic until at least January 2021.

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Bankruptcy Clinic

901 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 737-4700
www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Bankruptcy-Clinic

Contact Name:	Erik Goodman, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2747
Contact Email:	egoodman@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	Refers clients to pro bono attorneys for representation in simple Chapter 7 cases. Accepts case on a referral basis only.
Areas of Practice:	Bankruptcy/Debt Relief
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation
Languages Needed:	Amharic, French, Sign Language, and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorney volunteers. Must either attend the Pro Bono Center two-day training or be an experienced bankruptcy practitioner
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

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D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Consumer Law Resource Center

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Court Building B, 510 4th Street NW, Room 208
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 780-2740
www.dcbar.org/pro-bono/free-legal-help/help-for-individuals/consumer-law-resource-center

Contact Name:	Erik Goodman, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2747
Contact Email:	egoodman@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	The Consumer Law Resource Center provides free legal information and assistance drafting legal documents to unrepresented persons who have consumer-related disputes in the District of Columbia.
Areas of Practice:	Debt Collection, Home Improvement/Independent Contractor Disputes, Security Deposit Refunds, Small Claims Cases, Used Car or Car Repair Disputes, Utility Disputes, and Violations of the Consumer Protection Procedures Act.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Legal Services
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes

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D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Immigration Legal Advice & Referral Clinic

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 780-2744

www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Immigration-Legal-Advice-Referral-Clinic

Contact Name:	Adrian Gottshall, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2744
Contact Email:	agottshall@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	Quarterly walk-in clinic that provides clients with legal advice, brief services, and referrals in matters governed by federal immigration law and policies. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this clinic is operating remotely.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Mentoring
Languages Needed:	All – especially Spanish and Amharic
Volunteers Needed:	Bilingual attorneys and/or attorneys with Immigration Law experience Access
Support Provided:	to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Legal Information Help Line

901 4th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

Helpline: (202) 626-3499

www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Legal-Information-Help-Line

Contact Name:	Ruth Verdin, Program Specialist
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2745
Contact Email:	rverdin@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	The Legal Information Help Line is an automated system of recorded messages that are available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week in English, Spanish, French and Amharic. The Help Line serves as a directory of legal assistance programs in D.C. and provides information on how to find a lawyer or dispute a lawyer's fee. Callers seeking legal assistance can access information on family law, domestic violence, employment, housing, public benefits, immigration, probate and consumer law. Callers can also leave a message and have their call returned by a Pro Bono Center staff member.
Areas of Practice:	Consumer, Immigration, Family Law, Landlord Tenant, Probate, Employment, Domestic Violence, and Public Benefits
Pro Bono Opportunities:	No
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Nonprofit Legal Assistance Program

901 4th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 737-4700

www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Nonprofit-Small-Business-Legal-Assistance

Contact Name:	Jason Qu, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2753
Contact Email:	jqu@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	The Nonprofit Legal Assistance Program's mission is to provide legal assistance to community based nonprofit organizations that impact residents of the District of Columbia, with special programs for community-based nonprofits and organizations serving low-income communities.
Areas of Practice:	Corporate Governance, Project Finance, Real Estate/Housing Development, Commercial Lease, Zoning & Land Use, Employment Law, Intellectual Property, Risk Management, Bankruptcy & Dissolution, Tax-Exempt Organizations, Social Enterprises, Small Businesses, Nonprofit Entity Formation
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Brief Services, Clinics, and Trainings
Languages Needed:	Amharic, Cambodian, Cantonese, French, Korean, Mandarin, Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Trainings and Clinics, Template Documents, Staff Mentorship
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Small Business Legal Assistance Program

901 4th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 780-2732

www.dcbar.org/Pro-Bono/What-We-Do/Nonprofit-Small-Business-Legal-Assistance

Contact Name:	Christine Kulumani, Staff Attorney
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Service Offered:	Through the Small Business Legal Assistance Program's Clinics, members of the transactional bar have an opportunity to provide brief advice to small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs.
Areas of Practice:	Corporate, Real Estate, Tax, Intellectual Property, Small Businesses, Entity Formation, Government Contracts
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys, Law Students (to assist with intake)
Support Provided:	Trainings and Clinics, Template Documents, Staff Mentorship
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center
Landlord Tenant Resource Center

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Court Building B, 510 4th Street NW, Room 208
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 737-4700
www.dcbar.org/pro-bono/free-legal-help/help-for-individuals/landlord-tenant-resource-center

Contact Name:	Gabriella Lewis-White, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 780-2746
Contact Email:	glewis-white@dcbar.org
Service Offered:	The Landlord Tenant Resource Center provides free legal information to unrepresented small landlords and tenants who have residential housing disputes in the District of Columbia. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday: 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. However, please note that due to a high demand for services, it may be necessary for the resource center to limit the number of customers it sees each day and close intake before 12 p.m. Even if intake is closed early, all customers who have court dates that day or emergency matters (for example, a live writ, lock-out, or no heat) will be seen if they sign in before 12 p.m. The resource center will, whenever possible, provide written materials and referrals to customers who cannot be seen that day. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this resource center is operating remotely.
Areas of Practice:	Landlord Tenant
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign / CAAB
c/o Capital Area Asset Builders

1100 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 419-1440
www.caab.org

Contact Name:	Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz, CEO and Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 419-1440, Ext. 102
Contact Email:	jleitmann-santacruz@caab.org
Service Offered:	The D.C. EITC Campaign is a citywide, cross-sector initiative that educates D.C. taxpayers, particularly those with low incomes, about issues related to income taxes and economic security. The D.C. EITC Campaign also operates 11 free tax preparation sites across the Capital Area in conjunction with the IRS' VITA program. These sites are volunteer staffed with IRS Certified Tax Preparers; the Campaign provides all the necessary training and certification classes, for free, to volunteers. In total, this coalition of nonprofit, business, community, labor, immigrant, and religious organizations provides free tax assistance to low-income workers (including the homeless).
Areas of Practice:	Individual/Personal Income Tax
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Volunteer with the campaign and become an IRS VITA Tax Preparer. Volunteer commitment is about 50 hours per tax season (4 shifts/week for 11 weeks, i.e. tax season, plus 6 hours of training)
Languages Needed:	Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	The Campaign provides all the necessary training and certification classes for free. In addition, volunteers are supported at the tax preparation sites by a Site Manager as well as a Reviewer to ensure all work is done correctly.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

D.C. Family Court Self-Help Center

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
500 Indiana Avenue, NW
Room JM-570

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 879-0096

www.dccourts.gov

Contact Name:	John King, Branch Chief
Contact Phone:	(202) 879-1480
Contact Email:	john.king@dcsc.gov
Service Offered:	The Family Court Self Help Center is a free walk-in clinic that provides legal information to unrepresented parties in family law matters.
Areas of Practice:	Divorce, Custody, Visitation, Child Support, Paternity, and Adoption
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services
Languages Needed:	Amharic, Cambodian, Cantonese, French, Korean, Mandarin, Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	Yes

D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project

5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440
Washington, D.C. 20015
(202) 885-5542
www.dcvlp.org

Contact Name:	Rebecca Simpson, Legal Director
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Service Offered:	Founded in 2008, DCVLP addresses the unmet family law and immigration needs of low-income families in Washington, D.C. By mobilizing volunteer attorneys, DCVLP provides direct representation in Civil Protection Order cases; Immigration cases; Custody, Divorce and Child Support matters; and by serving as Guardians ad litem in contested, high conflict custody cases.
Areas of Practice:	Family Law—Custody/Divorce/Guardian ad litem; Civil Protection Orders; Immigration
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Direct Representation; Some Motions Writing
Languages Needed:	Spanish (occasional need)
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Subject Matter Training, Mentoring, Supervision, Administrative Support
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)

2000 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20052
(202) 994-2278
www.dvleap.org

Contact Name:	Sasha Drobnick, Legal Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 994-2278
Contact Email:	sdrobnick@dvleap.org
Service Offered:	DV LEAP makes the law work for survivors of domestic violence by overturning unjust trial court outcomes; advancing legal protections for survivors and their children through expert appellate advocacy; training lawyers, psychologists and judges on best practices; and spearheading domestic violence litigation in the Supreme Court. DV LEAP's representation is limited to appeals, although we do sometimes consult on trial level litigation.
Areas of Practice:	Domestic Violence, Appellate Litigation, and Criminal Law
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Appellate Cases and Research Assignments
Languages Needed:	English
Volunteers Needed:	Pro bono lawyers to write appellate briefs for parties and/or amici; also pro bono legal research and analysis on discrete issues
Support Provided:	DV LEAP provides mentoring and expertise in domestic violence issues
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

First Shift Justice Project

(240) 241-0897
www.firstshift.org

Contact Name:	Laura Brown, Executive Director
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Contact Email:	lbrown@firstshift.org
Service Offered:	First Shift Justice Project provides legal services to women and caregivers in low-wage jobs; specifically, we offer employment-related know your rights education, advice, and representation regarding the following: Pregnancy Discrimination, Family Responsibilities Discrimination, Family Medical Leave, Sick Leave, Accommodations for pregnancy and breastfeeding, Sexual harassment, Domestic violence-related employment issues.
Areas of Practice:	Employment law
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Representation
Languages Needed:	Primarily Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	For client consultations and other opportunities as needed.
Support Provided:	Supervision/collaboration in legal consultation/representation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

George Washington University Law School
Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics

2000 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20052
(202) 994-7463
www.law.gwu.edu/clinics

Contact Name:	Melody Webb, Managing Attorney
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Contact Email:	mrwebb@law.gwu.edu
Service Offered:	Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Services Clinic, Domestic Violence Project, Family Justice, Litigation Clinic, Health Rights Law Clinic, Immigration Clinic, International Human Rights Clinic, Prisoner & Reentry Clinic, Public Justice, Advocacy Clinic, Small Business & Community Economic Development Clinic, Vaccine Injury Clinic
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Georgetown University Law Center
Office of Public Interest and Community Service

600 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 662-9655
www.law.georgetown.edu

Contact Name:	Jennifer Tschirch, Associate Director of Pro Bono Programs
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Service Offered:	Office works with law students to partner with legal services providers to support pro bono.
Languages Needed:	Cambodian, Cantonese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese
Volunteers Needed:	Law Students
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Human Rights First

805 15th Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 547-5692
www.humanrightsfirst.org

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Alternate Contact Name:	Martha Arreola
Alternate Contact Phone:	(202) 559-9815
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Service Offered:	Human Rights First serves low-income refugees seeking asylum in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Clients are screened through an intake process and, if accepted, referred to a pro bono attorney
Areas of Practice:	Asylum
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	Spanish, English, Mandarin
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys willing to take non-adversarial affirmative cases at the Asylum Office or defensive cases at the Immigration Court. Attorneys should be affiliated with a firm or organization that can commit to the duration of the immigration case.
Support Provided:	Training, Mentoring, Providing Memos, Samples
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

1090 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 220

Washington, D.C. 20005

(202) 467-5730

www.bazelon.org

Contact Name:	Lewis Bossing, Senior Staff Attorney
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Service Offered:	A national advocacy organization founded in 1972, the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a leader in promoting community integration and self-determination for people with mental disabilities, including by reforming public service systems.
Areas of Practice:	Bazelon Center attorneys litigate disability rights cases in federal courts, engage in Supreme Court and other appellate advocacy, lobby federal agencies, advocate for legislation to benefit people with disabilities, and provide support to state-based advocacy organizations.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

1201 L Street NW, Floor 2
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 670-3585
www.supportkind.org

Contact Name:	Andrea Mangones, Managing Attorney
Contact Phone:	(516) 477-1645
Contact Email:	amangones@supportkind.org
Service Offered:	Immigration Legal Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children
Areas of Practice:	Immigration Legal Services
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys admitted to practice in DC, MD or VA; Spanish-speaking interpreters
Support Provided:	Full Training and Mentoring for Duration of Case, including Training Manual, Sample Filings, Regular Strategy Meetings, Mooting and Preparation for hearings
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

1331 H Street, NW Suite 350
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 661-5965
www.legalaiddc.org

Contact Name:	Sylvia Soltis, Staff Attorney
Contact Phone:	(202) 386-6698
Contact Email:	ssoltis@legalaiddc.org
Service Offered:	Since 1932, Legal Aid lawyers have been making justice real – in individual and systemic ways – for persons living in poverty in the District. Legal Aid provides direct representation in legal matters that are pending in DC across a variety of practice areas including rental housing, consumer law, domestic violence and family law, public benefits, and immigration. Legal Aid generally serves individuals and families whose household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG). For foreclosure and certain public benefits cases, Legal Aid's income guideline is at or below 300% of FPG. We may make exceptions to these guidelines on a case by case basis.
Areas of Practice:	Consumer (Home Foreclosure, Debt Collection, Structured Settlements); Domestic Violence/ Family Law (Domestic Violence, Child Custody/Visitation, Child Support); Housing (Eviction Defense, Public Housing, Housing Vouchers/ Section 8, Housing Conditions); Public Benefits (Food Stamps/SNAP, TANF/Welfare, Medicaid, Alliance, Medicare Part D, SSI/SSDI)
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Litigation
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys licensed in D.C. and in a position to represent clients in court and administrative proceedings; government attorneys eligible to represent clients on a pro bono basis in D.C.; law student interns.
Support Provided:	Expert Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Trainings, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Legal Counsel for the Elderly

601 E Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20049

(202) 434-2120

www.aarp.org/lce

Contact Name:	Sheryl R. Miller, Pro Bono Manager
Contact Phone:	(202) 434-2120
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Service Offered:	AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) is the primary provider of free legal services and advocacy for older people in the District of Columbia. We handle legal cases for D.C. residents 60 years of age and older in a wide range of civil legal areas. We also serve as the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and operate a number of law-related projects in D.C. PLEASE NOTE: Prospective clients must contact the LCE Legal Intake Line (202) 434-2120. (Prospective clients must be D.C. residents & at least 60-years-old or 55 for disability claims only.)
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Full Representation, Litigation
Languages Needed:	Cantonese, English, Mandarin, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys licensed in D.C. and in a position to represent clients in court and administrative proceedings; attorneys eligible to represent clients on a pro bono basis in D.C.
Support Provided:	Mentoring as needed
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

The George Washington University Law School
2000 H Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20052

(202) 994-4586

www.exonerate.org

Contact Name:	Shawn Armbrust, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 994-4597
Contact Email:	sarmbrust@exonerate.org
Service Offered:	The Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project (MAIP) provides pro bono investigative legal services to people who have been convicted of crimes they did not commit in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Thus, the bulk of our work involves the screening of cases in which prisoners claim innocence, the investigation of those claims, and the litigation of the cases with the most merit. MAIP also advocates for policy reforms that would help prevent wrongful convictions and/or make it easier to correct them and files amicus briefs in cases that have an impact on issues related to the prevention or correction of wrongful convictions.
Areas of Practice:	Post-Conviction Innocence Litigation
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Screening, Co-Counseling with MAIP in cases where we represent innocent defendants, Drafting Amicus Briefs, and occasional Policy Work
Support Provided:	We co-counsel on all representation, train screeners, and work closely with pro bono lawyers on amicus briefs and policy matters.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc.

1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 915

Washington, D.C. 20036

(202) 775-7780

www.mlap.org

Contact Name:	Roger C. Rosenthal, Executive Director
Contact Phone:	(202) 775-7780
Contact Email:	mlap@mlap.org
Service Offered:	MLAP works to enforce rights and to improve public policies affecting farmworkers' working and housing conditions, education, health, nutrition, and general welfare. The program works with an extensive network of local service providers. MLAP also works on issues regarding immigration policy.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes, on occasion
Languages Needed:	Spanish (Helpful for some projects)
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Washington, D.C. 20001

(202) 879-1549

www.dccourts.gov/superior-court/multi-door-dispute-resolution-division

Contact Name:	Lizbeth Carrillo, ADR Program Specialist (Volunteer Inquiries Only)
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Contact Email:	lizbeth.carrillo@dcsc.gov
Service Offered:	Multi-Door offers a variety of alternative dispute resolution processes to people involved in disputes before and after filing a suit in court.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Multi-Door seeks trained and experienced mediators to work on a wide variety of cases.
Languages Needed:	Spanish, Cantonese and Sign Language
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Volunteers mediate cases assigned by staff case managers. In addition to logistic details, Multi-Door provides support by offering continuing education to our volunteer mediators.
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

National Veterans Legal Services Program

1600 K Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 265-8305
www.nvlsp.org

Contact Name:	Rochelle Bobroff, Director of Pro Bono Program
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Service Offered:	NVLSP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has worked since 1981 to ensure that the government delivers to our nation's 25 million veterans and active duty personnel the benefits to which they are entitled.
Areas of Practice:	Veteran's Law
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Discharge Upgrades, Military Sexual Trauma, Board of Veterans Appeals, Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Combat-Related Special Compensation, Military Medical Retirement
Languages Needed:	English
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Training, Mentoring, and Support Materials
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Neighborhood Legal Services Program

64 New York Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 832-6577
www.nlsp.org

Contact Name:	Karen Newton Cole, Executive Director
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Contact Email:	knewtoncole@nlsp.org
Service Offered:	In partnership with its clients and community stakeholders, Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP) helps D.C. residents, families and communities eliminate barriers to overcoming poverty and secure justice.
Areas of Practice:	Consumer, Employment, Expungement/Sealing of Criminal Records, Family, Housing, Public Benefits, Wills
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Appeals, Brief Services, Clinics, Full Representation, Litigation, Rotation, Transactional
Languages Needed:	Amharic, Arabic, English, French, Korean, Mandarin, Sign Language, Spanish, Vietnamese
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys admitted to practice in D.C., Government Attorneys, Law Students, Litigators, Non-Litigators, Paralegals
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Access to Other Professionals, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Network for Victim Recovery of DC

6856 Eastern Avenue NW, Suite 376

Washington, D.C. 20012

(202) 742-1727

www.nvrdc.org

Contact Name:	Renée Carrico, Pro Bono and Elder Justice Coordinator
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Service Offered:	For an overview of NVRDC's legal services please see our website.
Areas of Practice:	Sexual Assault; Intimate Partner Violence; Stalking; Crime Victims' Rights; Title IX Rights of Student Survivors of Gender-based Violence; Identity Theft
Pro Bono Opportunities:	To learn more about our co-counseling and shadow opportunities please see NVRDC's pro bono website: www.nvrdc.org/pro-bono
Languages Needed:	No language requirement but Spanish and Sign Language are helpful.
Volunteers Needed:	D.C. licensed attorneys
Support Provided:	NVRDC co-counsels every case with our pro bono attorneys
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Office Of The District Of Columbia
Long Term Care Ombudsman

601 E Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20049

(202) 434-2190

www.dcoa.dc.gov/service/long-term-care-ombudsman-services

Contact Name:	Mark C. Miller, Long Term Care Ombudsman
Contact Phone:	(202) 434-3038
Contact Email:	mcmiller@aarp.org
Service Offered:	The Ombudsman's Office, housed within Legal Counsel for the Elderly and AARP, provides advocacy and support for D.C. residents receiving long-term care services in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community residence facilities and in their home through DC's Medicaid Waiver.
Areas of Practice:	Health Law
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Volunteers Needed:	Law Students and Attorneys
Support Provided:	Access to Other Professionals
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia Community Defender Division

680 Rhode Island Avenue, NE

Washington, D.C. 20002

www.pdsdc.org

Contact Name:	Jamie Argento Rodriguez, Chief of Community Defender Division
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Contact Email:	jrodriguez@pdsdc.org
Service Offered:	The Community Defender Division (CDD) was established in 1999 to provide legal services for children and adults in the District who face the challenges of arrests, convictions, and incarceration. CDD assists persons for whom the legal barriers of system involvement prevent the successful reintegration into their homes, neighborhoods, and communities. CDD's goal in fulfilling PDS's mission is to renew hope for a bright future and to promote the success of community members while bringing meaning to second chances.
Areas of Practice:	Prisoner Legal Services, Reentry Legal & Social Services, Juvenile Justice and Advocacy
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Public Defender Service
Mental Health Division

633 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 824-2860
www.pdsdc.org

Contact Name:	Kimberly A. Clark, Chief of Mental Health Division
Contact Phone:	(202) 824-2860
Contact Email:	kclark@pdsdc.org
Service Offered:	The Mental Health Division (MHD) represents individuals who have been involuntarily hospitalized based on allegations that they are mentally ill and likely to injure themselves or others because of their mental illness. Attorneys represent clients at probable cause hearings in Superior Court, before the Commission on Mental Health and at trial. Additionally, MHD represents acquittes (individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity) in their post-commitment relief request before D.C. Superior and District courts.
Areas of Practice:	Mental Health, Criminal Law
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	English
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Quality Trust For Individuals With Disabilities, Inc.

4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 310

Washington, D.C. 20008

(202) 448-1450

www.dcqualitytrust.org

Contact Name:	Morgan Whitlatch, Legal Director
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Service Offered:	Quality Trust attorneys provide legal services to people with developmental disabilities and their families on issues involving capacity and alternatives to guardianship; community integration; living life free from abuse and neglect; and accessing public benefits. We work on systemic issues, including legislative and administrative reform, to promote decision-making and other rights of people with disabilities. We provide education and training on disability topics, including Supported Decision-Making and other alternatives to guardianship, school-to-adult transition, and public benefits.
Areas of Practice:	Disability Rights; Public Benefits, including Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare; Guardianship and Alternatives
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys, Paralegals, Support Staff, Law Students
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Training, Sample Documents, Co-Counseling.
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes.

Note: for office space — please call contact. As of 8/28/20, Quality Trust's physical office remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rising for Justice (formerly D.C. Law Students in Court)

901 4th Street NW, Suite 6000
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 638-4798
www.risingforjustice.org

Contact Name:	Lucy Newton
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Service Offered:	The mission of Rising for Justice is to leverage the collective force of students and experienced advocates to achieve equity and justice for all people in the District of Columbia. We provide the following services: eviction defense, housing conditions for tenants, criminal records sealing (expungement), civil protection order services for respondents, and social work services for our clients.
Areas of Practice:	Landlord Tenant (Eviction and Housing Conditions), Housing, Expungement, Domestic Violence, Social Work
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Legal: Ranging from Brief Service to Full Representation, Office and Community-based Intakes
Languages Needed:	Spanish, Amharic, French
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys Licensed in D.C., Law Students, M.S.W. Students, Undergraduate Student Interns, Paralegals
Support Provided:	Training, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	Yes

Tahirih Justice Center

6402 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 300

Falls Church, VA 22042

(571) 282-6161

www.tahirih.org

Contact Name:	Chelsea Naylor
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Service Offered:	The Tahirih Justice Center serves immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. Tahirih's innovative and comprehensive approach leverages pro bono resources to provide a combination of family law and immigration law services, advocacy, and public education programs.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration: Gender-Based Asylum, T Visa, U Visa, VAWA and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). Family Law services: temporary and permanent orders of protection, SIJS predicate orders, Divorce, Custody, and Visitation.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Tahirih offers pro bono opportunities to work on the following types of immigration legal cases: Asylum, T Visa, U Visa, VAWA, SIJS
Languages Needed:	Spanish, French, Arabic, others
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Tzedek DC

4340 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 319
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 274-7386
www.tzedekdc.org

Contact Name:	Sarah Hollender, Associate Director for Litigation
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Contact Email:	sh@tzedekdc.org
Service Offered:	Tzedek DC's mission is to safeguard the legal rights of low-income DC residents dealing with often unjust, abusive, and illegal debt collection practices, as well as other consumer protection problems like credit reporting issues, identity theft, and predatory lending. The consequences of adverse court judgments in debt-related cases can be devastating for a family's well-being and stability. Tzedek DC aims to level the playing field for low-income DC debtors by facilitating access to the civil justice system. By addressing debt-related legal issues before they become irreversible, catastrophic crises, Tzedek DC can enhance the overall stability and financial health of low-income DC families.
Areas of Practice:	Debt collection defense, credit repair, avoiding driver's license suspension and other adverse consequences of unpaid debts, consumer issues.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes. Bi-monthly opportunity list sent to volunteers. Training from Tzedek required to become a volunteer.
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Community Development Law Clinic

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Service Offered:	Students in the Community Development Law Clinic learn transactional and business lawyering skills while representing non-profit organizations and small, urban entrepreneurs. The clinic often works in concert with community-based business centers and other professionals to provide clients with comprehensive professional consulting services.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with the private bar on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, General Practice Legal Clinic

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Washington, D.C. 20008
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Service Offered:	The General Clinic provides comprehensive civil legal services to address fundamental needs of low-income District residents.
Areas of Practice:	Family (child custody and child support), Health and Disability (guardianship), Consumer, Public Benefits (including TANF, food stamps, housing subsidies, Social Security), Housing Conditions, Criminal Record Sealing, and Estate Planning (wills and advance directives).
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with the private bar on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Housing and Consumer Law Clinic

4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Building 52, Room 302

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Contact Name:	Professor Ron Hochbaum
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Service Offered:	The Housing and Consumer Law Clinic provides representation in housing-related civil litigation. Students enrolled in this clinic represent individuals and small groups in eviction defenses, affirmative habitability actions, illegal rent increases, housing code violations, and real property actions, fair housing, and miscellaneous torts. Students also represent consumers against merchants and homeowners against home improvement contractors in disputes involving sales and services.
Areas of Practice:	Landlord Tenant, Affirmative Warranty Litigation, Fair Housing Eviction Issues, Administrative Rental Housing Litigation, Affirmative Habitability Actions, Illegal Rent Increases, Miscellaneous Torts.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with the private bar on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Immigration and Human Rights Clinic

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Service Offered:	Under the supervision of the clinic director and a graduate student instructor, students represent low income immigrants and noncitizen residents.
Areas of Practice:	Immigration Law, Affirmative and Defensive Asylum Claims; Humanitarian Immigration Applications (U-visas, T-visas, VAWA).
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with the private bar on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English, Spanish, French, ASL
Volunteers Needed:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Juvenile Law Clinic

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Pro Bono Opportunities:	Please contact Professor Quinn for more information
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Legislation / Civil Rights Clinic

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Contact Name:	Professor Marcy Karin
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Service Offered:	The UDC Legislation Clinic represents community-based organizations on systemic reform, statutory interpretation, and policy projects that advance the public interest and lift vulnerable populations out of poverty by improving gender justice, workplace equality, and access to other civil rights. We offer legislative lawyering services related to legislative, regulatory, and amicus campaigns, including: legal and policy research; creation of white papers, testimony, talking points, media campaigns, and other policy materials; and substantive and procedural advocacy strategy.
Areas of Practice:	Legislation and Regulation
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with non-profit organizations on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

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Contact Name:	Professor Jacqueline Lainez Flanagan
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Service Offered:	Please note, the Clinic will not be offered during 2019 to 2020. The UDC-DCSL Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) provides students with hands-on experience representing taxpayers who have active tax controversies pending with the IRS and in U.S. Tax Court. Students represent low-income residents referred to the clinic by the IRS and various local non-profit and advocacy organizations. LITC clients have no right to court-appointed attorneys and the vast majority cannot afford to hire private counsel. The LITC conducts a variety of tax outreach events in the community to advise District residents of their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers. Many of these outreach events are conducted in immigrant communities and outreach events are conducted in Spanish and Amharic.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	The Clinic works with the private bar on selected matters. Individual opportunities are not available.
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	No
Support Provided:	No
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

United States District Court for the District of Columbia Civil Pro Bono Panel

333 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20008

(202) 354-3370

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Contact Name:	Addie Hailstorks, Staff Attorney
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Service Offered:	Panel of attorneys willing to accept court appointments in pending actions only pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.11.
Areas of Practice:	Job Discrimination, Social Security Appeals, Information Access, Prisoners' Rights
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

University Legal Services

220 Eye Street, NE, Suite 130

Washington, D.C. 20002

(202) 547-4747

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Contact Name:	Sandy Bernstein, Legal Director
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Service Offered:	University Legal Services is a private, non-profit organization that serves as the District of Columbia's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal and service rights of people with disabilities. All services are offered free of charge to eligible individuals in accordance with ULS' available resources and policies.
Areas of Practice:	Abuse & Neglect, Special Education, ADA/Disability Rights, Other Individual Rights
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

2101 L Street, NW, Suite 840
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 733-3323
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Contact Name:	Courtney Smith, Director, Volunteer Outreach & Education
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Service Offered:	The Veterans Consortium recruits and trains attorneys to represent veterans and their family members who have had their claims unjustly denied by the VA. Our Volunteers represent their clients at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and potentially the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
Areas of Practice:	Veterans Law (appellate practice)
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Yes
Languages Needed:	English and Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	In addition to training, every volunteer lawyer receives a screened case, strategy memo, experienced mentor and legal resources
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts

1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300
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Service Offered:	WALA provides local artists with legal referrals to volunteer attorneys. Additionally, we offer legal clinics and workshops for area artists.
Areas of Practice:	Bankruptcy/Debt Relief, Collection/Negotiation, Contracts/Warranties, Intellectual Property, Landlord Tenant, Wills/Estate Planning, Wills/Estates, Other Estate, Community Economic Development, Incorporation and 501© filings,
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Full Representation, Intake, Litigation, and Transactional
Languages Needed:	English
Volunteers Needed:	Litigators, Non-Litigators
Malpractice Insurance:	No
Office Space Available:	No

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

700 14th St NW
Washington, D.C. 20005
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www.washlaw.org

Contact Name:	Katherine Garrett, Chief Operating Officer
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Service Offered:	Founded in 1968, the Washington Lawyers' Committee provides pro bono legal services for individuals and groups seeking to address discrimination matters and entrenched poverty in the Washington D.C. area. The Committee operates with a staff of roughly 35, including 18 attorneys, who work on individual and class action civil rights litigation as well as non-litigation projects.
Areas of Practice:	Equal Employment Opportunity/Workers' Rights, Fair Housing, Public Accommodations, ADA/Disability Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, DC Prisoners' Rights, Education Justice.
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Attorneys provide pro bono counsel and co-counsel with Committee attorneys on litigation matters; law students provide legal research and writing assistance.
Languages Needed:	English, French, Sign Language, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys and law students
Support Provided:	Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

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Washington, D.C. 20009
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Service Offered:	Direct representation to homeless individuals and families. We conduct our intake at various programs that provide services to people who are homeless. Clients should call for the schedule.
Areas of Practice:	Eligibility for and termination of shelter, Eligibility for and termination of housing subsidies, Public Benefits, Mental Health, and Disability Rights
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Brief Services, Full Representation, Intake, Litigation
Languages Needed:	English
Volunteers Needed:	Attorneys, Paralegals, Law Students
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services Program

1377 R Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20009
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(202) 939-7630 (intake)
www.whitmanwalker.org/legal

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Service Offered:	Whitman-Walker Legal Services provides free legal assistance to persons facing legal issues impacting their access to healthcare and wellness, and specializes in issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV, including: immigration; discrimination in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and public accommodations; public benefits applications and appeals; health insurance navigation; disability insurance; elder care issues; name and gender changes; workplace rights; debtors' rights; and estate planning.
Areas of Practice:	Public Benefits, Employment, Immigration, Elder Law, Consumer Law, Disability Rights, Healthcare Rights, Transgender Rights
Pro Bono Opportunities:	Legal Clinics/Brief Services, Full Representation, Litigation, Research, Policy
Languages Needed:	Amharic, French, Spanish
Volunteers Needed:	Yes
Support Provided:	Access to Interpreters and Translators (in some cases), Access to Other Professionals, Mentoring, Practice Manuals, Sample Pleadings, Briefs and Documents, Training and Orientation
Malpractice Insurance:	Yes
Office Space Available:	No

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