



The OCBA Pro Bono Committee
and Public Law Center present



LEVEL UP FOR JUSTICE

Your Opportunity To Do **AMAZING WORK!**

You can support your community
in various ways by offering pro bono
services to family law clients.

LEVEL 1

Free Consultations and Provide Advice

LEVEL 2

Consultation + Document Preparation and Advice

LEVEL 3

Consultation + Document Preparation
and Advice + Representation
or

Consultation + Representation*
(*if documents have already been prepared)

*The Public Law Center Errors and Omissions Insurance
covers the pro bono attorney.*

Refer to the memorandum for details.

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Family Law Pro Bono Opportunities with the Public Law Center

Level 1 pro bono help

Free consultations to provide legal advice, with no further commitment after the initial meeting. Examples of providing legal advice include but are not limited to informing clients of their rights and responsibilities, explaining legal procedures (how to file, serve, etc.), or helping a client prepare to represent themselves for an upcoming court hearing.

Level 2 pro bono help

Consultation + Document preparation and advice. Includes preparation of any of the following:

NOTE: If the attorney wishes to have a one-on-one meeting with a client and prepare any of the documents listed below in numbers 1 through 12 for that client, the attorney can do so at the attorney's office.

If the attorney wishes to meet with multiple clients and complete DVPA or Guardianship documents for multiple clients at the PLC Family Law Clinic, that is a consecutive 3 to 4 hour time commitment. There are two clinics, one for Guardianship and one for DVPA (held on different days/times). At the Guardianship Clinic, only Guardianship documents are completed, and at the DVPA Clinic, participants get their DVPA forms completed by Waymakers and then PLC staff/Pro Bono Attorneys assist with the declarations. Other Level 2 work would be completed outside of the clinics.

1. Parentage petition and response
2. Divorce petition and response
3. DVPA petition (not a response on behalf of abusers nor representation of an abuser)
4. DVPA response on behalf of a person falsely accused of DV
5. Request for order or responsive declaration
6. Discovery request and response
7. Preliminary declaration of disclosure preparation
8. Final declaration of disclosure preparation
9. Trial or settlement conference brief
10. Request for entry of default
11. Preparation of judgments
12. Guardianship filings of all kind.

Level 3 pro bono help

Consultation + Document preparation and advice + representation, OR

Consultation + representation (if documents have already been prepared)

1. DVPA representation on behalf of a petitioner
2. DVPA representation on behalf of a respondent who is falsely accused
3. Request for order representation
4. Representation at default prove up hearing

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Representation options for Levels 2 and 3

Level 2 can be done:

1. Under PLC's umbrella with PLC as the representing law office, and the attorney as a volunteer attorney on behalf of PLC. or
2. With the party being self-represented (attorney is a document preparer)

Level 3 can be done:

1. Under PLC's umbrella with PLC as the representing law office, and the attorney as a volunteer attorney on behalf of PLC. PLC's E&O insurance covers these services.
2. Under the attorney's umbrella with the attorney taking the case from PLC and handling it at their own law office. This is likely a limited scope representation unless the attorney wants to become attorney of record for all purposes.

General Notes:

1. At all three levels of assistance, PLC's Errors and Omissions Insurance covers the pro bono attorney.
2. All clients must go through PLC's eligibility screening criteria.
3. Regardless of level, clients may not be charged for services. However, at level 3, pro bono attorneys may seek and collect attorney's fees from the opposing party, and while donating these collected fees to PLC is requested, it is not required.

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