

Other Bay Area Legal Aid Pro Bono Opportunities

BayLegal provides training, mentorship & primary malpractice insurance for all pro bono work.

Extended Representation – Represent a client within your specialty or experience and/or with training and support from BayLegal;

Limited Representation – Represent or assist a client on a limited basis with a specific issue, matter, and/or hearing, *examples:*

- **San Mateo Domestic Violence (DV) Collaborative** - Partnership with Legal Aid Society of San Mateo (LASSM) & Communities Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA): *pro bono* attorney provide limited representation (1 or 2 hearings) in DV Restraining Order hearings.

Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DV RO) Clinics – BayLegal also coordinates DV RO Clinics throughout Contra Costa County (Richmond, Pittsburg and Concord), and is a partner in San Francisco's Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic (CROC).

Consult with a client – on a issue within your specialty and/or after you receive training;

Co-counsel or Mentor – BayLegal staff or a less experienced volunteer (ex. Mentor within your specialty);

Research/Investigation – assist with research and investigation of systemic legal issues facing the indigent to improve access to justice.

Financially support BayLegal's work - for more information about the Partners in Justice campaign please contact Jennifer Cesario, (510) 250-5242



Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) is the largest non-profit civil legal services agency providing free civil legal services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. BayLegal's services include: advice; referrals; limited scope assistance; extended representation; public policy and impact advocacy; trainings; outreach; and community education.

BayLegal focuses on 4 main priority areas:

- **Domestic Violence Presentation** - Assisting domestic violence survivors escape violence and create safe and stable environments for themselves and their children
- **Housing Preservation** - Assist clients to access and preserve safe affordable housing free from discrimination.
- **Access to Health Care** - Assist clients to obtain healthcare services from county and state programs.
- **Economic Security** - Assisting clients secure public benefits and eliminate the barriers to employment and self-sufficiency.

**Serving low-income individuals and families in the Bay Area:
Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin,
Napa, San Francisco,
and Santa Clara counties.**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC: Volunteer / Pro Bono Opportunities

Contra Costa County:
Richmond, Concord and Antioch

San Mateo County:
Redwood City

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WHAT IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER?

A domestic violence restraining order is a powerful civil order which include orders protecting a domestic violence survivor (and children) and providing means to gain independence to escape the violence.

A domestic violence restraining order can order the restrained person to:

- Stay away from protected persons' home, work, school, daycare;
- Not to contact in any way the protected persons;
- Move out of the common home;
- Temporary custody, visitation and support;
- Reimburse the victim for costs from violence (hotel; medical; etc)
- Temporary use of property (ex. car/home);
- Payments for rent and utilities, etc;
- Require an individual to relinquish any weapons.

Who qualifies for a domestic violence restraining order:

- Current or former spouse;
- current or former dating relationship;
- parties have a child in common;
- Family members within 2 degrees (ex. Parent, grandparent, sibling, in-laws).

Abuser has:

- Attempted, threatened or caused physical or sexually abuse; and/or
- Caused fear of immediate harm



CLINIC SCHEDULES:

Contra Costa County

Concord: Wednesdays workshops
9:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.

East County: Tuesdays workshops
9:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.

Richmond (Superior Court; 100 37th St):

Mondays 9:00 a.m. workshop (9-12pm)

Fridays: 8:30 a.m. workshop

San Francisco: Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic
Alternating Thursday events and Saturdays

San Mateo County

Redwood City (539 Middlefield Rd.):

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

& Fridays: 9:00 a.m. workshop (9-12pm)

Mondays and Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. workshop (1:30-4pm)

Orders are returned on Clinic days between
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers please contact:

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(flexible volunteer schedules available)

Volunteers play an integral role in providing these life-saving services!

A full range of volunteer opportunities are available, from assisting with the general administration of the Clinic to directly working with Clinic participants to complete restraining order paperwork, access resources and understand the legal system.

Clinic staff and volunteers:

- Assist individuals complete the paperwork to *Request* and receive a Temporary Restraining Order that day. Assistance includes preparing a statement of the abuse and need for protection.
- Generally, individuals are assisted in a group workshop format; however, with the assistance of Volunteers individuals may receive one-on-one assistance.
- Arrange for the paperwork to be submitted to the Judge and filed.
- Provide information and instructional materials about safety planning, the restraining order process and enforcement, court procedures, and other relevant community resources.
- Deliver court orders to participants and explain next steps.