



Women's  
Law Center  
*of Maryland*

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

**The Women's Law Center of Maryland seeks qualified candidates to offer pro bono services. Please read the reverse side of this sheet to learn more about the available opportunities.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Please send me more information about volunteering.       | <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for POARP in Baltimore City.   |
| <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for the Family Law Hotline.     | <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for POARP in Baltimore County. |
| <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for the Employment Law Hotline. | <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for POARP in Carroll County.   |
| <input type="radio"/> I would like to volunteer for the Judicare project.       |  |

Please return this form by mail to Women's Law Center of Maryland, 305 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson, MD 21204, by fax at 410-321-0462; or send a PDF by email to [admin@wlcmd.org](mailto:admin@wlcmd.org). For more information, please call 410-321-8761.

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## Pro Bono Opportunities

**Please read the reverse side of this sheet to learn more about the application process.**

THE FAMILY LAW HOTLINE is a free service to people with basic family law questions. The Hotline provides information, advice and referrals to individuals who may have no other access to a lawyer. The service provides callers with basic information to help them make informed and productive decisions about their situation.

*Time Limited:* Volunteers are asked to contribute up to 4 shifts per year. Each shift is 3 ½ hours. Women's Law Center volunteer attorneys staff the Hotline Monday through Friday. On average, 12–15 calls are handled during a shift.

*Resources:* Each volunteer is provided a comprehensive Family Law Hotline Manual. This document provides: information about procedures for answering calls, including income eligibility screening; short descriptions of substantive law; an extensive list of social service and lawyer referral resources for each county; and, information about local practice.

*Requirements:* Volunteer attorneys must have three years of family law experience.

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THE EMPLOYMENT LAW HOTLINE is a free service to people with basic employment law questions. The Employment Law Hotline provides information, advice and referrals to individuals who may have no other access to a lawyer. The service provides callers with basic information to help them make informed and productive decisions about their situation.

*Convenient:* The calls are forwarded to your office or home. Therefore, you can continue to do your work when you are not assisting callers.

*Time Limited:* Volunteers are asked to contribute up to 4 shifts per year. Each shift is 3 ½ hours. Women's Law Center volunteer attorneys staff the Hotline on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

*Requirements:* Volunteer attorneys must have at least 3 years of employment law experience.

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POARP (PROTECTION ORDER ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION PROJECT) provides representation to victims of domestic violence in Protective Order hearings in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County. Pro bono attorneys are needed to handle cases when staff members are not able to handle a case. Representation for victims of domestic violence is critically important for their safety and well-being. Most would face the abuser alone if not assisted by the Women's Law Center.

*Time Limited:* Representation is limited to the Protective Order proceeding. Therefore, the case is not protracted.

*Requirements:* Volunteer attorneys must have at least one year of litigation experience in family law or comparable experience and sensitivity to the dynamics of domestic violence. Due to the emergency nature of the Protective Order process, availability on short notice is necessary.

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THE BALTIMORE COUNTY JUDICARE PROJECT is a free service to low income clients involved in contested custody cases being heard in Baltimore County. The Judicare Project provides a high-quality way to access to the legal system to individuals who may have no other access to a lawyer. The Project provides an opportunity to help indigent litigants in contested cases.

*Convenient:* You can take a case whenever you have time to add another client to your schedule.

*Paid:* Panel attorneys are paid \$80/hour for twenty hours. In addition, the attorney may seek supplemental compensation if the 20-hour cap has been exceeded by at least five hours. Expenses are reimbursed via a Litigation Fund administered by the Pro Bono Resource Center.

*Requirements:* Attorneys must have two years of family law experience.

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