

VERMONT POTENTIAL PRO BONO PARTNERS

Clinics and other bite-size opportunities are **highlighted in yellow**.

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<p><u>American Bar Association Free Legal Answers Program – Vermont (Virtual Advice Clinic)</u></p> <p><u>Volunteer Information</u></p> <p>Contact: Fill out this <u>online form</u>.</p>	<p>Nature of opportunity: Virtual legal advice clinic. Attorneys can structure the opportunity as a clinic by coordinating a set time when they will answer questions together, either virtually or in person.</p> <p>General Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice website. Qualifying users post their civil legal question to their state's website. Users will then be emailed when their question receives a response. • Attorney volunteers, who must be authorized to provide pro bono assistance in their state, log in to the website, select questions to answer, and provide legal information and advice. Volunteer attorneys will not answer criminal law questions. • Here is a <u>guide to creating a virtual clinic using ABA Free Legal Answers</u>. <p>Malpractice Insurance: Provided.</p> <p>Training and/or mentoring: You can register as a volunteer and watch a brief video training before getting started.</p> <p>Estimated time commitment: Completely up to the volunteer.</p>
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	<p>Opportunities for staff: Staff cannot sign up but they can work in teams with attorneys.</p>
<p><u>Legal Services Vermont (Statewide Pro Bono Program)</u></p> <p>See Volunteer FAQ here. Join the mailing list here. To express interest in volunteering, fill out the online inquiry form.</p> <p>Contact: Bradley Showman, Staff Attorney and Pro Bono Coordinator: Phone: 802-863-7153 Email: volunteer@legalservicesvt.org</p> <p>Legal Services Vermont 274 North Winooski Avenue Burlington, VT 05402</p> <p><i>Note: Vermont Legal Aid (Burlington, Montpelier, Rutland, Springfield, St. Johnsbury) refers pro bono volunteers to Legal Services Vermont's Pro Bono Program, which is the statewide pro bono program.</i></p>	<p>Nature of opportunity: Family Law Clinics, Rent Escrow Clinics, Direct Representation, Legal Advice Helpline.</p> <p>General Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Law Clinics (Virtual or In-Person): Connect volunteers with pre-screened clients for limited counsel and advice on family law-related matters, remotely via phone or Microsoft Teams, or in-person in Burlington. ● Rent Escrow Clinics: Assist unrepresented tenants at rent escrow hearings in Addison, Chittenden, Rutland, and Washington counties. Limited representation requires only a few hours. ● Legal Services Vermont will refer low-income individuals for direct representation on cases such as updating or creating a will, consumer protection, contracts, education, family law, employment law, health, housing, and more. ● Pro bono volunteers can staff shifts providing advice to callers on the legal advice helpline. Before the first shift, volunteers receive training on housing, consumer issues, and public benefits. ● Bankruptcy referral list: attorneys with bankruptcy experience can sign up for the referral list. ● Social security disability referral list: attorneys with social security disability experience can sign up for the referral list. ● Probate panel: attorneys with probate

	<p>experience can sign up for the probate panel to help low-income heirs through the probate process to save their primary residences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Bradley Showman for more information about the clinic schedule and to sign up to volunteer. <p>Malpractice Insurance: Yes. LSV offers malpractice insurance for any case referred to a volunteer.</p> <p>Training and/or mentoring: Legal Services Vermont will provide volunteers with support needed to work with clients. They offer training in certain areas of law, templates, and client support. They offer CLE trainings on topics such as foreclosure, eviction defense, public benefits, and senior citizen issues. Learn more about trainings here.</p> <p>Estimated time commitment: Ranges from limited scope / brief advice (staffing a hotline shift or a clinic), to full-scope direct representation.</p> <p>Opportunities for staff: Yes, the Volunteer FAQ refers to lawyers and paralegals.</p>
<p><u>Vermont Bar Association</u></p> <p>Contact: For ideas, or to start your own pro bono project, contact Mary Ashcroft, Esq, VBA Legal Access Coordinator, at mashcroft@vtbar.org</p> <p>For the foreclosure mediation panel, contact info@vtbar.org.</p>	<p>Nature of opportunity: Clinics, foreclosure mediation.</p> <p>General Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The VBA has a list of legal advice clinics hosted by courts and various nonprofits organizations across the state. Check out the clinic listings here. ● Foreclosure mediation: Assist Vermont homeowners and lenders in working together to resolve foreclosure matters by becoming a court-approved foreclosure mediator.

	<p>Malpractice Insurance: Depends on the opportunity.</p> <p>Training and/or mentoring: Trainings and materials are available through VBA for foreclosure mediation, and may be available through other organizations sponsoring the clinics.</p> <p>Estimated time commitment: Varies.</p> <p>Opportunities for staff: No.</p>
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