Tenant Advocacy Project

Represent tenants in pre-eviction disputes with landlords, including those involving disability accommodations, rent calculation and habitability issues. (CA license required, no specific practice area or experience required). Training............... 0–2 hours
Average Time Commitment....... 5–10 hours over a month

Federal Pro Bono Project

Represent low-income civil litigants in Federal Court. Common substantive areas include civil rights cases involving misconduct by police or prison officials, employment discrimination, disability rights, and fair housing

Training...................... none
Average Time Commitment...... varies by case/scope of representation

Community Based Legal Clinics

These clinics cover a wide variety of legal areas and are held remotely, in-person and in hybrid form.
Volunteers needed: interpreters (bilingual Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin or Vietnamese-speaking community members), intake volunteers, and experienced attorneys who provide limited-scope advice & referrals (must have 5+ years of experience in a specific area of law).
Training...................... None
Average Time Commitment....... 2–4 hours per clinic

Interpreter Services

Interpret for monolingual clients at consultations, conferences, depositions, or clinics. While our greatest needs are for bilingual Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese or Mandarin-speaking interpreters, interpreters of all languages are welcomed and needed.

Training...................... No formal training will be provided however recorded trainings and resources are available
Average Time Commitment...... Based solely upon your availability.
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Family Law Project (continued)

Guardianships for Children
Represent caretakers of abandoned and parentless children in uncontested guardianship cases. (CA license required, no specific practice area or experience required).
Training.................. 4 hours
Average Time Commitment...... 10–15 hours over 6 months

Conservatorships of Disabled Adults
Represent caretakers of adults whose physicians have provided proof of incapacity in uncontested conservatorship cases. (CA license required, prior experience with conservatorships required).
Training.................. 1 hour
Average Time Commitment...... 15–20 hours over 3–4 months

Child Custody
Represent litigants with child custody matters which require motion and hearing appearance. (CA license required, no specific practice area or experience required).
Training.................. 4 hours
Average Time Commitment...... 10–30 hours over 2–4 months

For more information email probono@sfbar.org or visit www.sfbar.org/volunteer

Low Income Tax Clinic (LITC)
Assist low-income taxpayers who have issues in controversy with the IRS
Training.................. none
Average Time Commitment...... varies by case/scope of representation

Transactional/Business (CORP)
Represent and advise nonprofits that provide services to low-income communities in discrete business needs
Training.................. none
Average Time Commitment...... 4 hours over 6 months

Full-scope
Limited-scope
Favorite for Transactional Attorneys
*Attorneys need at least 5 years of experience in substantive practice area, or work under the supervision of senior attorneys/partners in their office.