

Colorado Legal Services

For low-income Coloradans seeking legal assistance and Colorado's legal advocates



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Volunteer at Virtual Clinics

CLS offers volunteer opportunities for attorneys, paralegals, and law students with virtual clinics through which you can serve low-income clients in communities across CO from the convenience of your office or home. All clinics are held through online videoconferencing, shared document creation and e-mail. Clinics vary in legal topic, date, time commitment, and type of help provided.

For further questions about these clinics or how to apply, please contact Jen Cuesta at jcuesta@colegalserv.org, or 303-866-9384.

San Luis Valley Virtual Satellite Clinics *(more information here)*

Free clinics providing brief legal consultations to low-income clients from the San Luis Valley. Conducted in partnership with the Saguache and the Blanca/Ft. Garland Public Libraries. Clinics cover legal topics such as family law, landlord/tenant, consumer/collections, small claims, and probate. Volunteers receive a handbook which provides an overview of all legal areas covered and are supported by the clinic coordinator.

When? The last Thursday of every month, 5-7 p.m. One volunteer serves both locations. This opportunity is ideal for an attorney who wants a clear time commitment once a month. Volunteers choose a private location where they have access to the Internet, a webcam and microphone. Experience in family law preferred, probate or housing experience is also useful.

Want to volunteer or learn more? Complete this application *(it will download as a Word doc)*, email it and your resume to Jennifer Cuesta, jcuesta@colegalserv.org.

Cortez Family Law Clinic *(more information here)*

Clinic provides low-income clients from Montezuma and Dolores counties advice on family law issues. You will help with both new and post-decree cases, including helping with divorce, APRs, modifications to parenting orders and child support, enforcement of child support through judgement, garnishment of wages or income reassignment, and motions to relocate. Held the last Tuesday each month, 4-7 p.m., drop-ins from 4-5 and pre-set appointments from 5-7 p.m.

You'll meet with clients virtually to provide legal advice and to help draft legal forms. Volunteers will be provided with each client's name and the name of the adverse party prior to meeting to

check for conflicts. In the case of clients with an appointment and a post-decree issue, you'll receive the client's relevant case documents prior to the clinic. You'll use screen-sharing technology to allow you to draft forms which the client can print out. Ideal for attorneys who want more in-depth experience. This is a monthly clinic that does not require travel. Experience in family law a must.

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Paralegals and Law Students – Virtual Volunteer Opportunities (*more information here*)

Three clinics prepare court forms for clients in addition to providing legal advice. CLS is recruiting volunteer paralegals and law students who can help draft court forms through these clinics:

- Record Sealing and Expungement Clinic - helps low-income, rural clients seal or expunge their criminal record. Help clients increase their ability to obtain employment, housing, public benefits and access other life-changing resources.
- Caregiver Clinic - helps low-income clients in the San Luis Valley who are primary caregivers of children to whom they are not parents. By helping clients get an adoption, guardianship or APR in relation to the child in their care, they are enabled to make necessary and vital medical and educational decisions for the child.
- Cortez Family Law Clinic: description above.

Complete the application below to volunteer. CLS will then contact you to complete the volunteer screening process. Screened volunteers are then added to an e-mail listserv. When a case needing court forms arises, the clinic coordinator will post basic case information and a deadline by which the forms are needed on the listserv. If a paralegal or law student can draft the documents, e-mail the coordinator to let her know. The coordinator then provides complete case information and blank court forms. The volunteer must draft and return the court forms by the deadline. Drafts are reviewed by an attorney and final court documents are provided to the client.

This clinic is ideal for a paralegal or law student who wants to volunteer and learn more about court form preparation but who is not able to commit to a consistent time or travel to a specific location. Since the opportunity is coordinated through e-mail with no set clinic time, volunteers can decide their level of commitment, and when and where they volunteer.

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