

Syracuse University
COLLEGE OF LAW

COVID-19 PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

1. [The Law Student and Paralegal COVID Pro Bono Support Project](#)

How it Works: Students can sign up to join the project [here](#). Attorneys can indicate their project needs on [this form](#). Each day, students on the listserv receive an email with descriptions of available projects and a link to sign up. After students sign up, a project coordinator will connect them with the supervising attorney who submitted a request. The project strives to fill all requests for support within 24-36 hours.

2. New York State Bar Covid-19 Pro Bono Network: <https://nysba.org/covidvolunteer/>

3. ABA Covid-19 & Pro bono: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/center-pro-bono/resources/covid-19-and-pro-bono/>

- a) National Legal Aid & Defender Association: <http://www.nlada.org/COVID-19>
- b) **ABA Coronavirus Task Force:** <https://www.americanbar.org/advocacy/the-aba-task-force-on-legal-needs-arising-out-of-the-2020-pandem/>

4. DMV Region Virtual Pro Bono Opportunities (retrieved from <https://wclawyers.org/covid-19-response-resources/>)

- a) [DC Virtual Pro Bono Fair](#)
- b) Remote refugee assistance through the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society <https://www.hias.org/get-involved/take-action>
- c) Remote Immigration Pro Bono Opportunities through Immigration Justice Campaign [here](#)
- d) [Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland](#)

5. Washington State Resources: <https://www.wsba.org/for-legal-professionals/member-support/covid-19/legal-aid-opportunities>

6. National Disaster Legal Aid Advocacy Center: <https://www.disasterlegalaid.org/advocates/covid-19/>

7. [LawHelpNY.org](#) has opened its next "LiveHelp Operator" application period for the session that will begin in the summer.

- a) The last day to apply is April 24th and training will start in late May. The application and more information about our program: <https://www.lawhelpny.org/volunteer>. As always, we have a great need for volunteers who can read and write in Spanish.

8. [The Legal Project at Vera House, Inc. Order of Protection Clinic](#)

- a) Volunteers at this Clinic assist clients in drafting electronic Family Offense petitions to obtain orders of protection and refer them to victim services available at Vera House, Inc. and elsewhere in the community. All work is performed remotely, with contact with the client via phone, so laptop/computer access and wifi is required.
- b) A 6-hour Zoom training will be provided by Director of Legal Services, Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell, Esq. at the Legal Project and will include training on family offenses, intimate partner violence, trauma, sexual harassment, and vicarious trauma. It is anticipated that the training will count toward the 50-hour pro bono requirement.
- c) Shifts are 9am-noon and noon-3pms Monday through Friday. Volunteers can pick one or more shifts per week for a semester or summer, or work several shifts in a week (for example, over spring break or over the summer).
- d) **To apply, please send a resume and short cover letter to probono@law.syr.edu**

9. [Equal Justice Works](#) compiled opportunities that students should consider:

- a) Join the People's Parity Project and assist in providing legal and factual support to its grassroots and national partners who are working to assist working families during this time. [Click here to learn about the available project research topics and sign up to volunteer.](#)
- b) While not specific to the legal community, VolunteerMatch has created a COVID-19 specific page for in-person and remote volunteer opportunities to help communities affected by the ongoing public health crisis. [Visit their website to see the many ways you can help your community.](#)

10. [A collaboration between People's Parity Project \(PPP\), the Systemic Justice Project \(SJP\), and the Justice Catalyst \(JC\):](#)

- a) Announces a COVID-19 Rapid Reaction/Systems Summer Institute, which will employ law students in full-time (or volunteer part-time) summer legal fellowships, working with legal and law-related organizations on the front lines of responding to the COVID-19 crisis.
- b) [More information and how to get started](#)