

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Low-income people are going to court without essential representation. New Jersey ranks just 31st in the nation in access to attorneys for those who cannot pay, according to the Justice Index that scores states on how they provide residents with access to the justice system. There is just 1 legal aid attorney for every 10,000 low-income people in the state. When faced with a legal problem, most low-income New Jerseyans must go to court without legal help. That puts them at a disadvantage from the start.

Pro Bono Volunteers help CJLS to expand our capacity and help more people in need. With your help, we can move closer to keeping the promise of Justice for All.

CJLS' Pro Bono program needs attorneys who will accept one, two or three cases per year on referral from our offices. The cases are mainly in the areas of family and consumer law as well as housing, expungement, public benefits, and health. There are opportunities in many case types and we will work with you to determine the areas of law in which you desire referrals. Once determined, our staff will only refer clients whose legal problem matches your preferred area of expertise.

To become a Pro Bono Volunteer, contact Zaida Cruz, Patti Carrington, Pro Bono Coordinators at 732-249-7600 zcruz@lsnj.org, pcarrington@lsnj.org.

Central Jersey Legal Services has offices in Trenton, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy and Elizabeth.

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60 Prince Street
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"Equal justice under law is not just a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court Building. It is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society... It is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status."

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr.



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VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM

Central Jersey Legal Services provides free civil legal help to low-income people who live in Mercer, Middlesex and Union Counties.

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CJLS volunteer attorneys have been making a difference in the community for many years. Working closely with our legal and administrative staff, they provide quality direct legal services to those who otherwise would be without representation.

Our volunteers choose the types of cases they work on. They may also choose to help in other ways, such as assisting with intake, or giving advice to other attorneys.

No matter how they help, volunteer attorneys enjoy the great satisfaction of seeing the positive impact of their advocacy in our clients' lives.

Volunteer attorneys are covered by our malpractice insurance.

Volunteer attorneys are eligible for free CLE-approved training from Legal Services of New Jersey.

Volunteer attorneys may be exempt from Court required pro-bono assignment.

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CENTRAL JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES

Central Jersey Legal Services' (CJLS) mission is to provide high-quality, free civil legal assistance to support families, preserve homes and maintain economic stability for low-income residents of Middlesex, Mercer, and Union Counties. CJLS provides legal representation for individuals and families in need.

We do this work to ensure the poor are treated with fairness and dignity in the resolution of their civil legal problems. CJLS attorneys and paralegals support families fighting for better, safer housing, stable, supportive family relationships, and financial security sufficient to lead healthy, independent lives. The participation of volunteer private attorneys is a critical piece of our mission. Your contributions make it possible for us to help many more people and expand the areas of law where we can help.



CONTACT US

If you would like to join our Volunteer Attorney Program, or find out more about it, please contact our Pro Bono Coordinators, Zaida Cruz or Patti Carrington. Their information is listed below. You may also complete this form and send it by fax or email and we will contact you.

Name:

Firm:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you Proficient in any language other than English? Please list: _____

Please check the areas of law in which you can help:

- Bankruptcy or other Consumer
- Family (Divorce, custody, support, guardianship)
- Expungement
- Employment
- Education (Special education, residency)
- Tort Defense
- Immigration

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