Lawyers AND Libraries: Guide for Participating Library Patrons

Welcome to Lawyers AND Libraries 2020! For the past 6 years, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Library Association have hosted “Lawyers in Libraries” events in libraries throughout the state during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. This year, due to COVID-19, we will be hosting “Lawyers AND Libraries” virtual events to provide virtual access to individuals who may be in even more need of legal direction due to the current health crisis. Virtual events will take place October 26-31, 2020.

How it Works: Ask-a-Lawyer Sessions
Similar to in years past, we will be facilitating brief, 15-20 minute “Ask-a-Lawyer” consultation sessions with attorneys. Due to COVID-19, rather than meeting an attorney in your local library, consultations will now occur over the phone.

Signing Up
To sign up, visit www.lil.ivolunteer.com/2020. Under the Patron tab, select the date and time slot during which you will be available to be called by a volunteer attorney. Enter your name, email, phone number, legal issue, and the parish where you live. You are also asked to read and agree to a waiver acknowledging that the volunteer attorney is only giving you advice during the consultation and does not represent you in your legal matter.

During the Event
A volunteer attorney will call you at the number you provided within the day and time slot that you signed up for. For example, if you signed up for Thursday, October 29, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, they may call you at any point between 9:00 and 11:00.

What if I Miss the Call?
If you miss the call, the attorney may leave a message stating that they will try again at another time. If they are not able to reach you during the window, you can submit your question online at LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org or visit www.lsba.org for more resources.

Live Webinars on Legal Topics
The LSBA will also be broadcasting three webinars on Facebook during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, covering common legal issues many people are facing at this time. Make sure to like our Facebook page “LSBA Louisiana Lawyers in Libraries” to receive a notification when we go live.

- October 26th @ 12PM – Employment Law with Natalie Blackman
- October 28th @ 12PM – Housing & Evictions with Hannah Adams
- October 30th @ 12PM – Wills & Successions with Tiffany Monroe