

Attorney volunteers: Sign up to offer free legal assistance via *LA.FreeLegalAnswers*

he Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) online program, accessible at *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, allows attorneys to volunteer their legal experience, virtually, to low-income users who post civil legal questions to the site.

Through the website, attorney volunteers are able to log in whenever and wherever they like to anonymously respond to legal questions submitted by individuals who could not otherwise afford to consult an attorney. Volunteers will be covered by malpractice insurance provided by the American Bar Association for any legal advice given through the site.

An added bonus is that volunteers earn one hour of CLE credit for every five hours of service (three-hour maximum).

La.FreeLegalAnswers.org is not only an incredibly convenient way for attorneys to do pro bono, but also it will



The Modest Means Online Legal Directory connects attorneys offering affordable legal services with moderate-income families who do not qualify for free legal aid, yet can afford to pay for legal services at a reduced rate.

The Directory is open to all active Louisiana attorneys in good standing who offer reduced-fee legal services to people falling at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Line. Many attorneys already offer reduced fees by way of a sliding scale based on the client's income, flat fees, or limited scope representation.

FIND OUT MORE! CONTACT Amy Duncan, LSBA Access to Justice Training & Projects Counsel, at amy.duncan@lsba.org with any questions. Or for more information online, visit *www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx*



help expand pro bono access throughout Louisiana, especially to those in rural areas where few pro bono resources are currently available.

For more information, contact LSBA Access to Justice Projects Counsel Rachael Mills at (504)619-0104 or email rachael.mills@lsba.org.

Volunteer opportunities available during coronavirus crisis

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Department is compiling a developing list of pro bono opportunities statewide arising from the coronavirus pandemic. View the current list of opportunities and contact the organizations directly. The LSBA will continue to update the list as more information and needs are obtained. Review the list at: *https://bit.ly/2UUK7P7*.

Legal aid organizations offering volunteer opportunities should email LSBA Access to Justice Administrative Assistant Jordan Maier, jordan.maier@lsba.org.



Find out more at www.lsba.org/mentoring/ spotmentoring.aspx



Although, we have all been asked to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19, you can still help those in need with their legal issues. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* offers a quick, easy way to help low-income, elderly and those affected by COVID-19 during these difficult times.

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org allows volunteers to:

- Log in whenever/wherever
- Choose the question you answer and respond anonymously
- Receive training and access to resources
- Be covered by malpractice insurance

To volunteer, contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Projects Counsel, by emailing rachael.mills@lsba.org or calling 504.619.0104.

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