



# PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

## EVICTION DEFENSE

Pro bono attorneys will help keep vulnerable Angelenos in their homes and off the streets by fighting unlawful evictions. Pro bono counsel will:

- Build a relationship with the client,
- Draft and respond to discovery,
- Take and defend depositions,
- Draft and respond to motions,
- Engage in settlement negotiations, and
- If the case does not settle, go to trial.

### EXPECTED COMMITMENTS:

Each case typically runs 3-5 months, requires 1-2 attorneys to be staffed on the matter, and requires attorneys to devote 50-70 hours to the case.

### TRAININGS & GUIDANCE:

Prior to taking on a case, pro bono attorneys will need to attend two online trainings on the basics of eviction law and procedure. Pro bono attorneys will receive guidance from ICLC staff before and during the case. MCLE credit will be provided for all trainings.

## CITATION CLEARING

Pro bono partners will help individuals experiencing homelessness get fees associated with citations, such as those for sleeping on the sidewalk, open containers, and jaywalking, dismissed so that clients can remove obstacles to housing and employment. Pro bono attorneys will:

- Gather the client's tickets from the relevant courthouse,
- Set an arraignment date,
- Meet and interview the client,
- File motions, and
- Handle the hearings and/or trial.

### EXPECTED COMMITMENTS:

Each case will last roughly 2-4 months, take up 15-25 hours of attorney time, and should be staffed with 1-2 attorneys.

### TRAININGS & GUIDANCE:

Interested pro bono partners must attend a one-hour MCLE training on the basics of traffic court before taking on a case. ICLC staff attorneys will provide guidance as needed during the case.

## HOMELESS VETERANS PROJECT

Pro bono attorneys will help veteran clients access VA benefits and obtain discharge upgrades so they can move toward living more safe and stable lives. By taking on a case, partners will:

- Build a relationship with the client,
- Review military and medical records and develop the facts,
- Collaborate with medical personnel from the VA,
- Draft a brief and supporting documents, and
- If needed, appear at an administrative hearing.

### EXPECTED COMMITMENTS:

Each case typically runs 1-2 years, requires 1-2 attorneys to be staffed on the matter, and takes up about 50-70 hours a year of attorney time.

### TRAININGS & GUIDANCE:

Pro bono attorneys must attend two ICLC-led substantive MCLE trainings before taking on a case. ICLC staff attorneys will provide guidance as needed during the case.

## SLUM HOUSING LITIGATION

Pro bono attorneys will help combat slum housing conditions in Los Angeles County by pursuing affirmative actions against slumlords who take advantage of tenants with limited housing options and:

- Develop relationships with clients,
- Visit the apartment buildings at the center of the suit and help develop evidence,
- Draft pleadings,
- Draft and respond to discovery,
- Take and defend depositions,
- Draft and respond to motions,
- Work with experts,
- Engage in mediation and settlement negotiations, and
- If case does not settle, go to trial.

### EXPECTED COMMITMENTS:

Cases must be taken on by a law firm with capacity to staff and litigate these large cases, as well as cover some of the costs of litigation.

## MISCELLANEOUS

We need pro bono partners to help with:

- Research projects
- Tax, employment, and probate law consultations
- Small claims matters
- Expungements
- Appeals
- IP matters
- Policy and advocacy projects



If you are interested in taking on a pro bono matter or want to learn more, please complete our intake form

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