

Law Firm Attorney Sabbatical Program

Contra Costa County - Richmond

Homeless Prevention and Advocacy – Contra Costa County

Description and Responsibilities: Attorney will work on a range of legal issues facing homeless populations, including working with local Homeless Court; developing and coordinating a Street Law project informing the homeless of their rights; and assisting individuals with criminal records to expunge or seal such records so as to overcome barriers to employment and housing.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work with homeless people and understanding of mental health issues
- Access to a car and driver's license
- CA State bar license not required
- Excellent organizational and project management skills

Location: Richmond, CA (willingness to travel throughout Contra Costa County)

Domestic Violence Restraining Order Representation

Description: BayLegal operates Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinics throughout Contra Costa County assisting self-represented domestic violence survivors seeking protective orders, custody, visitation, support and other related orders. Each year, we help over 500 litigants to obtain temporary restraining orders.

While our attorneys have extensive expertise in representation of domestic violence survivors in complex family law and immigration matters, we cannot assist every TRO applicant in court. A significant number of domestic violence survivors must represent themselves in their domestic violence restraining order hearings.

Responsibilities: Attorney will:

- Represent DV Survivors in restraining order hearings and related family law matters (ex custody, visitation, support);
- Conduct community education and outreach;
- Work with pro bono attorneys - assisting with trainings, coordinating case placement and ongoing mentorship and technical assistance.

Qualifications:

- CA State Bar license required
- Expressed interest or experience working with DV survivors and immigrant communities.
- Bilingual in Spanish preferred

Location: Richmond, CA (willingness to travel to and from court)



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Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinic

Description: A domestic violence (DV) restraining order is a powerful civil order which include orders protecting a DV survivor (and children) and providing means to gain independence to escape the violence. BayLegal coordinates DVRO Clinics throughout Contra Costa County assisting self-represented DV survivors seeking protective orders, custody, visitation support and other related orders.

Responsibilities: Attorney will:

- Assist self-represented litigants prepare pleadings and declarations required to obtain a Restraining Order;
- Assist clients with safety planning, accessing social services and navigating the court system;
- Community outreach and education regarding DV and restraining orders

Qualifications:

- Expressed interest or experience working with DV survivors and immigrant communities.
- Bilingual in Spanish preferred
- Bar License not required

Location: Richmond, CA (willingness to travel throughout county clinic locations)