



# BAY AREA LEGAL AID

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## Housing Law Clinic – Volunteer Attorney Opportunity

Pittsburg, CA and Richmond, CA

*\*Prevent Homelessness and Illegal Evictions & Improve Access to the Courts\**

**Description:** Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) seeks a volunteer attorney with strong client interaction and analytical skills and a background or interest in civil litigation and/or housing law. BayLegal operates a Housing Law Clinic in the Superior Court courthouses in Pittsburg and Richmond for low-income unrepresented litigants involved in eviction proceedings. Through the Clinic, BayLegal aims to prevent of homelessness and illegal evictions and improve access to the courts for *pro per* litigants. Litigants come to the clinic with a wide variety of housing issues and situations, including:

- Nonpayment of rent
- Housing conditions;
- Rent control;
- Foreclosures;
- Locks-outs and utility shut-offs;
- Public, subsidized (including Section 8 and other HUD subsidized projects) and private housing;
- Fair housing and housing discrimination.

Volunteer attorneys will have the opportunity to directly serve a large number of people in Contra Costa County who are undergoing the eviction process without representation, and become familiar with all stages of an eviction proceeding and the rules of civil litigation. Volunteer attorneys will conduct interviews and draft pleadings and motions. Attorneys interested in taking pro bono cases may also have the opportunity to develop a case from the Clinic.

**BayLegal** ([www.baylegal.org](http://www.baylegal.org)) is the largest legal services provider in the Bay Area, serving the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. Our mission is to provide high quality legal assistance to our clients regardless of their location, language, or disability. Although we are grounded in local communities, BayLegal's vision is regional. With 6 regional offices, and 80+ staff members, the program is uniquely positioned to help people across county lines. BayLegal assist clients primarily in housing, family law/domestic violence, access to health care and public benefits matters.

**Qualifications:** Bar admission and ability to commit to a minimum of 8 hours per week for 3 months. We especially welcome attorneys with 1+ years of experience and those who speak Spanish. BayLegal strongly values diverse backgrounds and experiences.

**TO APPLY:** Please send a cover letter, Application (available on [www.baylegal.org](http://www.baylegal.org)), Resume, a writing sample and references by email or mail:

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