

LEGAL SPECIALTIES

Volunteers who have legal background, knowledge, or education can volunteer in our legal specialties. Currently, NLSLA offers services in the following areas of law:

Housing

Represent clients in unlawful detainer actions, policy advocacy to obtain affordable loan modifications for homeowners in order to prevent foreclosure, defend and prevent unfair terminations of Section 8 rental assistance, and enforce the Los Angeles rent stabilization ordinance through eviction defense.

Immigration

Assist immigrant victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other violent crimes in gaining lawful immigration status. Clients are assisted with immigration applications, declarations, and hearing preparations.

Family

Assist victims of domestic violence with family law matters, including divorce, paternity custody, and restraining orders, and other related issues. Volunteers provide assistance to clients, draft pleadings, discovery, and declarations, prepare legal memoranda, and work on public policy projects.

Healthcare

Help low-income residents of Los Angeles County navigate through the maze of today's health care system and help low-income residents access health care.

Employment

Represent low-wage workers in wage claims, unemployment, and insurance benefit appeals to enhance employability. Work on policy and regulatory advocacy to strengthen legal protections in the workplace.

Public Benefits

o Assist low-income individuals to obtain or resolve issues with federal and/or state benefits such as CalWORKS, GAIN services, SNAP, General Relief, SSDI, SSI, Social Security, Refugee Cash Assistance, and foster care.

Reentry

Assist eligible participants with clearing their criminal record. Interview participants, prepare legal pleadings/forms, read criminal dockets/RAP sheets, develop basic legal research and writing skills.

Disaster Assistance Project (DAP)

Provide free disaster related legal assistance to low-income individuals and families throughout Los Angeles County. Pro bono opportunities include: providing legal information to disaster survivors at Disaster Recovery Centers, assisting survivors with FEMA appeals at clinics, representing survivors pro bono, translating legal education materials, and researching legal issues impacting disaster survivors.