

## NLSLA 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 the 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.
- Health Care
  - 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
  - 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.

Please contact the director of pro bono for more information on the legal specialties, and how you may be able to volunteer.