



Citizen Lawyer Program

Fall 2025 Pro Bono Projects

Each semester the Citizen Lawyer Program (CLP) partners with non-profit and government agencies to create a number of structured law-related volunteer opportunities for students at the University of Iowa College of Law. These Pro Bono Projects provide students with an opportunity to gain experience in a legal setting, develop skills, network with practicing lawyers, explore their interests, and provide public service. These are strictly volunteer positions – students are not compensated (as they would be for summer clerkships) nor do they receive academic credit (as they would for field placements or clinic).

CLP advertises Pro Bono Project openings at the start of each semester. Each Pro Bono Project has a separate description that includes information on the agency, project duties, expected time commitment, scheduling concerns, qualifications, necessary travel, number of positions available, preferences (e.g., multi-semester commitments preferred), and restrictions (e.g., required course/skills or upper-class standing). Students should carefully review project descriptions, available through 12Twenty and on the CLP website, and then apply to all positions for which they wish to be considered, ranked by preference.

Application materials (Pro Bono Project application form and the student's resume) are submitted to CLP via 12Twenty by the application deadline. CLP then makes assignments based on student applications and available positions. The number of applicants regularly exceeds the number of available positions, so students who indicate an interest in multiple projects have a greater chance of assignment. We regret that we cannot guarantee placement for all applicants. Students will be notified of assignments approximately a week after the deadline.

12Twenty can be accessed from: <https://law-uiowa.12twenty.com/Login> Under the "OCI & Job Listings" tab select "Job Listings" and then look for "Fall 2025 Pro Bono Projects." Citizen Lawyer Program is listed as the employer.

Questions regarding the Pro Bono Project application process should be directed to the Citizen Lawyer Program at law-clp@uiowa.edu.

Note to international students: we are advised by International Student & Scholar Services that Curricular Practical Training authorization is not required to participate in Pro Bono Projects.

Applications for Fall 2025 projects are due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services: AFLAN Intake

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides critical civil legal assistance to low-income Chicagoans who have nowhere else to turn. CVLS is recognized as the most comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective civil legal aid provider in Chicago. Typical cases involve problems with basic necessities, fundamental rights or safety, including:

- Preventing illegal evictions and unsafe housing.
- Fighting against denied insurance claims.
- Securing income support such as SSI, Medicaid and disability benefits.
- Protecting a child's and parental rights.
- Defending against foreclosure and helping borrowers secure modifications.

www.cvls.org

Project Information: Student volunteers will assist with Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (AFLAN) client intakes. AFLAN is a statewide network that provides information, brief services, and referrals to veterans and service members. Scheduling is very flexible. When an intake needs to be done, CVLS will electronically assign the file to a student, who will then conduct the intake over the phone. Phone intakes are scheduled between the potential client and student, according to their availability. Intakes will be focused on helping veterans with civil legal services issues particularly domestic relations and probate.

Agency Contact: Greg Anger at ganger@cvls.org.

Volunteer Responsibilities: When they receive an intake assignment, students will conduct the intake telephonically at a mutually convenient time arranged with the potential client. All work can be completed remotely.

Agency Responsibilities: Train students on the use of the data base and provide regular oversight and feedback. CVLS will also ensure that all work can be done remotely.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: The estimate time commitment is 15-20 hours each semester. Flexible scheduling.

Criteria: Up to one position is available. Students should have some interest in legal aid work and be diligent and detail oriented.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services: Immigration Pleadings

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides critical civil legal assistance to low-income Chicagoans who have nowhere else to turn. CVLS is recognized as the most comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective civil legal aid provider in Chicago. Typical cases involve problems with basic necessities, fundamental rights or safety, including:

- Preventing illegal evictions and unsafe housing.
- Fighting against denied insurance claims.
- Securing income support such as SSI, Medicaid and disability benefits.
- Protecting a child's and parental rights.
- Defending against foreclosure and helping borrowers secure modifications.

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Project Information: Student volunteers will assist in the preparation of pleadings to obtain predicate orders for special immigrant juvenile status petitions. Requires Spanish language proficiency. All work can be done remotely.

Agency Contact: Debi Martin at dmartin@cvls.org.

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will work under attorney supervision to assist in the preparation of petitions.

Agency Responsibilities: Train students and provide regular oversight and feedback. CVLS will also ensure that all work can be done remotely.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: CVLS prefers volunteers who will commit for the entire school year. The estimate time commitment is 15-20 hours each semester. Flexible scheduling.

Criteria: One position is available. Spanish language proficiency is required. *Please indicate language proficiency on your application.*

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services: Intake

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides critical civil legal assistance to low-income Chicagoans who have nowhere else to turn. CVLS is recognized as the most comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective civil legal aid provider in Chicago. Typical cases involve problems with basic necessities, fundamental rights or safety, including:

- Preventing illegal evictions and unsafe housing.
- Fighting against denied insurance claims.
- Securing income support such as SSI, Medicaid and disability benefits.
- Protecting a child's and parental rights.
- Defending against foreclosure and helping borrowers secure modifications.

www.cvls.org

Project Information: Student volunteers will assist with client intakes. Scheduling is very flexible. When an intake needs to be done, CVLS will electronically assign the file to a student, who will then conduct the intake over the phone. Phone intakes are scheduled between the potential client and student, according to their availability. Students will work in one of two groups: foreclosure defense and general litigation.

Agency Contact: Greg Anger at ganger@cvls.org.

Volunteer Responsibilities: When they receive an intake assignment, students will conduct the intake telephonically at a mutually convenient time arranged with the potential client. All work can be completed remotely.

Agency Responsibilities: Train students on the use of the data base and provide regular oversight and feedback. CVLS will also ensure that all work can be done remotely.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: CVLS prefers volunteers who will commit for the entire school year. The estimate time commitment is 15-20 hours each semester. Flexible scheduling.

Criteria: Up to three positions are available. Students should have some interest in legal aid work and be diligent and detail oriented.

The Immigration Project: Asylum and Screening Team

The Immigration Project was founded in 1995 with the goal of ensuring legal access to the immigrant populations of downstate Illinois. Since then, The Immigration Project has been growing and changing, bringing immigration legal services to the immigrants of Central and Southern Illinois.

Project Information: The asylum and screening team calls individuals who are interested in applying for asylum or who are interested in a comprehensive screening to determine eligibility for any immigration relief. Screening volunteers receive training before conducting telephone screenings, which are recorded in an online form. After the screening, an attorney provides legal advice. Screeners are needed who speak the languages of the clients, primarily Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. All work can be performed remotely but the opportunity for in-person work in Moline, IL or other cities in Central Illinois is possible.

Agency contact: Volunteer Coordinator, volunteercoordinator@immigrationproject.org

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students are expected to be engaged, reliable, and open to helping as needed. Flexibility is a must. Volunteer responsibilities will include communicating with clients and relaying information to the attorney.

Agency responsibilities: The agency will provide training, guidance and supervision for volunteers.

Time commitment/Scheduling: Volunteers will be expected to commit approximately a total of 4 hours per month minimum (one document or one intake consultation).

Criteria: Up to three positions available. Suitable for students with foreign language aptitude (fluent or advanced second language) particularly those interested in issues experienced by the immigrant community. *Please indicate language proficiency on your application.*

The Immigration Project: Language Team

The Immigration Project was founded in 1995 with the goal of ensuring legal access to the immigrant populations of downstate Illinois. Since then, The Immigration Project has been growing and changing, bringing immigration legal services to the immigrants of Central and Southern Illinois.

Project Information: Interpreters work using Zoom or the phone to communicate with clients and tell their immigration story to their lawyer. Technical vocabulary is not needed; volunteers will be trained on relevant terms. French and Haitian Creole are the most needed. Translators will help with translating birth certificates and other government documents or client letters to support a client's immigration legal case.

Agency contact: Volunteer Coordinator, volunteercoordinator@immigrationproject.org

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students are expected to be engaged, reliable, and open to helping as needed. Flexibility is a must. Volunteer responsibilities will include communicating with clients and relaying information to the attorney.

Agency responsibilities: The agency will provide training, guidance and supervision for volunteers.

Time commitment/Scheduling: Volunteers will be expected to commit approximately a total of 1.5 hours per month minimum (one document or one intake consultation).

Criteria: Up to three positions available. Suitable for students with foreign language aptitude (fluent or advanced second language) particularly those interested in issues experienced by the immigrant community. Proficiency in Creole and French is especially valued. *Please indicate language proficiency on your application.*

Iowa Legal Aid: Client Letter and Case Investigation

Iowa Legal Aid (ILA) serves eligible low-income clients with a variety of civil legal problems. Including housing, employment, family law, domestic abuse, government benefits, consumer protection and special projects in disaster relief, criminal record expungement, consumer debt and bankruptcy, and other legal needs largely unmet by the private bar. See www.iowalegalaid.org for more information about the organization.

Project information: Under the supervision of an ILA attorney, students will assist with client matters, usually after the initial intake stage, by generating draft advice letters, gathering facts and documents, and performing legal research. Students also may be asked to review court records, organize files, copy documents, locate resources for a client, or assist attorneys in other ways. Students will be exposed to a variety of legal issues, learning both substantive and procedural law. Students will gain experience applying the law to the facts of real-world cases.

This project requires travel to Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office at 125 S. Dubuque St., Ste. 4A, Iowa City, IA 52240, which is conveniently located on the downtown pedestrian mall and walkable from Boyd Law Building. **Students may volunteer during one of the following two-hour blocks of time each week: Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., or Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Additional time for research and other follow-up on the cases can be scheduled if the student requests. **An introduction to the project and training will be held on Friday, September 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office.**

Agency Contact: Larisa Bowman (lb Bowman@iowalaw.org).

Volunteer Responsibilities: Under the supervision of an ILA attorney, students will assist with client matters, usually after the initial intake stage, by generating draft advice letters, gathering facts and documents, performing legal research, reviewing court records, organizing files, copying documents, locating resources for clients, etc. Work will be reviewed and revised by the supervising attorney. Commit to volunteer in person each week Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office at 125 S. Dubuque St., Ste. 4A, Iowa City, IA 52240, during a regularly scheduled two-hour block of time (Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; or Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.) for the fall semester (ending with time to prepare for exams).

Agency Responsibilities: Provide students with training and other instruction regarding applicable law, case management procedures, and unauthorized practice restrictions. Provide careful supervision of all client-related work. Be available as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Students will likely be assigned new and time-sensitive work each week. Therefore, the expectation is that students will be present during their regularly scheduled time (absent an emergency) and will notify Larisa of any absence in advance. Furthermore, **students will be expected to complete the work assigned each week during their in-office time; for client confidentiality reasons, remote work will not be possible in most instances.** If the work cannot be completed in the time allotted, students must clearly communicate their progress and what remains to be done to Larisa or other Iowa Legal Aid attorney with whom they may be working. Students must commit to a regularly scheduled time to volunteer each week: Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; or Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Additional volunteer time is available upon request, but shifts must be arranged with Larisa. **The agency requires volunteers to commit through the fall semester (ending with time to prepare for exams).**

Criteria: Looking for 3-5 volunteers. Suitable for all students. Students will commit to two hours per week (Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; or Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.). All work will be performed at the Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office at 125 S. Dubuque St., Ste. 4A, Iowa City, IA 52240, which is conveniently located on the downtown pedestrian mall and walkable from Boyd Law Building.

Students must indicate on the application:

- **Commitment to volunteer in person at Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office for a two-hour block of time each week;**
- **Preferred time to volunteer each week: Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; or Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- **Availability to attend an introduction to the project and training on Friday, September 12, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at Iowa Legal Aid's Iowa City office.**

Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys: Health Law Update (2Ls & 3Ls only)

The Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys (ISHA), a division of the Iowa Hospital Association, is comprised of attorneys who represent hospitals and other health care providers in Iowa.

www.ihaonline.org/Members-Groups/Personal-Membership-Groups/ISHA

Project Information: Assist in drafting Iowa health law case law update for annual statewide meeting of health care attorneys.

Agency Contact: Joseph B. Clamon, Assoc. VP for Legal Affairs, UIHC, at joseph-clamon@uiowa.edu & Alissa Smith, Dorsey & Whitney at smith.alissa@dorsey.com

Volunteer Responsibilities: ISHA's annual meeting provides the only annual case law update session focused solely on Iowa cases relevant to health lawyers. Student volunteers will work under the supervision of an ISHA member to review all Iowa Supreme Court cases and select ones within pre-determined categories for a more in-depth review. The in-depth review would include briefing the cases and preparing summaries of the cases. The in-depth review would also include research of additional information about the case, such as news media and a summary of the lower court proceedings. On a quarterly basis, volunteers will deliver a written product including categorizing, briefing, summaries, and additional research. ISHA members will deliver the presentation at the annual meeting; volunteers will be invited to attend. This project will provide exposure to health law and Iowa law, and a great opportunity to network with ISHA members.

Agency Responsibilities: An ISHA member(s) will oversee the project, provide direction on research, select cases for in-depth review, and give feedback on each quarterly report.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: The anticipated time commitment is 10-20 hours per month. Most work can be performed remotely.

Criteria: Up to three positions available. **Suitable for 2Ls or 3Ls**, particularly those with an interest in health law. Students willing to commit for the full academic year are preferred.

Iowa State Bar Association: Outreach

The Iowa State Bar Association is a vibrant, progressive organization that provides Iowa attorneys with the benefits of professional association with their colleagues. Its benefits include continuing legal education, practice aids, interaction with the judiciary and legislature, participation in reform of the law and news regarding developments impacting the profession. In all, the ISBA includes approximately 8,000 lawyers and judges in Iowa's 99 counties and beyond. www.iowabar.org

Project Information: Students assist the ISBA and its partners with community outreach efforts.

Agency Contact(s): Virginia Sipes, J.D., Community Outreach Director, at vsipes@iowabar.org

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students participate in Zoom training about projects including a variety of legal topics and community resources and have opportunities to participate in virtual meetings with community organizers, lawyers and leaders. Students assist with resource identification to help volunteer lawyers serve members of the public. Willingness to spend on average 3 hours per week researching, drafting, reviewing and revising written project materials. Opportunities will depend on project needs as they develop throughout the semester. We are asking for a commitment until November break but students may make alternate arrangements.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide students with training and other instruction regarding applicable law and project processes. Be available as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person via video conference) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Other than a mandatory training, the work can be done during or outside of the typical work day. Work can be completed remotely.

Criteria: Up to six positions available. Suitable for all students. Facility with research (both legal and internet), writing, technology and community outreach is helpful.

Iowa State Bar Association: New Iowans Legal Advice Clinic

The Legal Access Committee of the Iowa State Bar Association, in collaboration with the Johnson County Bar Association and IC Compassion established a free legal advice clinic for area residents in 2015. Although the clinic is open to everyone in the community, the target population are those who cannot access other legal services, such as Legal Aid, due to their current citizenship status.

Project Information: Volunteers support the operation of the clinic; legal advice will be provided by volunteer attorneys. We are looking for enthusiastic students who are excited to be a part of this critically needed resource in Johnson County. Clinics are held in the evening on the second Tuesday of each month.

Agency contact: Clinic Coordinators, Eric Goers (eric-goers@iowa-city.org) and Dedi Walker (dedi.walker@gmail.com)

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students are expected to be engaged, reliable, and open to helping as needed in the functioning of this clinic. Flexibility is a must. Volunteer responsibilities will potentially include: assisting clients with use of Zoom, interpreting for clients and attorneys when needed, marketing of the clinic (posting flyers in targeted areas in town), sending out attorney recruitment e-mails, assisting in the intake process, and helping clients fill out paperwork. The clinic coordinators will supervise students.

Agency responsibilities: The agency will provide training, guidance and supervision for volunteers.

Time commitment/Scheduling: Students will be expected to commit approximately a total of 10 to 15 hours to the project during the semester, including training time. Most work will be completed in-person . ***This project requires on-site availability from approximately 5:00-7:15 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at 1035 Wade St., Iowa City.*** A required informational session will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and location once all volunteers are selected.

Criteria: Up to four positions available. Suitable students interested in issues experienced by the immigrant community. Proficiency in a second language (especially Spanish, French, and Arabic) is highly valued; Zoom and computer proficiency is also desirable. *Please indicate language proficiency on your application.*

Iowa State Public Defender - Davenport

The State Public Defender of Iowa (SPD) coordinates provision of legal representation to indigent persons under arrest or charged with a crime, in juvenile cases, and on appeal in criminal and post-conviction relief cases. This legal representation is provided through SPD offices or through private attorneys who contract with the SPD or who are appointed by the Court. By specializing in criminal defense work and juvenile matters, public defenders, investigators, and support staff provide high-quality, efficient, cost-effective legal representation to indigent clients.

<https://spd.iowa.gov/>

Project Information: Students assist with the operations of the SPD's Davenport office as needed, including discovery review, research, and document/exhibit organization. A specific focus will be assisting attorneys organize and review discovery in preparation for trial. Duties may include transcribing video/audio files, analyzing cell phone downloads, and listening to jail phone calls.

This project will primarily be conducted remotely. There are opportunities for students to personally observe attorneys in action; however, tasks are generally designed to be completed off-site. The time commitment will be an average of 2-3 hours per week, and the hours can be adjusted based on the availability of the volunteers and supervising attorney. In-court observation opportunities can be scheduled as necessary with the supervising attorney.

Agency Contact: Spencer Roudabush, sroudabush@spd.state.ia.us

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will assist public defender staff in the Davenport office as requested with reviewing documents, reviewing video and audio files, and drafting requested work product. Students may observe in-court appearances.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide guidance as needed about protocol, case management and discovery review procedures. Be available to the student and law school as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school coordinator to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or the program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Students are expected to commit to an average of 2-3 hours per week. Work can be completed remotely and on the student's own schedule, so long as tasks are completed by any agreed-upon deadlines.

Criteria: Up to three positions are available. Suitable for all students. Students must have familiarity with Google Drive and be able to meet agreed-upon deadlines.

Iowa State Public Defender – Cedar Rapids

The State Public Defender of Iowa (SPD) coordinates provision of legal representation to indigent persons under arrest or charged with a crime, in juvenile cases (both representing children in delinquency cases and parents in child in need of assistance cases), and on appeal in criminal, juvenile and post-conviction relief cases. This legal representation is provided through SPD offices or through private attorneys who contract with the SPD or who are appointed by the Court. By specializing in criminal defense work and juvenile matters, public defenders, investigators, and support staff provide high-quality, efficient, cost-effective legal representation to indigent clients. <https://spd.iowa.gov/>

Project Information: Students assist with the operations of the SPD's Cedar Rapids office as needed, including case management, research, and document/exhibit organization. A specific focus will be assisting in the backlog of cases scheduled for trial. Duties may include reviewing and summarizing juror questionnaires, reviewing discovery materials, and other trial-related issues as they arise.

This project provides some flexibility in remote vs. in-person work opportunities. There is much to be gained by students personally observing attorneys in action; however, there are tasks that can be completed remotely when necessary. The time commitment will be 2-3 hours per week, and the hours can be adjusted based on the availability of the volunteers and supervising attorney. Volunteers are most needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. We recommend students do not plan to schedule in-person work on Fridays.

Agency Contact: Ellen Ramsey-Kacena at eramseykacena@spd.state.ia.us

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will assist public defender staff in the Cedar Rapids office as requested with filing, other case management tasks, and reviewing documents as well as observing and assisting at in-court appearances.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide guidance as needed about protocol, case management and intake procedures. Be available to the student and law school as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school coordinator to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or the program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Students are expected to commit to 2-3 hours per week during set shifts in Cedar Rapids, to be determined by agreement with the supervisor.

Criteria: Three positions are available. Suitable for all students. ***Likely to include on-site work in Cedar Rapids (approximately 25 miles from Iowa City) on a weekly basis. Please note availability for on-site work in your application form.***

Iowa Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission

The Access to Justice Commission was established by order of the Iowa Supreme Court in June 2016. The Commission's mandate is to identify and make recommendations to remove barriers to civil justice for low-income and disadvantaged Iowans. The Commission's reports are submitted to the Court annually and contain numerous short- and long-term recommendations. The Commission meets quarterly in person or via videoconference.

Project Information: Volunteers will conduct background and legal research on legal services delivery in Iowa and other states, and may be assigned to perform research for Commission working groups.

Agency Contact(s): Brian Farrell, Chair of the Rural Access Work Group, at brian-r-farrell@uiowa.edu

Volunteer Responsibilities: Volunteers will conduct research for the Commission or its working groups under the supervision of the contact. Work can be performed remotely. Work schedules will be determined by agreement of the volunteer and supervisor. A required initial meeting will be scheduled in early September and regular check-ins will be scheduled throughout the semester. Students may have the opportunity to participate in a regular Commission meeting during the year.

Agency Responsibilities: Assign and direct projects, be available as agreed for periodic progress checks.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: The anticipated time commitment is 2-4 hours per week, but specific arrangements can be made based on schedules and other factors.

Criteria: Up to five positions will be available. Suitable for all students.

Iowa Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

Iowa Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (IVLA) is an Iowa nonprofit corporation devoted to helping artists and arts organizations gain legal assistance and education on matters that affect them. IVLA's mission is to contribute to the development and preservation of the cultural community in Iowa by providing volunteer legal services, technical expertise, and educational programs to artists, arts organizations, and other arts constituents. Through IVLA, qualifying artists or arts organizations can have their legal issues referred to volunteer attorneys for review and for possible low-cost representation.

Project Information: Students volunteering with this project will have the opportunity to serve Iowa's arts community while learning about the world of arts and entertainment law. Volunteers are exposed to areas of the law including intellectual property (copyright and trademark), First Amendment, labor and employment, nonprofit organizations, and business associations. IVLA is a small corporation, and during this semester of partnership with IVLA, law student volunteers may help to build and maintain the infrastructure of IVLA by maintaining its social media platforms and website, drafting white papers, and other research materials and by coordinating and executing educational outreach efforts to Iowa's arts community. Volunteers will work on their own using a computer with an Internet connection and webcam. Volunteers and supervisors will have regular conferences in person or by telephone.

Agency Contact: Dave Bright, President of the IVLA Board, at dbright@uiowa.edu.

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students should be prepared to complete one or more research projects on a discrete legal issue relevant to the arts and entertainment law. The final product may include an oral or written report of identified resources, and a memorandum of potentially relevant material and legal analysis. Working as a team with IVLA volunteers, students will also be responsible for education and outreach to Iowa's current and future artists, as well as IVLA's communications.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide student with overview of research topics; description of legal issues to be researched; guidance about possible sources/strategies for research; be clear about deadlines; be available for periodic progress check-ins and final comments.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Dependent on the project or projects assigned. Students should spend anywhere from 1-2 hours a week working on various projects for IVLA. Periodic meetings with volunteer students and agency staff will be scheduled. An initial meeting will be scheduled at the law school in early September.

Criteria: 1-2 positions will be available. Familiarity with legal and/or internet research is necessary. Project is open to all students, though upper-class students are preferred. Students willing to commit for the full year are preferred.

Johnson County Attorney's Office: Rocket Docket

The Johnson County Attorney, based in Iowa City, is the chief legal representative for the county and serves as the legal advisor and chief law enforcement officer for the county. Among other powers and duties set out in Iowa law, the County Attorney prosecutes all violations of state criminal laws and county ordinances.

www.johnson-county.com/dept_attorney.aspx?id=8194

Project Information: The Johnson County Attorney's Office is seeking a student legal volunteer to assist with the monthly Rocket Docket program in Johnson County. One Thursday morning each month, starting at 10:00 AM, persons charged with Driving Under Suspension (DUS) may appear by phone for a hearing regarding working on getting their license back. Participants in the program must abide by certain rules in order to remain in the program. Those include attending all scheduled court hearings, obtaining a valid driver's license as well as submitting proof of the license to the Johnson County Attorney's Office and have no new law violations while in the program. If the participant is able to do so, the Johnson County Attorney's Office will dismiss the DUS violation and the participant would only be responsible for paying court costs of \$60. A student volunteer is utilized to assist with pre-hearing compliance checks for the list of current participants using Iowa Courts Online.

Agency Contact: Kat Schutz, Assistant Johnson County Attorney, kschutz@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Volunteer Responsibilities: Student volunteers will work as arranged to do the pre-hearing checking on compliance for those participants already in the program. On the scheduled Thursdays, the student is welcome to observe the remote review hearings.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide guidance as needed about protocol, case management and other procedures. Be available to the student and law school as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school coordinator to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or the program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Approximately 10-20 hours for the semester. Student must be a self-starter as they will arrange times to work on their own to conduct compliance checks for program participants. Student should be prepared to work on the compliance checks the week before each Rocket Docket Hearing. Dates for the fall semester are September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.

Number of volunteers needed: One position is available. Suitable for a student interested in criminal law, who is good at time management and has exceptional communication skills.

Justice101: Research+

Justice101's seeks to teach vulnerable populations their Constitutionally protected 4th Amendment rights when interacting with law enforcement while walking, in a vehicle, at home, and at school, while emphasizing the proper time and place to assert those rights. Justice101 accomplishes this through several classes: Street Law Fundamentals, aimed at teaching law students the Justice101 curriculum to enable law students to teach the class to other populations; Street Law Essentials, aimed at adults and college students; and Street Law Basics, aimed at high school and younger students. <https://www.justice-101.org/about-us.html>

Project Information: Students assist with research related to Justice101's curriculum and incorporating that information into external media, including social media and other communications. This project is primarily remote and students will usually be able to work at their own pace, but there may be opportunities to attend Justice101 presentations.

Agency Contact: Crystal Pound, crystal@justice-101.org

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will conduct research related to 4th Amendment rights when interacting with law enforcement while walking, in a vehicle, at home and at school.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide guidance as needed about 4th Amendment protections and its application as related to interactions with law enforcement, as well as overall goals of marketing to vulnerable populations. Be available to the student and law school as agreed upon (email/phone/in-person) for periodic progress check-in. Contact the law school coordinator to discuss any concerns with the volunteers or the program.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Students are expected to commit to 2-3 hours per week at mutually agreed upon times based on the law student's academic schedule.

Criteria: One position is available. 2L/3L with research experience is preferred but not a requirement.

Muscatine Legal Services: Self-Help Family Law Clinics

Muscatine Legal Services (MLS) provides legal services to eligible clients (within certain income and asset parameters) to protect basic rights and assist in resolution of various civil legal problems. MLS assists clients in matters regarding family law, debt collection, government benefits, housing and employment.

<https://muscatinelegal.com/>

Project Information: Law students will assist persons who are representing themselves in a divorce or custody proceeding using the forms provided by the Supreme Court of Iowa. Under the supervision of a volunteer attorney or MLS staff member, students will review forms with litigants and assist them in filling them out. Students will refer legal questions to the on-site attorney. **This semester's clinic will be scheduled in October in Muscatine. This project requires travel to Muscatine Legal Services, in downtown Muscatine, Iowa,** but driving there and back will be reimbursed at the 2023 IRS mileage rate.

Agency contact: Nate Legue at nate@leguelaw.com.

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will meet one-on-one with self-represented litigants to review forms and provide assistance in completing the required information. Students will refer questions to the supervising attorney. Students will complete required training in early September, and a self-study of provided materials prior to the training.

Agency responsibilities: MLS will provide a coordinator for the project. The coordinator will arrange for volunteer attorneys to staff the clinics, and will send reminders to the students for each clinic. Agency will provide dinner the night of the clinic.

Time commitment/Scheduling: Students will be expected to commit approximately a total of 6 to 10 hours to the project during the semester, including training time.

Criteria: Up to five positions are available. Suitable for all students, particularly those interested in family law.

University of Iowa Student Legal Services (SLS): Research Assistants

Student Legal Services provides free legal advice and representation to currently enrolled University of Iowa students. For more information visit <https://studentlegal.uiowa.edu/>

Project Information: Student volunteers provide written legal analysis or gather legal research related to questions posed by SLS attorneys. Topics of research may include tenants' rights, torts, and professional responsibility.

Agency Contact: SLS Director and Attorney Amanda Elkins - amanda-elkins@uiowa.edu

Volunteer Responsibilities: Under the direction of a staff attorney, the student will complete one or more research projects on a discrete legal issue relevant to the attorney's caseload. Some courtroom observation may be required. The final product may include a written report of identified resources and a memorandum of potentially relevant material and legal analysis. Check-ins can occur via e-mail, Zoom, in-person or phone.

Agency Responsibilities: Provide student with description of legal issue to be researched; guidance about possible sources/strategies for research; be clear about deadlines; be available for periodic progress check-ins and final comments.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: Approximately ten (10) hours per project. Work will be done remotely or on-site. Courtroom observation would take place at the Johnson County Courthouse at 410 S. Clinton St., Iowa City, Iowa.

Criteria: Two to three positions are available.