

Pro Bono Opportunities
NJSBA Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information

Organization Name: The Education Law Center
Organization Address: 60 Park Place, Suite 300
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Web Address: www.edlawcenter.org

Contact Name: Ruth Lowenkron
Contact E-mail: rlowenkron@edlawcenter.org
Telephone #: (973) 624-1815, ext.21
Fax #: (973) 624-7339

Permission to link to your site Yes No

Signature - _____

Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

The Education Law Center (ELC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of equal educational opportunities on behalf of poor and minority children and children with disabilities in New Jersey's urban communities. ELC's Student Rights Project seeks pro bono attorneys who will accept referrals of school residency, school discipline, or special education cases.

2. Are you a 501 (c) (3) organization? Yes. No. If not, how would you classify your organization?

3. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services. Be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elderly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disabled – Children with disabilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Eligibility requirements:

4. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court approved your program for a Madden exemption?

Yes No.

5. Service area:

Statewide for general education

County based (please list the counties service) for special education.

Counties include Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

Locally based (please list areas served)

B. Pro Bono Opportunities

6. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area(s) and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

Civil Rights

Employment/Unemployment

Family

- Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Visitation

Immigration

- Asylum
- Naturalization

Senior/Elder Law

- Bankruptcy
- Credit Counseling
- Predatory Lending

Consumer

- Bankruptcy
- Credit/Dept Counseling
- Predatory Lending

Guardianship

Health

- SSI/SSD

Intellectual Property

- Copyright
- Privacy
- Web/Internet Expertise

Transactional

- Non-profit Corporate
- Community Development
- Tax

Other : Education

7. Please use the boxes below, by checking all that apply, to indicate the types of legal services for which your organization is seeking *pro bono* assistance.

Advice only

Appeals

Amicus Briefs

Litigation

- Mentoring *Pro Bono* Lawyers
- Transaction

Training

8. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

- Yes No In some cases

If yes, please describe: Will provide individual training, including substantive materials and sample pleadings. Will provide group trainings, as warranted.

9. Does your organization provide other types of support? If yes, please explain.

- | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Litigation supports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <u>Educational but not financial</u> |
| Fee waivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| Translators | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |

10. What, if any, supervision does your organization provide for volunteer attorneys?

Since our staff is small and our caseload is high, we are unable to offer extensive supervision.

11. Does your organization provide malpractice coverage for volunteer attorneys?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Only if attorney does not have own coverage.

12. Does your organization require volunteer attorneys to carry malpractice insurance?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain

However, the attorneys own coverage is preferred.