

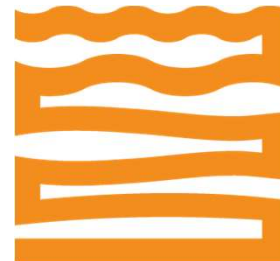
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**VOLUNTEER
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PROJECT

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LEGAL HELP PROJECT

Who We Serve: Low Income Landlords

Who are our clients?

Homeowners who live in and rent out one or more units of their home

Homeowners who meet specific median household income ranges

At risk of foreclosure, bankruptcy or having to evict tenants due to COVID related hardships



Why do We Help Low Income Landlords?

Homeowners are often elderly

English is often a second language

They are without ready access to resources

They survive on pension and moderately priced rental income to pay bills, maintain property and keep mortgage up to date

Case # 1: Duplex Owner Threatened by Tenant

Landlord lives in a duplex with her mother and the Tenant and her family live in the other apartment. After Tenant fell behind in rent, she called the Housing Inspection Department and yet refused to permit the landlord access to make repairs, instead announcing that she intended to own the landlord's home. Tenant made threats to Landlord and to Landlord's mother. At one point, the police were called and issued an order of protection against the Tenant to protect the Landlord's mother. The landlord contacted VLP to seek legal advice.

Outcome: Landlord's mother has an extended order of protection to protect her from the tenant, the court ordered the tenant to permit access so repairs could be made and landlord received one year's rent arrearage from the RAFT program. No eviction action was filed. VLP will continue to represent the Landlord.



I need to make repairs to the property but I cannot get access to the apartment to do the work.

Volunteer Opportunities and Programs

LAWYER FOR THE DAY

- 15-minute consultation with client in a virtual and secure workspace through Legal Squirrel
- 2-hour shift commitment and/or opt to be "on call". Schedule to be determined
- Training and mentorship provided by retired judges, senior attorneys and partners in law firms



Volunteering as an attorney is an integral part of our judicial system, money should never be a barrier to quality representation.



Morjieta Derisier, Esq. Baystate Law Group

EDUCATION

- Craft educational trainings and materials on topics that are important for small low-income landlords and the attorneys who serve them.
 - e.g. Rental / mortgage assistance programs
 - e.g. How to properly terminate a tenancy and more
- Present crafted topics via pre-recorded trainings and live webinars
- Feature your name and work in VLP's training library shared with major legal and social service organizations throughout the state

DOCKET OUTREACH

- Review docket listings and identify qualified unrepresented landlords who have matters pending in court
- Contact pro se litigants via telephone and/or email to inform them about available programs and services
- Participation available immediately. Training will be provided.



When presented with an opportunity to help someone in need, seize it! There is no better compensation or reward than the gratitude and thanks from the person(s) you are able to assist.



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QUESTIONS?

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- To volunteer, visit: vlpnet.org/join-us/
- To learn about virtual LFD, visit: legalsquirrel.com/vlp or use your mobile device to scan the QR code below.
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