

HOUSING COURT LAWYER FOR THE DAY

“The legal representation offered by the volunteer lawyers of the Attorney for the Day Program is vital to preserve the homes of the most at-risk members of our community.”

- Mary K.Y., Lee, Central Boston Elder Services



“The BBA’s Lawyer for the Day Program is often the only way that these individuals can obtain timely and practical legal advice that enables them to evaluate the suitability of a proposed settlement or to present their claims and defenses to a judge. These pro bono volunteers make a valuable and unique contribution to our justice system. For an unrepresented litigant with no experience in the courts, the opportunity to speak to a volunteer lawyer is invaluable. The Program serves as an inspiring reminder of the values that form the foundation of our legal system - fairness and equal access to justice.”

- Hon. Jeffrey M. Winik, First Justice at Boston Housing Court

What is my role as a volunteer?

Volunteers provide limited consultations and advice to low income pro se landlords and tenants appearing at Boston Housing Court for summary process (eviction) day. Lawyers may have the opportunity to represent a client in mediation which is concluded that day.

Who benefits from this program?

Up to 40 low-income landlords and tenants are served by the program’s information and counseling tables each week.

What background will I need?

Volunteers do not need a specific real estate background. Attorneys from various backgrounds are welcome.

What kind of support will I receive?

The Real Estate Pro Bono Committee and the Volunteer Lawyers Project provide training to volunteers.

What is the time commitment?

In addition to training, volunteers are asked to commit four hours on Thursday mornings.

History:

The Attorney for the Day Program is a joint effort of VLP, Greater Boston Legal Services, and the Real Estate Section of the Boston Bar Association.



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