



# STATE BAR of NEW MEXICO

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## LAWYERS FOR THE HOMELESS LEGAL CLINIC *Operated by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar*

The Lawyers for the Homeless Clinic (HLC) is open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in an office provided by Healthcare for the Homeless at 1st and Mountain Rd. NW in Albuquerque. Volunteer attorneys who staff the Clinic meet with an average of three to four homeless persons each 1-2 hour session and provide on the spot legal information and advice as well as referrals to low income/pro bono legal service programs in Albuquerque. The HLC is covered by a malpractice insurance policy through the State Bar of New Mexico and you will be assisted by a trained attorney until you feel comfortable staffing the clinic by yourself. Staffing the HLC is a gratifying experience and a rewarding way to spend a Friday morning. Even if you are a new lawyer, you will be surprised at how much you have to offer these clients, how your help can make such a major difference in their lives, and how grateful they are. Also note that time spent volunteering at the Clinic counts towards fulfilling the obligation of 50 hours of pro bono work under Supreme Court Rule 16-601 NMRA.

### HLC SIGN UP FORM

*Please check the appropriate box(es):*

- Staff the HLC on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **This service is most needed and without on-site attorneys, the Clinic doesn't exist.** In many instances, the problems of the interviewees can be resolved at the Clinic, which is fully equipped with a telephone, computer with internet access, printer, New Mexico statutes and standard office supplies, as well as resource materials and manuals that address specific issues that the homeless face. **I am available to staff the clinic. Call me to schedule a date.**
- Serve as an "information referral source" to assist clinic attorneys in answering questions for clients in specialized areas of the law such as domestic relations, criminal law, landlord/tenant law, government benefits, and consumer law. **I am available as an information resource, which means that volunteers staffing the HLC can call me with questions (please check box below).**
- Become a part of our pro bono referral list to take on cases that cannot be resolved during the limited time period the clinic provides. **I would like to be placed on the pro bono referral list (please check box below).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*Zip*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the areas of law that you would be able to assist with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law    | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Law       | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tort            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |

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