

Volunteers needed for AACI's Domestic Violence Program

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), Santa Clara County's largest community-based organization focused on the Asian American community, is seeking volunteer attorneys to assist clients of their Domestic Violence Program. AACI provides the only shelter for battered women in Santa Clara County that focuses on the Asian American population of Santa Clara County.

Although there are many legal aid services that provide restraining order and other legal assistance, AACI has a particular need for pro bono attorneys who are familiar with Asian languages and cultures. AACI's clients are extremely low income and face multiple linguistic and cultural barriers. AACI's greatest need is for legal representation for clients at divorce and child custody hearings, mediations, and restraining order hearings. In addition, AACI's clients often need immigration law assistance. Asian (Vietnamese and Mandarin in particular) and Spanish language skills are especially helpful, but AACI's legal advocates and counselors can provide interpretation/translation as needed.

AACI does not currently have any cases for which they need attorneys, but have requested a list of attorneys who would be willing to be contacted on an as-needed basis. Please note that AACI does not have any attorneys on staff and would not be able to supervise attorneys who take on these cases.

If you would like to be added to AACI's volunteer attorney list, please send an e-mail with the information listed below. In addition, it would be very helpful to have attorneys check with their firm/company/organization to see if their pro bono coordinator or other contact would be willing to be added to the list so that AACI can contact them with volunteer opportunities as they arise.

* To be added to AACI's volunteer attorney list, please send an e-mail to aaciprobono@gmail.com with the following information:

Name:
Firm/Company/Organization:
E-mail address:
Phone Number:
Language skills:
Areas of expertise:

* To add a pro bono coordinator from your firm/company/organization to AACI's volunteer attorney list, please send an e-mail to aaciprobono@gmail.com with the following information:

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More information about AACI and Asian Women's Home can be found on their websites:

AACI <http://www.aaci.org/home.htm>

Asian Women's Home <http://aacidvprogram.wordpress.com/>