

Nassau / Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc. (NSLS)

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Description of Organization

Established in 1966, Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee (NSLS) was the first Legal Services Corporation program in New York State and is one of the largest in New York State. The program is committed to helping low-income and disadvantaged individuals vindicate their rights under the law. It provides free legal services in thousands of cases each year as well as legal support to churches, agency and grass roots organizations that work with clients and communities in need. The staff is comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. Volunteer opportunities are available at all three offices: Hempstead, Islandia, and Riverhead.

Volunteer Opportunities

Full Legal Representation: Volunteers are integrated into units at NSLS and work in varied areas of civil law such as landlord / tenant, health, consumer, trusts, etc.

Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Project: Volunteers spend the morning in Nassau County District Court in Hempstead, NY helping tenants facing eviction.

Volunteer Lawyers Project and Pro Bono Project: The purpose of these projects is to supplement the civil legal services provided by NSLS's staff with volunteer assistance from the private bar. The Project staff refers a wide variety of cases to private volunteer attorneys usually in the areas of matrimonial, consumer/bankruptcy and estate work, among the varied areas of civil cases. These projects are supported in part by The Nassau Bar Association and The Suffolk Bar Association.

Areas of Substantive Law

Consumer/Bankruptcy Law

Elder Law

Housing Law (Landlord/Tenant)

Matrimonial

Health Law

Trusts and Estates

General Notes

Capacity: Volunteers work on and off-site, depending on the project. NSLS has the capacity to supervise and manage many volunteers at a time.

Time Commitment: Flexible, depending on the matter.

Supervision: For full legal representation, volunteers work directly under the supervision of a staff supervisor. In the Volunteer for the Day Program, there are experts available in Court, and all matters are reviewed by a staff attorney. For the Volunteer Lawyers Project and Pro Bono Project, volunteer attorneys work independently, however mentors are available.

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