
"This experience changed my life."

"I love what I'm doing — if I could just win the lottery then I would do this forever!"

MAKE AN IMPACT

DEVELOP NEW SKILLS

"I'm doing exactly what I had hoped to do—I don't think 'satisfying' even covers it."

"I'm getting the chance to work on issues that fascinate me and that I haven't encountered in my practice. It's an intellectual challenge and it'll help me be a better lawyer."

START A SECOND CAREER

GIVE SOMETHING BACK

"With asylum cases, what you do makes such a difference in the life of that person. When you succeed, it's the most wonderful feeling."

"Without the Network, I wouldn't have known how to get this type of project. I didn't even know this sort of opportunity existed!"

NETWORK ALUMNI

Arthur L., a retired attorney, is serving on the board of a New York City dance company, and is acting as a direct liaison with the Board of Education regarding the company's projects in New York City schools.



Lisa K., a mid-career associate, arranged with her law firm to volunteer one day a week. She is conducting policy research on the foster care system for a foundation.



Robert W., a retired attorney, conducts legal research with a leading civil rights organization 30 hours a week.



Jean L., a retired attorney, is volunteering three days a week for an organization that assists asylum seekers, providing assistance with case preparation and direct representation.



Laura T., a late-career attorney, is representing disabled children in education cases for a New York City legal services organization for children.



Anne B., a junior attorney, is spending one year in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, as an environmental law liaison.

The Network is a program of the City Bar Fund. The Fund improves access to justice for poor New Yorkers through provision of legal services by pro bono attorneys, assistance to the self-represented, and direct representation.

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THE NETWORK works with nonprofit organizations to develop volunteer projects that match your interests. These are just some of the types of projects and fields.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Use your business skills to help a nonprofit develop a new project or expand an existing program. One Network volunteer is advising a nonprofit on a for-profit venture that funds its scholarship program.

THE ARTS

INTERNATIONAL

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

Use your diverse background to develop, assist or present a workshop to the clients or staff of a nonprofit organization. Share an area of legal expertise, a hobby such as music or art, or other skills.

SOCIAL SERVICES

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Steer the development and support the valuable work of a nonprofit by joining its board of directors.

CIVIL RIGHTS

LABOR RIGHTS

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

Assist with a public education campaign or develop a "know your rights" brochure. One Network volunteer coordinated a national education campaign on First Amendment case law developments.

FORGING PARTNERSHIPS

The CityBar Public Service Network serves attorneys seeking public interest volunteer work by forging links between the legal and public service communities. Working closely with leading nonprofit organizations, the Network develops innovative legal and nonlegal positions for volunteer attorneys. Network clients range from associates to retired attorneys who volunteer between five and thirty-five hours a week.

EXPANDING THE POSSIBLE

Network staff help you focus your interests, identify your skills, and consider the range of volunteer possibilities. We have extensive contacts in the nonprofit sector at every level and in every field. This brochure introduces you to just some of the possible volunteer projects. If current Network projects aren't the right fit, we will pursue new nonprofit contacts to develop a project that is. Nonprofits that use Network volunteers provide the necessary training and support to ensure that you will get the most out of your volunteer experience.

STAY HOME OR HEAD OVERSEAS

While most Network projects are in the New York City area, there are organizations that sponsor volunteers overseas to serve as a business or legal advisor in developing countries and emerging democracies. The Network will help you consider which opportunities are right for you, advise on the application process, and introduce you to attorneys who have volunteered overseas.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Through volunteer service, you have the opportunity to try something new, expand your experience, and gain the satisfaction of giving back to the community. Volunteering can complement any stage of your career: volunteer five hours a week when working full-time or up to thirty five hours during a sabbatical or after retirement. The Network will be a resource for you as you consider public service opportunities and throughout your tenure as a Network volunteer.

ORAL HISTORIES

Collect stories of an organization's clients or write the history of a group's development. This information can be used for publicity materials and grant proposals.

EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENT

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Help an organization evaluate the outcome of a program. One Network volunteer is assessing the impact of a nonprofit's science curriculum piloted in four schools.

RACIAL JUSTICE

EDUCATOR OR MENTOR

Teach the law to a young person during or after school. Expose students to the reality of the legal profession and its relevance to everyday life.

CHILD WELFARE

POLICY OR LEGAL RESEARCH

Tackle a policy question or research a legal issue that impacts a nonprofit's services. Network volunteers have researched censorship, education and child welfare policy questions.

HUMAN RIGHTS

THE NETWORK is always pursuing new nonprofit contacts in new fields. If none of our current projects fit your interests, we will develop projects that do.