

philadelphia LawWorks

What is LawWorks?

LawWorks is a pro bono referral service that matches business attorneys with community groups, non-profit agencies and small businesses. LawWorks finds pro bono legal services for organizations whose activities benefit low-income communities or serve the public interest in some other way, but who may not be able to afford private legal counsel. Having legal services provided on a pro bono basis empowers these organizations by allowing them to focus more resources on community development. LawWorks is an excellent opportunity for business attorneys to use their expertise to help local communities. LawWorks provides a double benefit, strengthening both our local and legal communities.

LawWorks for Local Communities

- ◆ *Referrals for Free Legal Services:*
LawWorks' referral service pairs local attorneys with eligible community groups and businesses in order to further economic development and job creation in local communities. The attorneys, whose expertise lie in many areas of business and transactional law, provide pro bono legal representation to LawWorks clients.
- ◆ *Community Education and Training:*
LawWorks Volunteer Attorneys teach members of local communities about business and transactional law. This program empowers community residents by providing them with background in areas of law that are likely to affect community development.

LawWorks for the Legal Community

Why Become a LawWorks Volunteer Attorney?

Hundreds of organizations and businesses in the Philadelphia region contribute to the enrichment of our local communities. Often, these groups are stretched too thin financially to afford private counsel when the need arises. Legal needs may range from something as simple as reviewing a lease to a more complex tax matter. By volunteering to lend their expertise in these matters, attorneys contribute directly to local communities.

Attorney Training

- Experienced LawWorks Volunteer Attorneys provide training and education to other local attorneys. This is an excellent opportunity for attorneys to learn from an expert, and to find out how they can put their knowledge to good use through pro bono work. CLE credits are often available at LawWorks training sessions.

LawWorks for Law Students

- ◆ LawWorks provides an invaluable "work and learn" environment for law students. Volunteer Students will have direct interaction with clients and Volunteer Attorneys. Also, students will gain exposure to numerous areas of business law, and will learn how they can use their knowledge to give to local communities.

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