

LAWYER OF THE DAY

The Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake in partnership with the UT Courts Self-Help Center

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Too Busy for a *Pro Bono* Case?

The Lawyer of the Day program provides an opportunity for volunteer attorneys to offer pro bono services with minimal commitment and at a time that works for them. Managed by Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake in partnership with the Utah Courts Self-Help Center, volunteer attorneys take screened phone calls from the public and provide brief legal advice.



How It Works

Q: Who are the callers? **A:** People call the court's Self Help Center (SHC) from all over the state with legal questions. SHC attorneys can answer legal questions and provide forms, but cannot give legal advice. If the caller needs legal advice, SHC will call you, give you a quick summary about the legal matter and then transfer the caller to you. This way, you don't have to have the caller retell the entire background – you can just take the call, introduce yourself, restate the issue and give the legal advice the caller needs.

Q: What is the subject matter of the calls? **A:** When you sign up, you choose about what subject matters and in which court districts you feel comfortable giving legal advice. The SHC receives calls regarding ALL types of civil and criminal cases.

Q: Where do I receive pro bono phone calls? **A:** Volunteer attorneys provide the program coordinator with a phone number where the call can be directly transferred. Most attorneys choose a cell phone or direct office number. Please do NOT provide a general number than requires leaving a message or someone else transferring the call to you – too many calls are lost if the transfer from the SHC is not direct.

Q: Will the caller know my phone number? **A:** No. Your phone number is known only by the SHC attorney. The SHC attorney receives the call from the public and then directly transfers the call to you. Your number is never released to the public or your caller.

Q: What's my commitment to the litigant? **A:** The Lawyer of the Day is limited scope legal assistance. Thus, once you have completed the call, you have no on-going commitment to the caller.

Volunteer

Volunteers can sign up for weekly, biweekly, or monthly time commitment of one hour or longer. When your scheduled time commitment is over, the calls stop. Volunteers enjoy being featured in The Utah Bar Honor Roll. Pro Bono services have never been so easy.

“Lawyer of the Day is a great way to volunteer pro bono hours without an ongoing commitment to the litigant. I could do this from home in my pajamas!”

*- Stewart P. Ralphs,
Family Law Attorney*

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