

Pro Bono Opportunities

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GUARDIANSHIP REPRESENTATION PROJECT

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth

Helping Children Achieve Safety and Stability

LACY's Guardianship Panel provides representation to children and families in guardianship matters. When children in our community are not able to live with a parent because of death, incarceration, abuse or neglect, pro bono attorneys can help a child achieve safety and stability by representing the youth or prospective guardian in a guardianship proceeding.

Training and Support

Regardless of your level of experience, you have the tools to help a child achieve stability. Most first time pro bono attorneys do not have a background in probate guardianship law. LACY provides the training and reference materials you will need to handle a guardianship case. Once you accept a case, you will be assigned an experienced Law Foundation attorney to answer your questions and provide technical support throughout the process.

Professional Development

Representing a child or a potential guardian in a probate guardianship matter is an excellent opportunity to develop your lawyering skills. During the course of your representation, you will interview your client, complete necessary court paperwork, including client declarations, and represent your client at one or more hearings before a probate Judge.

Timing

LACY will send out case announcements via email. You can accept a case whenever your schedule allows. Guardianship cases typically take less than 35 hours and last approximately 3 to 4 months.