

## Pro Bono Opportunities

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### **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT** **Legal Advocates for Children & Youth**

#### ***Giving Children a Second Chance***

More and more schools are depriving youth of the key to children's future success—an appropriate education—by unfairly subjecting them to zero tolerance policies and the harsh punishment of expulsion. Pro bono attorneys can positively influence a child's life by ensuring his or her right to a public education is adequately protected.

#### ***Training and Support***

Regardless of your level of experience, you have the tools to advocate for a child. Most first time pro bono attorneys do not have a background in representing children or education law. LACY provides the training and reference materials you will need to handle a school discipline case. Once you accept a case, you will be assigned an experienced LACY attorney to answer your questions and provide technical support throughout the process.

#### ***Professional Development***

Representing a youth in a school discipline matter is an excellent opportunity to develop your litigation skills. During the course of your representation, you will interview clients and witnesses, present evidence through live testimony, cross-examine witnesses and present opening and closing statements.

#### ***Timing***

LACY will send out case announcements via email. You can accept a case whenever your schedule allows. School discipline cases typically take less than 25 hours and last approximately 4-6 weeks.