



Dear Colleagues,

I hope this finds you healthy and well during the pandemic. If you have an interest, please consider providing virtual pro bono services to those in need during these difficult times. Below, we highlight a few opportunities where you can truly make a difference.



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President, YLC

Upcoming Events

All VSB in-person meetings through June 10, 2020, have been cancelled until further notice. We are monitoring the situation regarding the VSB Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach – June 17-20.

Pro Bono Opportunities

Do you speak a second language? Maybe even a third or fourth? Join the YLC's [Database of Foreign Language Speaking Attorneys](#) and help serve in a new capacity.



[Register now for JusticeServer](#), an on-line pro bono referral system that connects volunteers to opportunities and cases.

The system is state-wide, with all Legal Aids (and the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation) having connections to this portal. Refer to the User Guide for instructions on how to register and accept cases.

Information is not automatically shared with every legal aid, but you can pre-select legal aids in your area in the PREFERRED LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION drop down list which will notify them of your registration.

In order to accept cases, the referral legal aid must approve you as a volunteer. Cases are filtered by location, case category and/or legal service provider. *Currently, there are cases in a variety of areas: many uncontested (no fault) divorces (which can be done remotely and through the mail), housing issues, contract issues, and estate planning.*

[JusticeServer User Guide](#)

Virginia Free Legal Answers

Virginia Free Legal Answers also provides an easy way to engage in pro bono, especially in times of social distancing as the services are provided exclusively online through the

Virginia Lawyer Referral Service

Celebrating 40 Years of Service

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Virginians are contacting the VLRS seeking legal advice on the following COVID-19 related matters:



VA Lawyer Referral Service

- Tenant's Rights (lease agreements, evictions, collection)
- Landlord's Rights (lease agreements, evictions, collection)
- Labor Employee's rights (wage dispute, termination, safe working environment)
- Labor Employer's rights (wage dispute, safe working environment)
- Labor Employee unemployment benefits
- Healthcare/Insurance
- Inmate early release
- Collections (debtor/garnishment defense)
- Real Estate Contracts
- Estate Planning (medical directives and wills)

Join the VLRS

**The \$95 panel membership fee is waived for first-time VLRS lawyers.*

[Membership Rules](#)
through June 30, 2020

[Membership Rules](#)
beginning July 1, 2020

If you are well-informed about one or more of these topics and willing to accept VLRS pre-paid referrals on the COVID-19 related matters, please email VLRS at vlrs@vsb.org with the subject line "**COVID-19 Referrals**" by **Monday, April 20**, indicating which COVID-19 matter(s) you will consult on.

If you decide to accept COVID-19 referrals, you will receive the referral notice through VLRS/Community.lawyer member's portal advising you that the referral concerns COVID-19 and the specified area of law. The VLRS staff is advising all callers who prepay for referrals that **VLRS Panel Members are conducting the up to 30-minute initial consultation by phone** and that any office visits are at the sole discretion of the referred lawyer and their office staff during COVID closures.

Wills for Heroes

The Commonwealth's Wills for Heroes Program, sponsored by the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference, Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and Virginia CLE, is **expanding its pool of eligible clients to include healthcare workers tending to COVID-19 patients during this pandemic** as a thank you from the legal community. Virtual Wills for Heroes events are currently being coordinated for healthcare providers in Richmond and Hampton Roads. [Learn more about these programs.](#)

If you are an attorney who has attended the Wills for Heroes CLE within the past 24 months, or are an attorney who devotes at least 1/3 of your practice to estate planning, and you would like to volunteer with the Wills for Heroes Program, please notify [Melissa N. Moser](#), Wills for Heroes Co-Chair.



Stretches, Toning, and Strength Exercises with Linda Choe



[Event Webpage](#)

April 22, 2020
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Linda Choe will be leading this class with equipment she found around the house. Co-hosted by the VBA's Young Lawyers Division and the Arlington Young Lawyers Section.

Distinguished Attorneys for April

The YLC would like to recognize **Melissa Moser**, **Nicolas Vasquez Del Favero**, and **Erin Yates** for their exceptional and efficient efforts to expand Wills for Heroes to include healthcare workers tending to COVID-19 patients during this pandemic as a thank you from the Virginia legal community to the healthcare heroes on the frontline of this battle.



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The VSB continues to provide essential services to Virginia’s lawyers and the public. However, we have taken steps to keep the health and safety of our members, employees, and the general public at the forefront of our actions during this rapidly changing situation.

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