

# Make Justice Happen

Houston Volunteer Lawyers is the pro bono legal aid arm of the Houston Bar Association

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HVL has a wide variety of pro bono cases available for volunteers. You can find a case that is right for you in a number of ways:

1. **Online.** HVL is home to a one-of-a-kind online [Pro Bono Portal](#) that allows you to see a live list of waiting cases, searchable by law type, client profile, language spoken, case age, and much more. You can review case summaries for each waiting case, run conflicts checks, accept a case on the spot, download all of the relevant case documents in PDF, and get started.
2. **Email.** HVL sends weekly e-newsletters to its volunteers with links to available cases. [Subscribe here.](#)
3. **Through Another Organization.** Law firms and corporate legal departments that participate in the Houston Bar Association's Equal Access to Justice Champions Program may count pro bono matters handled through other legal service organizations towards up to one-third of the firm's Equal Access target. To count, the work of such organizations must further HVL's mission to provide free legal services to low-income individuals in the Houston area. Approved organizations include, but are not limited to:
  - AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse)
  - Beacon Law
  - Boatpeople SOS
  - Catholic Charities Cabrini Center
  - Disability Rights Texas
  - Dispute Resolution Center
  - Earl Carl Institute
  - Human Rights First
  - KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)
  - Lone Star Legal Aid
  - Memorial Assistance Ministries

- Neighborhood Centers
- Tahirih Justice Center
- Texas C-Bar
- Texas Civil Rights Project
- YMCA International

4.

**Attend a Clinic.** One of the best ways to find a pro bono case is to volunteer at a legal advice clinic and choose to help someone you meet. [See our upcoming clinics here.](#)

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**Personal Request.** Contact our [Pro Bono Department](#) or any HVL Staff Attorney to find a case for you.

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