Volunteer Opportunity for Attorney Alumni

UCLA Student Legal Services is looking for Attorney Alumni to volunteer to help current UCLA students who have legal problems on a pro bono or significantly reduced fee basis. Although the SLgS attorneys are able to provide legal assistance to students on a wide range of matters*, there are many cases each year for which our student clients need private representation due to the limitations on our services and expertise. This need is particularly acute because SLgS sustained a significant budget reduction for 2003-04 and funding has not been restored.

We welcome attorneys with all areas of expertise, but the areas for which we have a consistent need for referrals are: litigation (e.g., landlord/tenant, automobile accidents, financial and consumer matters), family law, immigration, trusts and estates, and criminal.

We hope that the Attorney Alumni who volunteer will consider taking one or two cases each year. Of course, attorneys would be able to decline a case if they are unable to handle it at the time of referral.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to UCLA and help students in their time of need. Your time and expertise could change a student’s life and enable that student to remain in school. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Liz Kemper, the Student Legal Services Director, on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays at 310.825.9894; or by e-mail at ekemper@saonet.ucla.edu.

* SLgS provides legal counseling and assistance to all currently registered and enrolled UCLA students for only $30 per matter. SLgS is able to help students with a variety of problems, including: landlord/tenant relations; accident and injury problems; domestic violence and harassment; criminal matters; divorces and other family law matters; automobile purchase, repair, and insurance problems; health care, credit, and financial aid issues; and consumer problems. SLgS also frequently assists students with problems they have with other UCLA departments in such areas as housing, financial aid, harassment, discrimination, ADA compliance, student discipline, and faculty misconduct. SLgS provides students with the information they need to assess their options and, in appropriate cases, will negotiate on behalf of the student, as well as draft letters and legal documents for the student; the attorneys do not represent students in court. All matters are handled on a confidential basis.