

We understand that senior attorneys scaling back their practice may be hesitant to make major time commitments to volunteering.

We therefore plan to offer pro bono opportunities which are limited in scope, with the understanding that some minimum commitment is necessary to make a volunteer project satisfying to the attorney and worthwhile to the clients.

We are also sensitive that most senior attorney have little experience in the areas of practice needed to represent Legal Aid clients on their most pressing needs.

As with all our volunteer programs, Legal Aid would offer necessary training to bring volunteer lawyers up to speed with unfamiliar areas of the law. Legal Aid also provides malpractice insurance to all of its volunteers.

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Founded in 1924, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. provides free civil legal services to low-income citizens in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties. The program consists of staff of more than 100 people. Each year, thousands of clients are given advice or legal representation at the downtown central office or at one of the neighborhood offices.

Atlanta Legal Aid handles individual case representation and matters of broad impact. The great majority of cases are matters in which Legal Aid attorneys or paralegals help individual clients settle housing matters, negotiate consumer duties, resolve family law matters, or receive public benefits including health and education.

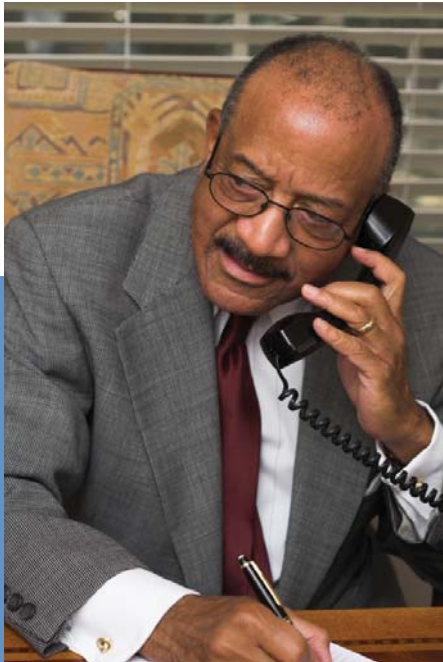


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Atlanta Legal Aid Society is starting a program to use senior attorneys who are scaling back their regular practice. Legal Aid has a long history of providing opportunities for private attorneys to do pro bono work for our clients, although we have never had a program which specially focused on senior attorneys.



We will develop an individual plan to take advantage of interest, skills and availability, while meeting real needs for Legal Aid's clients. We are convinced that we can develop such plans, given the many areas that in which Legal Aid provides service to its clients. Examples of possible roles for senior attorneys:

Senior Legal Hotline

(providing seniors from around the State legal information over the phone);

Family Law Information

(providing brief advice to pro se litigants about representing themselves on family law cases);

Relative Adoption

(helping grandparents

and other relatives adopt children they have been rearing).

We also expect to develop individualized opportunities for senior attorneys who want to help clients from specially vulnerable populations the program has targeted for services. These populations include:

People with AIDS and cancer;

Hispanics and other new immigrants;

Parents whose children need special education in schools;

Homeowners subject to predatory mortgage lending;

Parents whose children are patients at Scottish Rite and Egleston hospitals.