



HOW COLPM FELLOWS CAN HELP PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Pro Bono. Besides monetary donations, we can help by educating lawyers a bit more about how they can contribute their legal expertise. It doesn't have to be a large commitment of time, it can be discrete projects that can truly make a difference, and not pull a lawyer away from firm and client needs.

Training. Provide basic and intermediate training on Microsoft Suite programs, especially Excel and Access, and invite staff to in-house trainings and to participate in webinars offered at law firms or by business partners if the "seats" are not all taken by paying viewers. Provide records management and information governance advice, both hard copy and electronic.

Management guidance. Our fellows can offer advice and assistance on web design and website presentation, as well as marketing and branding assistance. There's opportunity and need for consulting assistance with accounting procedures and practices, human resources support and advice, and guidance on case management software and best practices. By developing a method for matching Fellows' expertise with programs that need and want help, we can provide this guidance.

Management training. Develop webinars for legal services programs in which Fellows could present on management topics. The development of these programs could be a collaborative effort among the LSC, other legal service providers and Fellows who would meet and agree on a list of common themes for development. The webinars could be recorded and hosted on the LSC and other program websites and made readily available.

Expense relief. Sharing unused office and storage space or subleasing space at a discount, and our business partners could offer discounts on office supplies, services and office equipment.

Donations of equipment. Many law firms have excess equipment and furniture that is in short supply for these organizations. Every dollar spent on furniture, equipment and supplies is a dollar that could serve the mission to provide access to justice. We can help by creating a system for connecting the programs' needs for equipment and furniture with firms that have excess.

Mentoring. The programs have a need for one-on-one mentoring for senior and middle managers who are newly promoted to management positions and could use some objective guidance.

Volunteering. Serve on the board of your local legal services organization, and get your colleagues and others involved as well.