



**RESTORATION
IMMIGRATION**
— LEGAL AID —

Volunteer Legal Advocate Training Program

Purpose: The DOJ's Recognition and Accreditation Program allows non-attorneys to learn and represent asylum-seekers before USCIS and in immigration court. RILA hopes to train accredited representatives to increase its own capacity to serve the growing need for immigration legal services in the DC metropolitan area. The program is a 9-12 month commitment where we provide hands-on training for those pursuing DOJ accreditation.

Scope & Expectations:

- RILA staff will supervise training which includes but is not limited to learning how to complete both the asylum application and application for employment authorization as well as how to work with clients in preparing their declarations.
- Volunteer Legal Advocates who have not completed immigrant advocate training programs would enroll in CLINIC's "Comprehensive Overview of Immigration Law" e-Learning course, in addition to 2-3 other CLINIC webinars. Legal Advocates would be required to complete all course requirements and pass their final exam in order to receive a completion certificate.
- Volunteers are expected to attend RILA clinics as well as check-in with staff on a weekly basis. Volunteers have the option to attend the legal team meetings as well as staff lunches.
- Training and client work would be done in-person at RILA offices with some flexibility for telework. Weekly time commitment varies between 5-15 hours a week.

Application Process

- Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to mel@restorationimmigration.org by August 15, 2023.
- RILA will notify those who are selected by September 1, 2023.