

Pro Bono Experience & Opportunity with Disability Rights Wisconsin

Disability Rights Wisconsin defends the rights of people with disabilities through providing information and referrals, direct legal representation, and in limited situations, class action litigation. Designated by the Governor to ensure the rights of all state citizens with disabilities through individual advocacy and system change, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) is part of a national system of federally mandated independent disability agencies.

Disability Rights helps people across Wisconsin gain access to services and opportunity through its advocacy and legal expertise. DRW serves people of all ages, including people with developmental disabilities, people with mental illness, people with physical or sensory disabilities, and people with traumatic brain injury.

The **Victim Advocacy Program** of DRW provides direct service to individuals with disabilities who experienced crime. To accomplish this mission, we need attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, who would be willing to take on occasional pro bono legal representation for clients, in order to help them obtain restraining orders.

This is a volunteer position, and the amount of work available will vary based on client need. Cases are short term, and you would be notified when a case was available, in the geographic area that you are able to offer assistance in.

DRW offers a great incentive package to our pro bono attorneys, including free training, CLE credit for pro bono hours provided, access to DRW staff attorneys and victim advocates for assistance with pro bono cases, assistance with expense reimbursement of qualifying expenses through the State Bar of Wisconsin, coverage in DRW's malpractice insurance pool for pro bono cases, experience for attorneys in assisting people to obtain restraining orders, and most of all - the ability to help ensure that the rights of victims/survivors with disabilities are upheld; and to ensure access to the same resources that a person without a disability would have.

To learn more, or to offer pro bono assistance for the DRW Victim Advocacy Program, contact:

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