

## Iowa State Bar Association: New Iowans Legal Advice Clinic

The Iowa State Bar Association in collaboration with the Johnson County Bar Association, the Young Lawyers Division, IC Care, and the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa are establishing a free legal advice clinic for area residents. Although the clinic will be open to everyone in the community, the target population are those who cannot access other legal services, such as Legal Aid, due to their current citizenship status. This is a new initiative that will operate for the first time on November 17th, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Project Information:** Volunteers will support the operation of the clinic; legal advice will be provided by volunteer attorneys. We are looking for enthusiastic students who are excited to be a part of launching of this critically needed resource in Johnson County. The clinic will be held at IC Compassion located at 1035 Ward Street, Iowa City. Although the first clinic will be held on November 17th all subsequent clinics will be on the second Tuesday of each month as follows:

- Tuesday, December 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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**Volunteer Responsibilities:** Students are expected to be engaged and open to helping as needed in the functioning of this new clinic. Flexibility is a must. Volunteer responsibilities will potentially include: initial marketing of clinic (posting flyers in targeted areas in town), assisting in the intake process, completing means testing evaluations, and helping clients fill out paperwork. Volunteer attorneys and the Clinic Coordinator, Victoria Felt, will supervise students. This project requires travel to IC Compassion, located at 1035 Ward Street, Iowa City. Students are expected to arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the clinic opening and may be needed to stay after 7:30 to help close the clinic.

**Agency responsibilities:** The Center for Worker Justice will provide a coordinator (currently Victoria Felt) for the project. The coordinator will arrange for volunteer attorneys to staff the clinics, and will send reminders to the students for each clinic.

**Time commitment/Scheduling:** Students will be expected to commit approximately a total of 15 to 20 hours to the project during the semester, including training time. A required informational session (held at the College of Law) will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time once all volunteers are selected.

**Criteria:** Up to three positions are available. Suitable for all students, particularly those interested in issues experienced by the immigrant community. Preference to students who can commit to both semesters. Please indicate if you will be available for the December 8 and January 12 clinics, since these fall during finals and winter break. Proficiency in a second language is highly valued.