



## Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles Seeks CA Volunteers to Assist Victims in Vacatur Process

Available to Multiple Volunteers

### Project Title

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### Scope of Work

Volunteer attorneys and paralegals will spend 10-15 hours per quarter working with a client. This work is best done in a team of 2 to 3 volunteers. NLSA will provide training, oversight, and technical assistance to support all pro bono volunteers.

### Timing

### Jurisdiction

CA

### Contact Information

If you have lawyers at your Southern California offices who would like to be involved please reach out to David Lash at O'Melveny ([dlash@omm.com](mailto:dlash@omm.com)) and Skip Koenig, the pro bono director at NLSLA, at [skipkoenig@nlsla.org](mailto:skipkoenig@nlsla.org).

### Description

**Survivors of human trafficking, domestic and sexual violence, primarily young women of color, often themselves end up being arrested and convicted of crimes resulting from having been exploited and abused (i.e., drug use, prostitution, petty theft, false identification, or other trauma-induced or coerced behaviors). Traffickers are well-known for preying on the vulnerabilities of their victims, who are often young women/minors of color who experienced sexual abuse or other trauma during childhood.**

**In recent years, California has created a “vacatur” process that is designed to protect these victims of trafficking and violence by allowing non-violent criminal arrests and convictions to be sealed and destroyed. This has become a true “clean slate” opportunity, allowing traumatized young women to begin new lives, obtain better jobs, housing, and increase their overall economic stability and emotional well-being.**

**Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles (NLSLA) is launching a program to train pro bono attorneys about the vacatur process and help these survivors of sexually-related abuse and violence. Because there are very few places for such survivors to turn, the NLSLA program promises to be important and impactful.**

NLSA will provide training to volunteers, including 1.5 hours of training on the vacatur program and 1.5 hours of trauma-informed lawyering training. Both of these trainings can be done remotely.

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