



## VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

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Dear Volunteers,

Welcome!

I am so pleased that you have decided to volunteer your time and talents with the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP). Too many citizens in our Commonwealth go unrepresented in legal proceedings because they are unable to afford an attorney. The legal issues they are facing are of great significance and impact their lives in profound ways. As lawyers, we have a responsibility to fulfill the promise of equal access to justice for all.

Whether you are a new attorney or an experienced attorney new to a different field of law, your pro bono assistance enables our clients to hold on to their housing when facing foreclosure or eviction. You enable clients to receive unemployment benefits they have been wrongfully denied. In countless ways, you provide a voice and you provide access to justice.

This orientation will give you the tools necessary to access the training, mentoring and other support available through VLP and our partners. It will start you on the path toward representing our clients as effectively as possible. After this orientation, VLP will be with you every step of the way to provide the support you need.

Thank you again!

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna Allison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanna Allison