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Pro Bono Programs for Nonprofit Organizations and Small Businesses

Alabama

**University of Alabama School of Law
Community Development Clinic**

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Students provide legal assistance to individuals and non-profit or community organizations seeking to improve the economic, cultural, social, or environmental well-being of disadvantaged or underserved communities. Students may provide legal advice on or representation on matters such as entity formation, tax exempt status, leases and contracts, public participation rights, improving local and state laws and regulations, licensing requirements, and zoning and land use.

Alaska

Arizona

**Arizona Community Legal Assistance for Non-Profits Volunteer Lawyer
Program**

64 East Broadway Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85710-1720
520-623-9465 ext.4171
<http://www.vlparizona.org/ACLA.htm>
Program Director: Michele Mirto
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ACLA provides free legal assistance to new and existing charitable community organizations. ACLA recruits lawyers, law firms, and corporate law departments willing to assist community groups with their transactional legal needs. ACLA's mission is to serve groups that provide or promote services to people with low incomes, services to children, social services, affordable housing, economic development, health services, and education-related services. The program delivers services in the following counties in Arizona: Apache, Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Navajo, Pima, Pinal & Santa Cruz.

Volunteer Lawyers Program

P.O. Box 21538
Phoenix, AZ 85036-1538
602-258-3434 ext. 2630

Director: Patricia Gerrich

pgerrich@clsaz.org

The Volunteer Lawyers Program provides transactional assistance to new and existing non-profit organizations serving people with low incomes or children. Service areas include Maricopa, Mohave, Yavapai, and Yuma/LaPaz counties in Arizona.

Arkansas

University of Arkansas School of Law

Transactional Clinic

Garland and Maple Avenues

Fayetteville, AR 72701

479-575-3056

<http://www.uacted.uark.edu/Legalesource/index.html>

Director: Tim Tarvin

ttarvin@uark.edu

The Transactional Clinic serves northwest Arkansas non-profit organizations. Available services include startup, incorporation, obtaining federal and state tax exemptions, purchasing and leasing of real and personal property, employment and labor law issues, and general contract negotiation, contract drafting and execution. In addition, students may prepare and participate as presenters in non-profit organization workshops.

California

East Bay Community Law Center

Community Economic Justice Unit

3130 Shattuck Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94705

510-548-4040

<http://www.ebclc.org/ced.php>

Director: Margaretta Lin

margarettalin@ebclc.org

The CEJU practice is committed to developing innovative long-term economic development solutions to address the systemic problems confronting the low-income community. Legal services include technical assistance related to microenterprise start-up, job creation, nonprofit management, housing development, affordable housing, local business opportunities, and neighborhood preservation.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Legal Services for Entrepreneurs

131 Steuart Street, Suite 400

San Francisco, CA 94105

415-543-9444 ext.217

<http://www.lccr.com/lsehome.htm>

Staff Attorney: Helen Smolinski

Helen@lccr.com

LSE was started to assist low-income individuals, including women and persons of color, who propose to start or expand for-profit businesses which will enhance the economic infrastructure of their neighborhoods. LSE also provides legal services to certain businesses that invest directly in disadvantaged neighborhoods. The project works in partnership with established economic development organizations and provides experienced business attorneys on a pro bono basis.

**Legal Aid Foundation Los Angeles
Community Economic Development Unit**

8601 Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90003
cedinfo@lafla.org
213- 640-3884

The Community Economic Development (CED) unit aims to empower Los Angeles communities and community-based organizations in their efforts attack poverty at its roots. The CED unit is committed to building clean, safe, and economically vibrant neighborhoods through community education, policy advocacy, and legal representation. To achieve this, we assist in developing, training, and empowering community-based organizations and low-income individuals to become actively involved in the revitalization process.

**Legal Services of Northern California
Income Stabilization**

517 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916.551.2150
www.lsnr.info

At Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), we are helping community non-profit organizations develop jobs with benefits. LSNC provides the legal work to help clients start up child care, cleaning, and security guard cooperatives as small businesses.

**Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Community Development Program**

13327 Van Nuys Boulevard
Pacoima, CA 91331
(800) 433-6251

Supervising Attorney: Josh Stehlik

The Community Development Program provides assistance with economic development, affordable housing, nonprofit incorporation and grant assistance, small business and worker-owned cooperative development, neighborhood revitalization projects, banking services and financial skills training.

**Public Counsel Law Center
Community Development Project**

610 South Ardmore Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
213-385-2977 ext.200
<http://www.publiccounsel.org/overview/cdp.html>

Director: Elizabeth Bluestein
ebluestein@publiccounsel.org

Public Counsel's Community Development Project is committed to supporting community-based organizations and businesses that strengthen low-income and underserved Los Angeles neighborhoods. CDP clients include nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations, microbusinesses, economic development entities, and affordable housing organizations. Public Counsel provides these eligible clients with free transactional legal assistance. Public Counsel maintains a network of over 1,000 volunteer attorneys specializing in corporate and transactional law. Public Counsel matches attorneys from this network with qualified nonprofit organizations and microbusinesses that require legal assistance.

**University of California, Los Angeles – School of Law
Community Economic Development Clinic**

PO Box 951476

Los Angeles, CA 90095-1476

310-794-5495

<http://www.law.ucla.edu/home/index.asp?page=1109>

Director: Scott L. Cummings

cummings@law.ucla.edu

The Community Economic Development Clinic trains law students to represent community-based organizations in projects designed to create jobs, build affordable housing, and provide critical services in low-income neighborhoods. Working under the supervision of attorneys from local legal services organizations, students provide transactional assistance in the areas of corporate, real estate, and tax law to a variety of nonprofit and for-profit entities.

**University of Southern California - Gould School of Law
Employer Legal Advice Clinic**

Los Angeles, CA 90089-0071

213-740-2530

<http://law.usc.edu/academics/clinical/employer.cfm>

Director: Noel Ragsdale

nragdsal@law.usc.edu

In the Employer Legal Advice Clinic students assist businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community-based entrepreneurial outreach programs seeking to promote economic development in low-income communities throughout greater Los Angeles. Legal projects cover a broad range of employment-related matters and involve advising clients in revising or developing employment policies and practices in order to satisfy their legal obligations.

**Volunteer Legal Services Program
Community Organizations Representation Project (CORP)**

The Bar Association of San Francisco

465 California Street, Suite 1100

San Francisco, CA 94104

415-982-1600

www.sfbar.org

Supervising Attorney: Haydee Alfonso

halfonso@sfbar.org

CORP volunteers assist nonprofit community-based organizations in a range of transactional business law matters. CORP volunteers are experienced in employment, real estate, intellectual property, taxation, liability and insurance, corporate formation/governance, business contracts, finance and zoning law.

Colorado

Colorado Alliance for Microenterprise Initiatives

1625 Broadway, Suite 950

Denver, CO 80202

303-592-4064

www.coloradoalliance.org

Executive Director: Caitlin McCusker

Caitlin@coloradoalliance.org

The Colorado Alliance for Microenterprise Initiatives provides pro bono assistance to locally-owned and disadvantaged entrepreneurs and small businesses in order to assist such parties in achieving their goals in starting or expanding a business. It also services local community organizations and groups whose main objectives include providing assistance to members of their community. Such objectives may include providing employment to disabled workers, single parents and other hard-to-employ individuals; providing education or job training to community members; or giving any other sort of basic or necessary assistance that would not otherwise be generally available to members of the community.

Connecticut

Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.

237 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
203-358-3871

www.probonopartnership.org

Executive Director: Richard S. Hobish
rhobish@probonopartner.org

The Pro Bono Partnership works with community-based nonprofit organizations serving the poor and disadvantaged populations in Westchester County, New York, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and northern New Jersey. Its nonprofit clients work primarily in the areas of health and human services, affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. The Partnership provides business legal services to these organizations directly through its experienced staff attorneys, and through the volunteer services of attorneys from the leading corporations and law firms in the tri-state area.

Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, Inc.

Nonprofit Pro Bono Initiative

University of Connecticut School of Law
35 Elizabeth Street, Room K-202
Hartford, CT 06105
860-570-5402

<http://www.culi-law.org/>

Director: Priya Morganstern
Priya.Morganstern@law.uconn.edu

The Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative (CULI) has two missions: to provide effective quality legal services to nonprofit clients and to provide law students with a service learning opportunity working with these community-based clients. CULI also works with lawyers in partner corporations and law firms under the Nonprofit Pro Bono Initiative, giving those lawyers the opportunity to volunteer their time and expertise with a broad range of nonprofit clients throughout greater Hartford.

Delaware

District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Pro Bono Program Community Economic Development Project

1250 H Street, N.W., 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

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The Community Economic Development Pro Bono Project provides a vehicle for corporate, transactional, and business lawyers seeking non-litigation pro bono assignments. The project is designed to deliver critically needed legal services to organizations operating in and serving low-income and distressed communities in the District of Columbia. Through law firm match-ups, the CED Clinic, and educational sessions, the CED Pro Bono Project provides pro bono legal counsel, education, and information to organizations serving and operating in low-income communities in the District of Columbia. The goal of the clinic is to work in partnership with an established non-profit serving a targeted area and to deliver corporate, real estate, tax, and general business law advice to organizations in the service area who otherwise would not have access to counsel.

George Washington University School of Law

Small Business Clinic

2000 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20052

202-994-7463

Director: Susan R. Jones

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The George Washington University Law School Small Business Clinic/Community Economic Development Project provides free start-up legal assistance to selected area businesses and nonprofit organizations.

The American University

Community and Economic Development Law Clinic

4801 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20016

202-274-4147

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/community.cfm>

Director: Susan Bennett

sbennet@wcl.american.edu

The CEDLC provides transactional legal services for client groups engaged in different kinds of neighborhood-based community development. CEDLC represents and helps organize small non-profits and businesses, tenants' associations in the public and private sectors, and microentrepreneurs, all of whom share the goal of developing different kinds of resources for greatly underserved urban communities.

Florida

Judge Don Castor Community Law Center

Bay Area Legal Services

829 West Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33603

813-232-1222 ext.116

<http://www.bals.org/Nonprofit%20Assistance>

Project Director: Susan Steinberg Sandler

ssandler@bals.org

The Community Law Center provides legal and technical assistance to local non-profit and community-based organizations that are working to improve the lives of low-income

communities. The Community Law Center acts as a centralized link between needy groups and capable attorneys who want to give back to their communities. In addition to advice and direct legal services to our clients, the Community Law Center also coordinates training events to assist non-profit clients and potential clients with recurring issues that arise in their daily operations.

Georgia

Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, Inc.

999 Peachtree Street, NE

Atlanta, GA 30309

404-407-5059

<http://www.pbpatl.org>

Executive Director: Rachel Epps Spears

rachel.spears@pbpatl.org

PBP-Atlanta provides free business legal services to nonprofit agencies serving poor and disadvantaged communities in metropolitan Atlanta by matching them with volunteer lawyers from corporations and law firms. PBP-Atlanta serves community-based nonprofits whose primary purpose is to operate ongoing programs or activities that benefit low-income communities or that otherwise serve the public interest. Legal services provided to nonprofits may relate to corporate structure and governance, contracts and leases, intellectual property, real estate, employment law, and tax law.

The Pro Bono Project

104 Marietta Street, N.W., Suite 100

Atlanta, GA 30303

404-527-8762

Director: Michael L. Monahan

mike@gabar.org

Volunteer lawyers: www.georgiaadvocates.org/GOJC

Clients: www.LegalAid-GA.org

The Pro Bono Project matches volunteer business lawyers with community-based organizations in Georgia. Unlike other Atlanta-based transactions programs, the Pro Bono Project serves only organizations or start-up efforts that serve low-income, impoverished communities. It does not serve Fulton, Cobb, Gwinnett, DeKalb or Clayton Counties (the five Atlanta core counties of the 22 metro counties); instead, it serves the remaining 154, mostly rural counties of Georgia.

Hawaii

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii

Nonprofit Project

545 Queen Street, Suite 100

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

808-528-7051

www.vlsh.org

Executive Director: Moya T. Davenport Gray

moya@vlsh.org

The Nonprofit program offers capacity-building training for nonprofits throughout the state and continues the provision of pro bono legal services by volunteer attorneys to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit training sessions are conducted by VLSH volunteers and cover: incorporation, obtaining tax-exempt status, corporate governance, fundraising, strategic planning, and other topics. VLSH workshops are open to any existing or emergent

community-based organization that is serving or planning to serve low-income people in the State of Hawaii or forming an economic development project that will create jobs.

Idaho

**University of Idaho College of Law
Small Business Legal Clinic**

UI Boise Center
322 East Front Street, Suite 442
Boise, ID 83702
208-364-4013
<http://www.law.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=65571>
Director: Lee Dillion
dillion@uidaho.edu

The Small Business Legal Clinic was established to provide assistance to Idaho business owners and entrepreneurs. Clinic students handle transactional matters for clients, and provide clients with advice on any number of things, including formation, confidentiality agreements, employment agreements, commercial leases, and, in the case of nonprofit organizations, applications for tax-exempt status.

Illinois

**Community Economic Development Law Project
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.**

100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60602-2403
312-939-3638
http://www.clccrul.org/projects/community_economic_development_law_project.html
Director: Susan Kaplan
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The Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP) was launched in 1985 to respond to an unmet need in the delivery of legal services. The CEDLP notes that initiatives undertaken by disadvantaged communities require the same legal expertise, including tax, corporate, real estate and finance counsel, as any other enterprise in order to be successful. In this respect, the CEDLP is dedicated to assisting non-profit groups with their neighborhood revitalization efforts by assisting programs that stimulate local economic and commercial development, housing development, the delivery of social services, and activities that generally improve the quality of life for people living in poor communities.

**Small Business Support Program
Community Economic Development Law Project
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.**

100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60602-2403
312-939-3638
http://www.clccrul.org/projects/community_economic_development_law_project/for_small_businesses.html
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The Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP) sponsors the Small Business Support Program(SBSP). CEDLP staff attorneys advise low-income people

starting their own businesses. They receive counseling on business structure, lease and contract review, as well as intellectual property and licensing requirements. The SBSP works in partnership with law firms and with nonprofit business development groups such as the Women's Business Development Center and Hull House Association to provide the technical support start-up entrepreneurs need if they are to have a chance of success.

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Business Law Center Clinic**

25 East Pearson Street, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60611
312-915-7130

Director: Joseph L. Stone
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The Business Law Center Clinic (BLCC) at Loyola University Chicago's School of Law provides Loyola's law students with a unique opportunity to apply substantive business and tax law in a live clinical setting. The BLCC's clients include both entrepreneurs and small business owners who are seeking affordable, quality legal assistance for for-profit ventures, as well as individuals who are seeking quality legal assistance, on a pro bono basis, in connection with not-for-profit organizations. The BLCC may provide clients with legal assistance concerning choice of entity, corporate entity formation, basic contract review and drafting, commercial leases, zoning requirements, business licenses and permits, and applications for tax-exempt status for not-for profits.

**Northwestern University School of Law
Small Business Opportunity Center**

Bluhm Legal Clinic
750 North Lake Shore Drive, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60611
small-business@northwestern.edu
312-503-0321

Director: Thomas Morsch
tmorsch@law.northwestern.edu

The Small Business Opportunity Center (SBOC) is a nonprofit, student-based clinical program affiliated with the Bluhm Legal Clinic. Through the commitment of the Northwestern University School of Law, top attorneys and law students, the SBOC provides affordable legal services to entrepreneurs and nonprofit organizations focusing on job creation and economic development in the Chicago area. Frequently requested services include: incorporation, trademark registration, franchise agreement review, business licensing, copyright protection, zoning requirements, commercial lease review, and not-for-profit corporation advice.

**University of Chicago Law School
Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship**

6020 South University Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637-2704
773-834-3129
<http://www.ij.org/clinic/index.html>

Director: Beth Milnikel
emilnikel@ij.org

The IJ Clinic is a joint project of the Institute for Justice, one of the nation's premier public interest advocates for economic liberty, and The University of Chicago Law School, one of the world's leading legal academies. The IJ Clinic is a free public interest transactional

law firm in which some of the nation's brightest law students, supervised by licensed Illinois attorneys, help entry-level businesspersons in and around Chicago exercise their right to earn an honest living by providing the legal advice they need to get their businesses started or to stay in business.

**University of Illinois College of Law
Transactions and Community Economic Development Clinic**

504 East Pennsylvania Avenue, 241 Law Bldg.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-244-9494

Director: Cynthia Geerdes
cgeerdes@law.uiuc.edu

The TCED Clinic strives to promote the health and welfare of Illinois residents and their communities. The TCED Clinic trains students in the law, skills, and ethics of community lawyering, providing free legal services to individuals, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations that cannot afford to pay a lawyer. This Clinic focuses on fighting poverty and promoting economic justice for all segments of society by using a wide variety of problem-solving tools such as advocacy, legislation, research, and litigation, as well as collaboration and cooperation. Clinic students also help to start and grow small businesses and not-for-profit corporations, dispute credit fraud and identity theft, fight predatory lending, and develop positive alternatives.

Indiana

Community Development Law Center

1802 North Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-921-8806

www.cdlawcenter.org
Executive Director: Sheila Jenkins
sjenkins@colap.org

CDLC acts as a referral service matching volunteer attorneys with eligible nonprofit organizations. CDLC also acts as a legal resource center offering telephone consultations, seminars, legal advice, and technical assistance. CDLC and the volunteer attorneys typically provide assistance to organizations in one or more of the following areas: Services related to organizational formation which include drafting incorporation documents, securing tax-exempt status, board development and education, and directing strategic planning; Services related to the ongoing operations which include tax matters, negotiation, drafting and review of contracts and other documents, creation of subsidiaries and affiliates, advice on employment matters, and the completion of annual reports; and Services related to revitalization activities, such as zoning, corporate structure, financing, quiet title actions, real estate closings, and crime prevention initiatives.

**Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington
Entrepreneurship Law Clinic**

211 South Indiana Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47405
812-855-7995

<http://www.law.indiana.edu/curriculum/programs/clinical.shtml>
Director: Mark E. Need
needm@indiana.edu

The Entrepreneurship Law Clinic provides business entrepreneurs legal assistance with financial planning, organization, licenses, agreements, regulatory and zoning compliance,

and intellectual property issues. The Clinic is sponsored by the School of Law and the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

Iowa

Kansas

**Washburn University School of Law
Small Business and Transactional Law Clinic**

1700 Southwest College Avenue

Topeka, KS 66621

785-670-1191

<http://washburnlaw.edu/centers/transactional>

Director: Janet Jackson

Janet.jackson@washburn.edu

The SBTLC is located in the Law School's Business and Transactional Law Center. The Clinic provides corporate and transactional legal services to small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and corporate and transactional legal services to small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and neighborhood groups. Under the guidance of faculty, students counsel for-profit and nonprofit groups on choice of entity formation and start-up services; draft bylaws, operating agreements, and partnership/shareholder agreements; apply for tax-exempt status for nonprofit corporations; draft, review, and negotiate contracts, leases, licensing agreements, and other documents; and counsel on compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

Kentucky

Community Development Program

Legal Aid Society, Inc.

425 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard

Louisville, KY 40202

502-584-1254

<http://www.laslou.org/programs.php>

Executive Director: Jeffrey Been

jbeen@laslou.org

The Legal Aid Society's Community Development Program operates as corporate counsel to area community groups as well as non-profit organizations on a variety of issues, including housing, 501(c)(3) incorporations, utility problems, and other matters that may be referred by local government representatives, social service providers, or individuals.

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

The Community Law Center

2500 Maryland Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21218

410-366-0922

<http://www.communitylaw.org>

Executive Director: Kristine J. Dunkerton

kristined@communitylaw.org

The mission of the Community Law Center (CLC) is to provide legal representation to community organizations enabling them to improve the economic viability and quality of life in their neighborhoods. CLC seeks partnerships among professionals and agencies including, community organizers, nonprofit housing developers, urban planners, educators, and law enforcement agencies to realize each client's strategic development goals. To this end, CLC sponsors a Small Business Legal Services Project, a Project to End Predatory Real Estate Practices, and a Real Estate Services Project. CLC's Small Business Legal Services Project provides pro bono and low cost legal services to small businesses and microentrepreneurs in the Greater Baltimore region. For its Project to End Predatory Real Estate Practices, CLC mobilized to coordinate a range of activities designed to curb illegal and unethical property transactions. CLC's Real Estate Services Project reflects a commitment to getting derelict, abandoned buildings put back into productive use by forcing owners to rehabilitate properties, and by creating new home ownership opportunities.

Civil Justice Inc.

520 West Fayette Street, Suite 400

Baltimore, MD 21201

410-706-0174

<http://www.civiljusticenetwork.org/>

Executive Director: Phillip Robinson

probinson@civiljusticenetwork.org

Civil Justice Inc. is a Maryland not-for-profit corporation formed for the purpose of increasing the delivery of legal services to clients of low and moderate income while promoting a statewide network of solo, small firm and community based lawyers who share a common commitment to increasing access to justice through traditional and non-traditional means. Civil Justice is an affiliated program of the University of Maryland School of Law and works closely with the School of Law to promote public interest legal careers for students and graduates.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Community Development Project

1 North Charles Street, Suite 222

Baltimore, MD 21201

410-539-6000

www.mvlslaw.org

CDP Director: Jo Carol Snyder

jocarol@mvlslaw.org

The CDP provides legal services at no cost to nonprofit organizations engaged in strengthening and revitalizing communities throughout Maryland. The CDP connects clients with the expert legal services they need for: formation, employment matters, contract issues, lease negotiations, subsidiary formation, tax matters, zoning matters (non-litigation), real estate matters, intellectual property matters, and other business law topics.

University of Baltimore School of Law

Community Development Clinic

40 West Chase Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

410-837-5713

<http://law.ubalt.edu/clinics/community.html>

Faculty Teachers: James J. Kelly, Jr. & Patience A. Crowder

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The University of Baltimore School of Law's Community Development Clinic provides a wide variety of transactional legal services to an advocacy for historically under-served communities in Baltimore City. Students assist community associations, non-profit organizations, and small business owners with the legal aspects of formation, operations and financing, land use, real estate acquisition and other matters.

Massachusetts

Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Inc.

16 Beacon Street

Boston, MA 02108

617-723-0885

www.lawyersclearinghouse.org

Executive Director: Maribeth Perry

mperry@lawyersclearinghouse.org

LCAHH's mission is to promote affordable housing and economic development and to reduce homelessness by providing pro bono legal services to nonprofit housing and economic development organizations and individuals who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless. LCAHH's Community Legal Referral Program matches volunteer attorneys with nonprofit organizations working in the areas of housing, homelessness, and economic development.

The Economic Justice Project

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association

Economic Development Counsel

294 Washington Street, Suite 443

Boston, MA

617-988-0605

http://lawyerscom.org/lawyers_programs.html

office@lawyerscom.org

EJP arranges for the following services: consultation to entrepreneurs who have legal questions related to start-up or existing businesses; matching entrepreneurs in need of follow-up legal assistance with experienced business attorneys from law firms and in-house corporate legal departments who will provide their services free of charge; hosting workshops that cover the range of legal issues entrepreneurs face as they start new business or grow existing ones; and holding monthly clinics for entrepreneurs to meet with an experienced business attorney to seek advice on business legal issues that arise in the formation and/or operation of their businesses.

Harvard Law School

Community Enterprise Project

The Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center

122 Boylston Street

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

617-522-3003

Business clinic: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/clinics/business.htm>

Real Estate clinic: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/lsc/clinics/realestate.htm>

Managing Attorney: Brian Price
bprice@law.harvard.edu

The CEP is primarily a transactional legal practice engaged in business law, real estate law, and non-profit/tax-exempt law. CEP clients include local community development corporations, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and individual homeowners. CEP's foreclosure prevention/predatory lending project utilizes consumer, banking and bankruptcy law to preserve homeownership. By providing these legal services within targeted urban neighborhoods, CEP facilitates access to capital, builds and preserves equity, and promotes the economic stability of the community.

**Southern New England School of Law
Community Development Clinic**

333 Fauce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747
508-998-9600 ext.163

Director: Kendra Chencus

Community Development Clinic clients include non-profit organizations in the South Coast area. Clinic students provide services including drafting corporate documents, preparing state and federal filings, conducting legal audits and reviewing contracts.

**Western New England College - School of Law
Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship - Small
Business Clinic**

One Federal Street
Springfield, MA 01105
413-736-8462

www.wnec.edu/lawandbusiness/

Director: Aimee Griffin Munnings
amunnings@law.wnec.edu

The Center is a source of information and reference for entrepreneurs and the general public seeking information regarding legal and business start up information.

Entrepreneurs whose enterprises are of limited size may, by application, seek and receive Clinic services. The delivery of these services comes through two distinct models, that of consultation and education. The Center pursues two main initiatives: providing legal and business assistance for entrepreneurs (not including litigation) and hosting informational events focused on entrepreneurship and economic development.

Michigan

Community Legal Resources

220 Bagley, Suite 900
Detroit, MI 48226
313-964-4130

www.clronline.org

Executive Director: Angie Gaabo
agaabo@michiganlegal.org

Community Legal Resources helps nonprofit organizations in Detroit and throughout Michigan find affordable legal services. CLR matches groups with volunteer attorneys specializing in corporate law, tax law, real estate law, contracts law, environmental law, employment law, and intellectual property law.

**Michigan State University College of Law
Small Business/Non-Profit Law Clinic**

541 East Grand River
PO Box 310
517-336-8088
www.msulawclinics.org

The Clinic offers legal business counsel and services that enable an entrepreneur to run his or her business successfully. The Clinic provides business formation and development assistance, assessment of risk/liability, opinions of code compliance and financial accounting and reporting standards. Clinic students also review, prepare, and negotiate necessary legal documents. In addition, the Clinic serves the nonprofit sector by providing advice and assistance covering tax-exemption issues, filings, liability, board duties and other matters.

**Wayne State University Law School
Nonprofit Corporations & Urban Development Clinic**

471 West Palmer Street
Detroit, MI 48202
313-577-3961
Director: Professor Dana Roach
droach@wayne.edu

Students serve the legal needs of community-based organizations struggling to improve the urban environment and better the lives of metro Detroit residents, one neighborhood at a time. This is a transactional clinic - students assist non-profit organizations that develop affordable housing, job training, or other services by drafting Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and applications for tax-exempt status.

**University of Michigan Law School
Urban Communities Clinic**

8109 East Jefferson, Suite 300
Detroit, MI 48214
313-822-9646
http://cgi2.www.law.umich.edu/_classschedule/aboutcourse.asp?crse_id=030268
Director: Roshunda L. Price

In the Urban Communities Clinic (UCC), students can learn the skills of a transactional lawyer while helping to revitalize a city. UCC student attorneys assist nonprofit and for-profit businesses and entrepreneurs in the metropolitan Detroit area. UCC clients are involved in a variety of transactions including the development of affordable housing and various commercial and industrial development projects. Students negotiate with city attorneys and commercial lenders; draft and review contracts; create nonprofit corporations, form partnerships and other legal entities; and close on financing and other transactions. Through their work with nonprofit development corporations, students help rebuild the fabric of once-vital neighborhoods. The students also help solidify the economic structure of the City of Detroit through their work with nonprofit and for-profit commercial and industrial corporations.

Minnesota

LegalCORPS
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LegalCORPS assists eligible nonprofit corporations and microbusinesses in Minnesota to obtain free legal assistance on business-related, transactional matters. Its mission is to strengthen the nonprofits and microenterprises that serve and support Minnesota's low-income communities by providing them with the legal advice that they could not otherwise afford to purchase. LegalCORPS partners with Volunteer Lawyers Network to screen clients and place cases with volunteer attorneys. In addition to representation, brief phone advice and clinic appointments are available.

**University of Minnesota Law School
Kommerstad Center for Business Law and Entrepreneurship
Multi-Profession Business Law Clinic**

Walter F. Mondale Hall

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Minneapolis, MN 55455

612-625-1000

clinic@kommerstad.org

<http://www.kommerstad.org/clinic.html>

Director: Mary Alton

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The Multi-Profession Business Law Clinic receives clients referred from the Metropolitan Economic Development Association, a consulting entity for minority-owned startups and emerging businesses, and from the University's Office of Business Development. Experienced business attorneys from the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area supervise the clinic students, who take the lead with client representation.

**William Mitchell College of Law
Community Development Clinic/Business Law Clinic**

875 Summit Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

651-290-6351

Director: Diane Dube

Diane.dube@wmitchell.edu

The William Mitchell CDC focuses on the challenges of addressing issues of poverty, neighborhood revitalization, and community economic development using legal skills, reflective thinking, and creative problem-solving. Clinical activities may be transactional, legislative or policy work, litigation, educational, or any combination of these. Students in the Business Law Clinic work with practicing business and corporate lawyers to provide legal advice to eligible small business entrepreneurs regarding a variety of business law matters, including copyright, trademarks and patent; choice of business organization; contract drafting; corporate dissolution; lease negotiations; and non-profit incorporation.

Mississippi

Missouri

**University of Missouri – Kansas City
Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic**

4747 Troost, Suite 213

Kansas City, MO 64110

816-235-1644

<http://www1.law.umkc.edu/clinics/els>
Directors: Edwin Hood and Anthony Luppino
hoode@umkc.edu & luppinoa@umkc.edu

Clinic students assist new entrepreneurs obtain legal and business services they cannot otherwise afford. Clinic students counsel start-up companies and their owners and implement business planning advice by drafting articles of incorporation and organization, by-laws, partnership agreements and other business contracts. Other business-related matters ranging from regulatory, consumer, licensing, and taxation requirements; copyrights, trademark, and patent creation; and 501(c)(3) applications for non-profits.

Montana

Nebraska

**Creighton University School of Law
Community Economic Development Clinic**

2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178
402-280-2872

<http://culaw2.creighton.edu/index.aspx?p=500>

Director: Steven M. Virgil
virgil@creighton.edu

The CED Clinic is committed to encouraging economic growth and stability within under-served communities in Nebraska. It helps non-profit organizations build and maintain an operating structure that is effective, viable and makes a clear impact. The Clinic's goal is to protect community assets within the economic, political and legal realms. The typical CED Clinic micro-business client is pursuing self-employment as a way to become economically self-sufficient. The clinic offers a full range of business law services: business planning, taxes, obtaining licenses and permits, designing contracts and dealing with employees and contractors.

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.
744 Broad Street, Suite 1815
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www.probonopartnership.org
Executive Director: Richard S. Hobish
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The Pro Bono Partnership works with community-based nonprofit organizations serving the poor and disadvantaged populations in Westchester County, New York, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and northern New Jersey. Its nonprofit clients work primarily in the areas of health and human services, affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. The Partnership provides business legal services to these organizations directly through its experienced staff attorneys, and through the volunteer services of attorneys from the leading corporations and law firms in the tri-state area.

**The State University of New Jersey – Rutgers School of Law
Community Law Clinic**

123 Washington Street

Newark, NJ 07102

973-353-5059

http://law.newark.rutgers.edu/clinics_community.html

Director: Robert C. Holmes

rholmes@kinoy.rutgers.edu

The Community Law Clinic provides corporate, transactional, and intellectual property attorney services to New Jersey nonprofit corporations, start-up for-profit businesses, and Charter Schools. The Clinic's primary focus is on businesses and organizations that provide services to and opportunities for the poor and low income people in the City of Newark and nearby urban areas. The Clinic provides initial corporate organizational work (drafting corporate documents, certificates of incorporation or formation, by-laws, operating agreements and organizational minutes), non-profit status filings, charity registration, Charter School formation, real estate transactions, intellectual property and entertainment law advice and assistance for these business entities. In addition, the Clinic recently formed a relationship with the Enterprise Development Center of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, a small business incubator that provides technical assistance, managerial counseling and access to capital.

New Mexico

New York

Brooklyn Law School

Community Development Clinic

1 Boerum Place, Room 3FL

Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-780-0636

<http://www.brooklaw.edu/academic/courses/description/?course=328>

Director: David Reiss

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The Community Development Clinic represents community organizations that wish to help shape the future of Brooklyn neighborhoods. Clinic students represent community development corporations, cultural institutions, affordable housing providers and small businesses that serve underrepresented communities. Typical activities for Clinic students include drafting business formation documents; assisting in the formation of joint ventures; negotiating the leasing, purchasing, financing and renovating of real estate; and drafting, analyzing and negotiating contracts. Clinic students help these organizations develop, own, and operate a range of services and facilities which may include housing for individuals with special needs, cultural centers and recreational space. The Clinic's goal is to ensure that important, but smaller, voices are heard as Brooklyn communities are rethought, rezoned and redeveloped.

Columbia University School of Law

Non-Profit Organizations/Small Business Clinic

830 Jerome Green Hall

435 West 116th Street

New York, NY 10027

212-854-3867

Director: Barbara A. Schatz

bschatz@law.columbia.edu

The Clinic provides legal assistance to nonprofit organizations and small businesses that cannot pay market rates for legal services. Clinic clients are primarily located in disadvantaged neighborhoods in New York City, such as Harlem, Washington Heights, and the South Bronx. They seek the clinic's assistance to form appropriate business structures, enter into contracts, and comply with regulatory requirements. Students also offer seminars and workshops for entrepreneurs on corporate and tax issues.

Lawyers Alliance for New York

330 Seventh Avenue, 19th Floor

New York, NY 10001

212-219-1800

www.lany.org

Executive Director: Sean Delany

sdelany@lany.org

Lawyers Alliance for New York (LANY) is the leading provider of business legal services to nonprofits in New York City. LANY in-house attorneys, together with more than 700 volunteer lawyers from leading firms and corporations, provide pro bono legal services to nonprofit clients in all five boroughs of New York City. LANY promotes economic development, creates jobs and housing, and provides essential services such as child care and special programs for the elderly, young people and those with special needs.

Legal Aid Society's Community Development Project

230 East 106th Street

New York, NY 10029

212-426-3000

www.legal-aid.org

Director: Andrew Lehrer

aelehrer@legal-aid.org

The Legal Aid Society's Civil Division sponsors a Community Development Project (CDP). CDP fosters economic development throughout Upper Manhattan. CDP advises more than 100 non-profit and small business clients on negotiating and structuring commercial leases, loans and title closings, licensing and regulatory compliance, and a multitude of other transactional legal services. Volunteer attorneys augment CDP staff efforts on these cases. In addition, the Legal Aid Society assists existing low-income tenant co-operatives that were badly capitalized and financed when established and now face tax foreclosure.

Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.

237 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 300

White Plains, NY 10605

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Executive Director: Richard S. Hobish

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The Pro Bono Partnership works with community-based nonprofit organizations serving the poor and disadvantaged populations in Westchester County, New York, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and northern New Jersey. Its nonprofit clients work primarily in the areas of health and human services, affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. The Partnership provides business legal services to these organizations directly through its experienced staff attorneys, and through the volunteer services of attorneys from the leading corporations and law firms in the tri-state area.

**Syracuse University College of Law
Community Development Law Clinic**

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Syracuse, NY 13244
315-443-4582

Director: Deborah S. Kenn
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The Community Development Law Clinic is one of only a handful of law school clinics nationwide which provide students the opportunity to represent not-for-profit housing and community organizations involved in affordable housing development and community economic development for people with low incomes.

**Syracuse University College of Law
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic**

Box 6543
Syracuse, New York 13217-6543
315-443-4582

http://www.law.syr.edu/academics/clinicaleducation/inhouse_clinics.asp

Director: Robert G. Nassau
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The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic offers legal assistance to low income taxpayers who have controversies with the IRS. The controversies may include collection, examination, appeals, or Tax Court matters. Student attorneys will also be involved in community outreach and education regarding income tax matters.

**University at Buffalo Law School
Affordable Housing Clinic**

State University of New York
507 John Lord O'Brian Hall
Buffalo, New York 14260-1100

Directors: George Hezel, hezel@buffalo.edu and
Sara Faherty, sfaherty@buffalo.edu

In the Affordable Housing Clinic, students work with faculty and other experts to represent nonprofit developers of affordable housing and to assist in financing the creation of low-income and special-needs housing. Over the past decade, the clinic has leveraged close to \$50 million in affordable housing finance.

**University at Buffalo Law School
Community Economic Development Clinic**

State University of New York
507 John Lord O'Brian Hall
Buffalo, New York 14260-1100

Directors: Lauren Breen, lbreen@buffalo.edu and
Sara Faherty, sfaherty@buffalo.edu

In the Community Economic Development Clinic, students counsel community organizations and enterprises, not-for-profit corporations, worker-owned businesses, labor unions, and government agencies in a wide array of transactional matters.

**Volunteers of Legal Service
VOLS Microenterprise Project**

54 Greene Street
New York, NY 10013

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www.volsprobono.org

Executive Director: William J. Dean

info@volsprobono.org

VOLS works to increase the availability of pro bono civil legal services to New York City's poor. The VOLS Microenterprise Project provides pro bono legal assistance to low-income microentrepreneurs. The agencies identify low-income microentrepreneurs needing legal assistance and volunteer lawyers provide one-on-one representation on business-related issues and make presentations to groups of microentrepreneurs on basic legal matters. The project also provides an opportunity to greater involve transactional lawyers in pro bono work. Seventeen law firms participate in the project. The project serves microentrepreneurs in all five boroughs of the city.

North Carolina

Duke University Law School Community Enterprise Clinic

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Durham, NC 27708-0360

919-613-7169

888-600-7274

<http://www.law.duke.edu/ced>

Director: Andrew Foster

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The Community Enterprise Clinic is a resource for non-profit organizations and low-wealth entrepreneurs working to improve the quality of life in low-wealth communities through community economic development strategies. The clinic represents a wide range of clients to help them overcome barriers, attract resources and improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

Mecklenburg County Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program

438 Queens Road

Charlotte, NC 28207

704-375-8624 ext.121

www.meckbar.org/publicprograms/pp_vol_landing.cfm

Coordinator: Jennifer Howle

jhowle@meckbar.org

The aim of the MCB's Pro Bono for Nonprofits program is to provide pro bono legal assistance to charitable organizations by assigning attorneys to serve specific business law needs of those organizations. Through this program, business lawyers volunteer to address issues of corporate organization and governance, tax-exemption and contracting and to close real estate, financing, acquisition and other routine business transactions for charitable organizations.

North Carolina Center for Nonprofits Pro Bono Program

1110 Navaho Drive, Suite 200

Raleigh, NC 27609-7322

919-790-1555

<http://www.ncnonprofits.org>

President: Jane C. Kendall

info@ncnonprofits.org

The North Carolina Center for Nonprofits and selected sections of the North Carolina Bar Association co-sponsor a nonprofits pro bono program. This program is designed to

provide nonprofits with budgets of under \$1 million with a source of legal expertise their organizations might otherwise not be able to afford. Small and medium-sized nonprofits receive access to sound legal advice on topics including administrative, corporate, labor, employment and tax law.

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Small Business Clinic

1512 South Alston Avenue

Durham, NC 27707

919-530-6333

<http://www.nccu.edu/law/clinical/clinical0402.html>

Supervising Attorney: Sandra Polin

919-530-7749,

The Small Business Clinic, established in the spring of 2001, is a partnership between the School and the Small Business Technology and Development Center (SBTDC), a business development organization located in Chapel Hill, NC. The Small Business Clinic is a one-semester program that allows students to work with small businesses located in the Triangle area. The businesses that the SBTDC refers to the Clinic usually require assistance on a wide array of legal issues that may include regulatory requirements, employment law issues, tax matters, and other state and federal mandates.

University of North Carolina School of Law

Community Development Law Clinic

Van Hecke-Wettach Hall

100 Ridge Road, CB #3380

Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3380

919-962-5106

<http://www.law.unc.edu/Welcome.aspx?ID=50&PG=CPW>

Director: Thomas Kelley

takelley@email.unc.edu

CDL Clinic students provide corporate and transactional counsel to North Carolina nonprofit community development organizations. The aim of the CDL Clinic is to help students develop skills in corporate and transactional law and, at the same time, show them how those skills can be put to use in serving under-resourced communities. CDL students work on a wide variety of business law projects, including: forming corporations and LLCs; spinning off subsidiaries for existing nonprofit corporations; advising organizations regarding local, state, and federal taxation; negotiating and drafting contracts on behalf of nonprofit organizations; assisting organizations with real estate acquisitions; helping structure joint ventures between nonprofit and for-profit entities; and obtaining necessary state licenses for nonprofit programs.

North Dakota

Ohio

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Community Development Clinic

Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center

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Cleveland, OH 44106

216-368-2766

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Director: Kenneth R. Margolis & Matthew Rossman

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Case's clinical program began over 35 years ago as an in-house clinic focused around the community of Mount Pleasant. Subsequently, the school developed a relationship with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, first on a referral basis and then as an externship with faculty supervision. The practice in the Community Development Clinic involves a wide range of business, charitable, housing and other transactional work.

**Cleveland - Marshall College of Law
Urban Development Law Clinic**

Law Building, Room 60

1801 Euclid Avenue

Mailing: 2121 Euclid Ave., LB 138

Cleveland, OH 44115

216-687-2506

kermit.lind@law.csuohio.edu

Director: Alan Weinstein

Alan.weinstein@law.csuohio.edu

The Urban Development Law Clinic of the College of Law provides legal services to neighborhood and community-based nonprofit organizations in the City of Cleveland, Ohio. The Clinic provides law students under the supervision of practicing attorneys an opportunity to experience the practice of law and to develop practice skills while serving real clients.

**The University of Akron School of Law
New Business Legal Clinic**

Blake McDowell Law Center

Akron, OH 44325-2901

330-972-2358

<http://www.uakron.edu/law/nblc/index.php>

Director: Stephen R. Cook

scook@uakron.edu

The NBLC provides low-cost legal and business assistance to small and emerging businesses in the local community. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, second- and third- year law students provide non-litigation, transactional legal and business advice including business planning, employment, contract/lease, tax and entity formation information.

Oklahoma

Oregon

Community Development Law Center

921 Southwest Washington, Suite 454

Portland, Oregon 97205

503-471-1180

<http://www.cdlcweb.org/>

Director: Leon Laptook

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The CDLC provides legal services to non-profit organizations in Oregon. CDLC's attorneys represent affordable housing and economic development organizations in real estate, land use, construction, corporate, and employment matters. CDLC staff also conducts training in subjects such as housing, finance, asset management, and the rights

and responsibilities of non-profit board members. CDLC is based in Portland, and it serves clients throughout Oregon. CDLC also operates a clinic in cooperation with Lewis & Clark Law School.

**Lewis & Clark Law School
Small Business Legal Clinic**

10015 Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard
Portland, OR 97219
503-768-6600
Director: Lisa LeSage
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Clinical Professor: Maggie Finnerty
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The Small Business Legal SBLC provides transactional legal services to low income, women and minority-owned businesses. In collaboration with local firms, the SBLC offers a pro bono program for small businesses otherwise unable to afford traditional transactional legal services.

**Lewis & Clark Law School
Center for Technology, Entrepreneurship & Law (CTEL)**

10015 Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard
Portland, OR 97219
503-768-6600
Director: Lisa LeSage
lesage@lclark.edu
Clinical Professors: Steve Goebel and Jim Huston

In a collaborative effort with Portland State University School of Business Administration, the law school offers a unique joint venture with MBA and JD students and local attorneys assisting entrepreneurs with high-growth potential knowledge-based companies.

**Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
Non Profit Project**

111 Southwest Fifth Avenue, Suite 3400
Portland, OR 97204
503-205-2312
<http://www.tacs.org/resource/dirtemplate.asp?pid=3>
Coordinator: Ashley Hohimer (Miller Nash LLP)
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Nonprofit corporations are screened and paired with volunteer attorneys who handle single-issue, non-litigation business law matters such as contracts, corporate governance and real estate. Typical projects include reviewing bylaws, articles of incorporation, employment agreements and leases and providing advice on employment and intellectual property matters.

**University of Oregon School of Law
Small Business Clinic**

1515 Agate Street
Eugene, OR 97403
541-346-3852 or 541-346-0037
<http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/cle/sbc.php>
Director: Jill Fetherstonhaugh

Jrf1@law.uoregon.edu

The SBC is sponsored by the Center for Law and Entrepreneurship. The SBC provides small companies and entrepreneurs with legal assistance in forming and running their small businesses. The Clinic continues to build local relationships, including those with the Lane County Bar Association, the Lane Community College Business and Development Center and the Senior Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Pennsylvania

Duquesne University School of Law Economic and Community Development Law Clinic

632 Fisher Hall

Mailing: 600 Forbes Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15282

412-396-4704

<http://www.law.duq.edu/Academics/AcaClnECD.html>

Director: Professor Jaclyn A. Cherry

cherry@duq.edu

Duquesne University School of Law's Economic and Community Development Law Clinic works with non-profit groups and organizations and distressed communities committed to economic and community development. As the need arises, outreach offices are established in communities actively pursuing economic development.

Philadelphia LawWorks, a project of Philadelphia Volunteers for Indigent Program

42 South 15th Street, 4th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-523-9550

<http://www.philadelphialawworks.org>

LawWorks Director: Stefanie Fleischer Seldin

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Philadelphia LawWorks contributes to Philadelphia's economic development by ensuring that homeowners, nonprofits and small business owners' legal needs are met and by educating clients and the community to prevent legal problems. LawWorks serves the nonprofit groups and small businesses that are vital in keeping communities alive and vibrant. LawWorks also assists low-income small business owners, helping to strengthen the backbones of neighborhoods, stimulate commerce, and bring business services directly to neighborhood residents. In addition, LawWorks serves low-income persons and families trying to acquire title to their homes, helping to solve the Philadelphia-area problem of "tangled title," which creates property transfer problems and may result in homelessness.

Temple University – Beasley School of Law Center for Community Nonprofit Organizations

1719 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19122-6098

215-204-1465

<http://www.temple.edu/lawschool/ccno/>

Director: Sharon Wilson

ccno@temple.edu

The CCNO is a part of the law school clinical program of the Beasley Law School at Temple University. The CCNO serves only non-profits, and offers service free of charge to clients who qualify. The Center represents tax-exempt organizations providing

opportunities for neighborhood revitalization, and individual uplift; including housing, health services, educational, microenterprise, job and asset development. The Center offers its services to organizations which serve low-income communities.

**University of Pennsylvania Law School
Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic**

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215-898-8044
elc@law.upenn.edu
<http://www.law.upenn.edu/clinic/elc>
Faculty Supervisor: Rebecca Clayton
rclayton@law.upenn.edu

Founded in 1982, the Clinic was one of the first clinics in an American law school to teach in a transactional practice setting. The Clinic's missions are to give students hands-on experience in lawyering for entrepreneurs – both for profit and nonprofit, and to serve the community by offering free legal counsel. In addition to serving the legal needs of program clients, Clinic students also conduct community workshop on legal issues relevant to entrepreneurs. Projects undertaken by the students range from incorporation to complex documentation of low-cost housing acquisition and financing. For clients, the Clinic offers no-cost assistance in such matters as choosing and forming a legal entity, drafting bylaws and partnership/shareholder agreements, drafting contracts and loan documents, protecting intellectual property, filing for federal tax-exempt status, and facilitating real estate development activities.

**The University of Tennessee College of Law
Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law**

1505 West Cumberland Avenue, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37996-1801
865-974-9917
Director: Paulette J. Williams
pwilliam@libra.law.utk.edu

The clinic represents for-profit and non-profit organizations in need of legal representation that are under-served by the private bar. Organizations that have adequate resources to hire a private attorney are not eligible for the services of the clinic. The clinic coordinates its client intake process with several community groups, such as SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives), TSBDC (the Tennessee Small Business Development Center), and the KBA/LAET (Knoxville Bar Association/ Legal Aid of East Tennessee) Pro Bono Project. The clinic also represents individuals in transactional matters such as consumer credit counseling and financing negotiations.

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

**The University of Tennessee College of Law
Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law**
1505 West Cumberland Avenue, Suite 202

Knoxville, TN 37996-1801

865-974-9917

<http://www.law.utk.edu/CENTERS/ENTREP/CENTERSclaytonb1.htm>

Director: George W. Kuney

kuney@libra.law.utk.edu

The Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law hosts a Business Law Clinic. The Clinic represents for-profit and nonprofit organizations in need of legal representation that are under-served by the private bar. Organizations that have adequate resources to hire a private attorney are not eligible for the services of the clinic. The clinic coordinates its client intake process with several community groups. The Clinic also represents individuals in transactional matters such as consumer credit counseling and financing negotiations.

Vanderbilt University Law School

Community and Economic Development Clinic

131 21st Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37203-1181

615-322-4964

Director: Laurie Hauber

Laurie.hauber@vanderbilt.edu

The Community and Economic Development Law Clinic represents low-income communities in forming entities and finding creative legal solutions to economic and legal issues. Students provide transactional legal services that help an individual, group, or organization to initiate operation, continue operation, or address a particular legal problem. The Clinic provides transactional legal services for client groups engaged in different kinds of neighborhood-based community development. It represents and helps organize small non-profits and businesses, and tenants' associations in the public and private sectors, all of whom share the goal of developing different kinds of resources for greatly underserved urban communities.

Texas

Community Development Project

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program

712 Main Street, Suite 2700

Houston, TX 77002

713-228-0735 ext.107

info@hvlp.org

http://www.ehvlp.org/aboutus/Areas_Law_Special_Projects.aspx

This program matches nonprofit organizations that serve low-income populations, including community development corporations, with volunteer attorneys to help them with a wide range of legal matters. Although this is generally on a transaction-by-transaction basis, in at least one case, an ongoing general counsel relationship has been developed.

Texas C-BAR Community Building with Attorney Resources

4920 N. Interstate Highway 35

Austin, Texas 78751

512-374-2710

800-369-9270 x2710

www.texasbar.org

Director: Frances Leos Martinez

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Texas C-BAR provides free legal assistance to Texas nonprofits working to improve the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods. Texas C-BAR recruits experienced transactional attorneys who volunteer to help these organizations with their real estate, tax, corporate, and employment law needs.

Texas C-BAR Legal Assistance to Microenterprise Project (LAMP)

4920 N. Interstate Highway 35

Austin, Texas 78751

512-374-2710

800-369-9270 ext.2710

www.texasbar.org

Director: Frances Leos Martinez

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Texas C-BAR and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid have partnered with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to form LAMP. LAMP is designed to expand microenterprise opportunities in rural Texas communities. LAMP provides free legal services, training and resources for qualified low-income residents in 68 contiguous border counties to start or sustain a small business. LAMP provides legal aid through legal staff and through pro bono referrals to Texas C-BAR volunteer attorneys.

**University of Texas at Austin School of Law
Community Development Clinic**

727 East Dean Keeton Street

Austin, Texas 78705

512-471-5151

www.utexas.edu/law/academics/clinics/clinics.html#community

Directors: Heather Way & Frances Leos Martinez

hway@austin.rr.com

Clinic clients include nonprofit organizations and individuals involved in community development. Students provide business law services needed to promote sustainable economic development in low-income communities including job creation, affordable housing, and asset building strategies. Typical matters handled in the clinic will involve real estate, tax, contract, and corporate law issues. The Clinic is a partnership between the Law School and Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR), a project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

The Community Tax Law Project

3600 W. Broad Street, Suite 678

PO Box 11322

Richmond, VA 23230

(804) 358-5855

www.ctlp.org

Executive Director: Elaine Javonovich

elainej@ctlp.org

The Community Tax Law Project's primary mission is to provide low income Virginia taxpayers with pro bono representation in federal and state tax disputes and to educate

low income individuals about their rights and responsibilities as US taxpayers. The Project accomplishes its mission through a panel of volunteer attorneys and accountants and an in-house legal staff. CTLP also operates the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Resource Center, providing technical assistance, start-up operational support, training, and practice advice to low income taxpayer clinics nationwide.

Washington

Seattle University School of Law

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The School of Law sponsors several business-related clinics that provide assistance to persons of limited means or to organizations that serve persons of limited means. The Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic provides a number of services (excluding litigation), and does so with the active involvement of advisors from the business and legal community as well as the Center on Corporations, Law & Society. In the Not for Profit Organization Clinic, students represent individuals and community groups interested in creating a non-profit organization. The School of Law also sponsors the Predatory Lending Clinic, in which students represent clients in predatory lending matters relating to home mortgages, debt collection practices, and other unfair lending practices. Students will also engage in community projects, educating laypersons on topics such as debt collection, mortgage lending laws, payday loans, refund anticipation loans, check cashing institutions, and other forms of alternative financial services.

Washing Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations

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Seattle, WA 98111-2134
<http://www.waaco.org>
contact@waaco.org

WAACO's mission is to promote community development and organizational capacity-building in Washington State by assisting charitable and community-based nonprofit corporations to obtain free legal assistance on business-related matters.

West Virginia

West Virginia University College of Law

Business Clinic

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Morgantown, WV 26506
304-293-6821
www.wvu.edu/~law/clinic/business/businessstart.htm
Director: Marjorie Anne McDiarmid
mmcdiarm@wvu.edu

The Business Clinic expands on the free services traditionally offered by the WVU Clinical Law Program by assisting non-profit entities and small businesses with startup, transactional, and problem-solving issues. Third-year student attorneys provide advice and counseling regarding business formation; labor and employee issues; intellectual property management; tax issues; and governmental licensing and reporting requirements. Business Law Clinic student attorneys also draft legal documents and

provide representation for business transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and reorganizations.

Wisconsin

Wyoming