# USE YOUR LAW DEGREE FOR LIFE CHANGING IMPACT

Your law skills are **crucial to millions of Americans** facing confusing legal issues.

America is ranked **126th out of 139 countries** for accessibility and affordability of civil justice. <sup>1</sup>

Low-income Americans do not get any or enough legal help for **92% of their civil legal problems**.<sup>2</sup>

Over the past 20 years, Administer Justice has helped hundreds of attorneys find purpose by providing legal advice to 80,000+ clients. We've created a team-supported model to make doing justice simple for attorneys.

With your unique skill, you can make an impact in client's lives by serving just 3-4 hours a month. Your legal advice and coaching will:

- > Remove fears.
- > Bring clarity to confusing legal issues.
- Provide hope and next steps to challenging situations.

The Gospel Justice Center (GJC) model makes it simple to help your vulnerable neighbors receive the hope of God's love.

# WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS A GOSPEL JUSTICE CENTER ATTORNEY VOLUNTEER



### Team-supported care

The larger volunteer team provides admin support to you and holistic care to the clients you meet with.



### **Helpful resources**

Our network of attorneys and legal resources assist in navigating common legal issues. Our malpractice insurance covers all pro se advice.



# Commitment of only 3-4 hours per month

Your service counts towards the pro bono recommendation for lawyers Per Rule 6.1 of Model Rules of Professional Conduct.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# What is the expected scope of the legal services?

You are not expected to go beyond the one-time 45-minute consultation. In that time, you will coach clients so they are empowered to take the next steps themselves, and know what & how to take those steps. You have the discretion to go further with the client, if desired, and will be covered by our malpractice insurance – up to but not including appearance in court.

### What areas of law are covered?

Administer Justice provides civil legal aid and does not provide legal counsel for criminal cases.

### What is expected of attorneys?

This is an opportunity for attorneys to integrate their faith and practice. You will usually serve once a month for 3-4 hours, during which time you will meet with 3-4 individuals. You are NOT expected to be experts in any area of law the client presents or take a prolonged case in court.

The ABA and most state professional rules of responsibility provide encouragement to volunteer through a clinic (Rule 6.5 or 6.6 usually) which provides guidance on relaxed rules for conflict of interest and attorney-client relationship. Most states allow contractually limiting an appointment such that no attorney client relationship is created.

Administer Justice uses a client agreement based on ABA standards.

# Are attorneys covered by malpractice insurance?

Yes. Administer Justice provides malpractice insurance for attorneys serving center clients, from the initial consultations through limited scope representation.

## Do volunteer attorneys litigate the clients' cases?

No. The malpractice insurance for a GJC does not cover court appearances.

Per Rule 6.1 of Model Rules of Professional Conduct, do volunteer hours count towards pro bono/public legal services? Yes.

# Does an attorney have to know poverty law?

No. Your role is to assess the circumstances and determine a plan for addressing the client's questions. Lawyers are uniquely qualified to do that. Most states have created excellent self-help resources which, while confusing for a client, are easy to navigate for a lawyer to help coach a client.

You can discuss facts with other lawyers on site and often arrive at a good plan for helping someone. Importantly, people are more than legal problems. The compassion and care you offer has significant impact.

The support team will assist with additional spiritual and social support.

### What volunteer attorneys are saying:

"Serving has made me glad that I'm a lawyer."

"Administer Justice helps me to help people who really have deep needs...a lot of the people I meet with at Administer Justice have nowhere to go."

"Fantastic way to merge my profession and my beliefs."

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