



# District of Columbia Courts

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## **Volunteer Opportunity** **Probate Self-Help Center**

The Probate Self-Help Center is a walk-in service at the D.C. Superior Court that provides unrepresented people with legal information about matters involving wills, estate administration, adult guardianship, guardianship of minors' estates, and trusts.

Volunteers play a critical role in helping Probate Self-Help Center customers – many of whom are experiencing a particularly challenging and emotional time in their lives – understand their rights and navigate court processes.

### **How You Can Help**

Under the supervision of experienced court staff, volunteers meet one-on-one with unrepresented customers on site at the Probate Self-Help Center.

Volunteers help Probate Self-Help Center customers by:

- Informing them of their legal rights and obligations
- Describing the legal options available to them
- Helping identify and complete court forms
- Providing guidance about obtaining/gathering supporting documentation
- Explaining the court process and what to expect in court
- Referring them to other helpful resources

The Probate Self-Help Center does not provide legal advice, only information. No prior experience in estates and trusts law is required.

Volunteers are encouraged to staff at least one, three-hour shift per month.

**Questions or Ready to Volunteer?** Contact [Jodi.Feldman@DCCSystem.gov](mailto:Jodi.Feldman@DCCSystem.gov)