

SUMMER 2026
Christine Smith Community Service Program
Offerings Available to Boyd Students

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada invites Boyd students to help reduce the barriers facing under-resourced members of our community as they navigate their civil legal challenges.

Sign up to work with our attorneys and your classmates as you prepare and present community education classes on civil legal topics. This hands-on program builds substantive legal knowledge while strengthening public speaking, presentation, and communication skills. You'll learn to think on your feet by answering real-world legal questions from attendees. Ideal for students who want to strengthen confidence, courtroom presence, and public-facing advocacy skills early in law school.

Students who participate receive preference for advanced opportunities at Legal Aid Center, such as clerkships, fellowships, and our Pathways to Supervised Practice program.

Please note that the time commitment is approximately **20 hours** for the summer session. **Students must commit to all dates listed for the program selected.**

To sign up for a summer 2026 community service offering, email Jim Berchtold at JBerchtold@lacs.nv.gov by **May 5, 2026**. Email or call with questions, (702) 386-1495.

BANKRUPTCY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Supervisor – Peter Aldous, Esq.

In the bankruptcy program, you'll teach class attendees the realities and myths of bankruptcy, the differences between Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies, how to represent themselves in court, alternatives to bankruptcy, and how they can apply for a pro bono attorney to file their Chapter 7 case. Opportunities, such as court observation, are also included.

Classes will be online at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada on **Fridays from 1-3 p.m.** on the following dates:

May 29; June 5, 12, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14

Students are expected to be at Legal Aid Center on these dates to teach the class to attendees who will participate online. Other program components are scheduled on Fridays, as available, or at students' and attorney's agreed-upon time.

Orientation	May 29, 3-4 p.m. (after first class), Legal Aid Center
Court Observation	Date TBD, Bankruptcy Court
Bankruptcy Pro Bono Committee Meeting	TBD (virtual)
Ask-A-Lawyer, Shadow Intake Advocate, Attend Case Review	To be scheduled with supervising attorney
Debriefing	August 14, 3-4 p.m. (after last class), Legal Aid Center

DIVORCE/PATERNITY/CUSTODY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Supervisor - Giovanni Andrade, Esq.

In the Divorce/Paternity/Custody program, you will teach attendees about uncontested joint petitions, the basics of a contested divorce, how to establish custody and paternity, what the court looks for in visitation and relocation issues, and how to represent themselves in court. Opportunities, such as court tour and observation, are also included.

Classes will be online and in person at the [Dolores Huerta Resource Center](#) on **Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

May 30; June 13, 27; July 11, 18; August 8, 22

Students are expected to be at the class venue on these dates to teach the class to attendees who will participate both in person and online. Other program components are scheduled on Fridays, as available, or at students' and attorney's agreed-upon time.

Orientation	May 30, 11-noon (after first class), Dolores Huerta Resource Center
Court Observation and Tour of Family Law Self-Help Center	Date TBD, Family Court and Family Law Self-Help Center
Ask-A-Lawyer, or Shadow Intake, Attend Case Review	Family Justice Project, Legal Aid Center
Debriefing	August 22, 11-noon (after last class), Dolores Huerta Resource Center

EVICITION SEALING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Supervisor –Jordan Savage, Esq.

In the eviction sealing program, you will assist tenants who were evicted due to circumstances beyond their control, who need to seal their eviction record to improve their chances of finding new housing. You will help attendees determine if they are eligible to seal their eviction record, educate them on the court process, and assist them with completing a Motion to Seal an Eviction Record, and more. Opportunities, such as court observation and tour, are also included.

Classes will be online at Legal Aid Center on **Fridays from 9-11:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

May 29; June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 7, 21

Students are expected to be at Legal Aid Center on these dates to teach the class to attendees who will participate online. Other program components are scheduled on Fridays, as available, or at students' and attorney's agreed-upon time.

Orientation	May 29, 11-noon (after first class), Legal Aid Center
Court Observation and Tour of Civil Law Self-Help Center	Date TBD, Regional Justice Center
Ask-A-Lawyer, Shadow Intake, Attend Case Review	Schedule with supervising attorney
Debriefing	August 21, 11-noon (after last class), Legal Aid Center

GUARDIANSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM (all virtual except first and last class)

Supervisor – Nevada Legal Services

In the guardianship program, you will teach attendees how to establish an uncontested guardianship for an adult or a child, how to prepare for the hearing, service, and how to represent themselves in court. Opportunities, such as court tour and observation, are also included.

Classes will be online on **Fridays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

May 29; June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 7, 21

Students are expected to be at Nevada Legal Services for the first and last class; all other classes students will attend virtually to teach the online class. Other program components are scheduled on Fridays, as available, or at students' and attorney's agreed-upon time.

Orientation	May 29, 11-noon (after first class), Nevada Legal Services
Court Observation and Tour of Family Law Self-Help Center	Date TBD, Family Court and Family Law Self-Help Center
Shadow a Guardianship Attorney, Ask-A-Lawyer, or Virtual Elko Judicial Court Hearing	Date TBD, Nevada Legal Services or Legal Aid Center
Debriefing	Aug. 21, 11-noon (after last class), Nevada Legal Services

SMALL CLAIMS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Supervisor – Michele Kiraly, Esq.

In the small claims program, you will teach attendees the statutory requirements and court procedures governing filing or defending a small claims case, how to prepare for a small claims hearing, and how to represent themselves in court. Opportunities, such as court tour and observation, are also included.

Classes will be online at Legal Aid Center on **Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** on the following dates:

May 27; June 10, 24; July 8, 22; August 5, 19

Students are expected to be at Legal Aid Center on these dates to teach the class to attendees who will participate online. Other program components are scheduled on Fridays, as available, or at students' and attorney's agreed-upon time.

Orientation	May 27, 5-6 p.m. (after first class), Legal Aid Center
Court Observation and Tour of Civil Law Self-Help Center	Date TBD, Regional Justice Center
Ask-A-Lawyer, Shadow an Intake Advocate, Attend Case Review	To be scheduled with supervising attorney, Legal Aid Center
Debriefing	Aug. 19, 5-6 p.m. (after last class), Legal Aid Center