Ascend Justice Winter Immersion Program

When:
Three Sessions Available:
   Week 1: December 16-23, 2019
   Week 2: January 2-3, 2020
   Week 3: January 6-10, 2020

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Training will take place on the first day of the Immersion Program for Weeks #1 (December 16) & #3 (January 6).

Training for Week #2 is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Location TBD. Alternatively, students signed up for Week #2 and Week #3 may attend the either of the previous training sessions if available.

Depending on available spots, students may volunteer for more than one week and/or may split their time between two of the three weeks.

Where:
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Domestic Violence Courthouse
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Applications Due: Monday November 30, 2019
Experience an immersive introduction to domestic violence litigation by spending a week helping self-represented litigants petition the court for orders of protection through Ascend Justice’s Emergency Protection Project. Provide hands-on brief legal services and work directly with the litigants, conducting interviews and creating the documents they need to file. Observe court and see how judges use your own work product in determining whether the petitioner will receive an Emergency Order of Protection in an ex-parte hearing. Support the litigant during a time of crisis, by demystifying the court process.

Interested applicants should send a resume and brief statement of interest to Kimberly Washington (kwashington@ascendjustice.org). Please indicate which week or weeks you’d like to volunteer and if you can attend one of the training sessions listed above. Applications due by Monday, November 30, 2019. Spots are limited and will be filled on a rolling basis so applying early is encouraged! Applicants must have a working laptop that can operate on a battery for at least one hour, and must be comfortable conducting sensitive legal interviews.