

In furtherance of the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Centers mission of promoting open and equal access to legal information, and supporting the vision of creating informed consumers with realistic expectations of the legal system, the Divorce & Family Law Help service was envisioned and instituted in partnership with the Peskind Law Firm in 2017. In no way is the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center legally obligated to provide this service.

Divorce & Family Law Help Policy

Attorneys volunteering for the Divorce & Family Law Help service represent individuals on a strictly limited basis. Volunteering attorneys agree to assist only with Kane County family law cases. The program's services are limited to legal coaching, document review, and referrals. The attorneys will not appear in court on an individual's behalf and are not obligated to extend representation beyond this limited consultation ([IL Rules of Professional Conduct 6.5](#)). Library staff will not release the volunteering attorneys' names and will not schedule individuals with specific attorneys. The staff of the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center has the right to deny this service to anyone who is disruptive or disrespectful to the volunteering attorney or library staff. Prior to consultation, a *Limited Representation Disclaimer* must be signed by both the individual seeking services and the volunteering attorney.

Volunteering attorneys are asked to cover a specific time shift.

Attorneys volunteering under this program are responsible for complying with [IL Rule of Professional Conduct 6.5](#)

Those qualifying for assistance through the Divorce & Family Law Help service must meet specific criteria.

- The legal matter(s) for which the individual is seeking assistance must be occurring in Kane County and must be of a family law nature.
- The individual(s) cannot have current legal representation, whether it be private, through a legal aid organization, or by any other means.

Individuals may not utilize the Divorce & Family Law Help service more than three times for the same legal matter, except through the express consent of a volunteering attorney.