**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**

Introduction

Thank you for enquiring about volunteering with WEstjustice. WEstjustice is the largest free not-for-profit community legal centre in the west of metropolitan Victoria. We are an independent generalist legal service and rely on our volunteers to meet the high demand for free community legal services in our local community. Our local community is comprised of the suburbs constituting the Cities of Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay and Wyndham.

We pride ourselves on possessing a friendly, diverse and professional work environment that is at the forefront of social justice and advocacy. We are connected to the community and continuously foster and form partnerships with vital grassroots organisations, educational institutions, governments, industry and professional bodies to support our community.

Our services include:

Criminal law Family law Consumer law  Family Violence

Tenancy                            Telecommunication       Mortgage Stress               Infringements

Discrimination                 Workplace rights             Credit & debt                    Motor vehicle accidents

Insurance disputes         Centrelink                 Legal Education Financial counselling                   etc.

WEstjustice also has a robust and innovative policy and community development program involving community legal education, law reform, and advocacy and community projects.

WEstjustice’s “modus operandi” is based on strong links between casework, community development, and policy and law reform.

The volunteers at WEstjustice are involved in all levels of the organisation including the Board of Directors, Day and Night Lawyers, Law Students and Administration Assistants. All volunteers are appropriately supervised.

If volunteering at WEstjustice interests you, please fill out the attached volunteer application form and return it along with your CV/resume to admin@westjustice.org.au.

Your interest in the service is admirable and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

WEstjustice.

VOLUNTEER DETAILS

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (M) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (H/B) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you want to volunteer? FOOTSCRAY WERRIBEE

Speak a language other than English? YES/NO

* If YES, which language & proficiency? \_­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Admitted as an Australian lawyer in Victoria? YES/NO

* If YES, do you hold a current Practicing Certificate? YES/NO
* How many years of PQE do you have? ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student? YES/NO

* If YES, which educational institution, Course and Year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Are you neither a lawyer nor student? YES/NO

**Availability**

Please TICK the times suitable for you.

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **9.30 am – 1.00 pm** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2.00 pm – 5.30 pm** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6.00 pm – 8.00 pm****(Night service)** | Werribee | FootscrayLaverton |  |  |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |

How frequent can you volunteer? Everyday Weekly Fortnightly Monthly; or

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What period of volunteering can you commit to? 3 months 6 months 12 months; or

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(All volunteers are on trial for a three month period and are subject to review.  Volunteers are expected to commit to volunteering for the period and times agreed to with WEstjustice. Volunteers* ***must not self-refer*** *WEstjustice clients.)*

**Background information**

**Reasons for volunteering with** **WEstjustice:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Previous experience**: Please give brief details of related education, work, volunteer, community or other experience. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **List areas of specialisation (Lawyers):**

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 **List other areas of legal experience (Lawyers):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**CIRCLE the area(s) you want to volunteer in:**

Administrative support Research

Legal advice Community Legal Education

Policy Publications/Publicity

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

1. I hereby agree to treat all information and documents directly or indirectly obtained through my volunteer duties at WEstjustice (Western Community Legal Centre Ltd) as strictly confidential. I will not pass or cause for any information or documents to be passed on in a manner that would breach that confidentiality to another person or the public without prior consent of WEstjustice.
2. I am aware that any breach of this condition can result in my being removed from the roster of volunteers and my services terminated.
3. I will maintain the confidentiality of the information and documents received as a result of my volunteer duties at WEstjustice at all times, even after I cease volunteering.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_