

MAC Pro Bono Opportunities

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC) is a legal advocacy and direct service nonprofit law firm founded in 1969, dedicated to removing barriers to educational and life opportunities for children and youth. Based in Boston, and serving the state of Massachusetts, MAC uses a combination of strategies from policy advocacy and individual case representation to advance change on systemic and individual levels. We provide legal representation to children with the greatest needs, focusing on those marginalized by the education system due to race, disability, language, immigration status, and poverty. Our case work involves helping families navigate complex educational systems, securing necessary services, addressing language access, and challenging issues of discrimination and inequity. Learn more about MAC [here](#).

Who should volunteer: Through our pro bono program, MA licensed attorneys, paralegals, and law students can make a lasting impact on a student's education and create systemic change so all children and youth can thrive in the classroom and beyond.

Timing: Our pro bono offerings are suitable for all experience levels and practice settings, ranging from small one-time research projects to limited scope representation such as mediations, to attorneys looking to take on representation special education cases, and partnering with us around specific legislative and administrative advocacy.

Referrals: Pro bono case referrals at MAC are made to private attorneys, where the complexity of the case is weighed against each attorney's experience level and capacity. The cases are screened for merit by MAC staff and then attorneys are provided with client records and a summary of the case, following a conflict check, prior to accepting the referral.

Support: MAC supports its pro bono volunteers by providing free malpractice insurance coverage, technical assistance and mentoring to our pro bono partners, as well as advanced training in specific areas of the law and recent changes in laws and regulations. We also continually share resource materials and opportunities for legal skills building for our pro bono collaborators to increase knowledge about education law through trainings, conferences, and networking.

For more information about our pro bono opportunities, please contact MAC's Director of Pro Bono and Learning, Janine Solomon at (617) 357-8431, ext. 3223 or JSolomon@massadvocates.org