



A CHANCE TO HELP FIRST RESPONDERS!

Wills Assistance For Emergency Responders (WAFER)

In the Covid-19 era, healthcare workers and first responders are on the front lines of the pandemic, and unfortunately need to be planning for the possibility of serious illness or death. But they often do not have the resources or time to go through an entire estate planning engagement with an attorney. In light of that need, we have created a project to provide quick and free help to people in this situation, using the simplest will and power of attorney forms – and we hope you will join us.

- ❖ Hospitals, clinics, fire stations, etc. will share our website with their staff. On the website is a video (just over an hour) explaining how to complete the Statutory Will, the Statutory Power of Attorney (for property) and the Health Care Directive.
 - Some clients will use the video and downloadable forms, and do the work on their own.
 - Others will have questions, or would prefer to have someone on the phone walk them through completing the paperwork. We will screen those clients, and connect you with them.
- ❖ Volunteer attorneys will watch the video training (made by the law firm of Perkins Coie) which is also an excellent training for volunteer attorneys. We also have detailed written instructions.
- ❖ Once you are trained, we will reach out periodically to let you know we have clients in need. You can sign up for as many or as few as works for your schedule (we will send you the intake form), and reach out to the client to set up the call.
- ❖ You are only helping them fill out the forms. You are not filling out forms yourself.
- ❖ Once your call is complete, you will complete the second half of the intake form, letting us know that you talked to the client, what help you provided, and how long you spent.
- ❖ We will provide you with the contact information for expert attorneys in case the client asks you a question that you cannot answer.
- ❖ California Rule of Professional Conduct 6.5 provides that when offering limited scope representation such as that described here, you need only identify conflicts that you recognize. You do **not** need to run a conflicts check.
- ❖ Of course, our malpractice insurance covers you.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

CLIENTS ARE SCREENED

LIMITED TIME COMMITMENT

To volunteer, send an email to Tiela Chalmers: tiela@acbanet.org