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## **Justice Legal Network**

San Diego

The Justice Legal Network is an innovative, nationally recognized and financially sustainable civil legal services

program to support victims of domestic violence and related sexual assault and their children. Many victims of domestic violence and their children in San Diego County need legal services but often they cannot afford representation in court.

The Justice Legal Network focuses on helping attorneys to develop their own private legal practice while providing all their pro bono hours (25 hours per year) to victims and their children. In addition, each lawyer agrees to one one low bono case (\$50 per hour) or one fixed fee case (up to \$1,000 for the entire matter) from the Alliance on behalf of victims. Attorneys wishing to join the Justice Legal Network also must agree to: Receive training from our team on handling family court matters for modest means and low



income victims and their children; Co-locate their private practices in the offices of the Alliance (or affiliate as offsite partners); and Commit to participate for a three-year period.

The need for legal services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault FAR EXCEEDS the available help through public interest law firms and pro bono hours provided by caring attorneys. The Justice Legal Network seeks to meet the diverse and complex needs of victims in family law, immigration law, and related legal needs by developing a specially trained team of attorneys partnered with the Family Justice Center Alliance. These attorneys, all recent law school graduates who are not working in private firms, have the freedom to develop their own private practices to help provide their living expenses while also accepting cases from the Justice Legal Network. Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, with little or no income, are being identified through the San Diego Family Justice Center and other local domestic violence and sexual assault programs to receive help from the Justice Legal Network.

The Alliance utilizes attorneys participating in the Justice Legal Network to screen and identify clients for the program and based on financial need, pays hourly rates of \$50 per hour and fixed fee amounts of \$250-\$1,000 for divorces, child custody matters, immigration issues, and other legal needs of victims and their children. Attorneys in the Justice Legal Network must agree to accept representation for these reduced amounts and the Alliance must make a finding of financial inability to pay before considering a case for representation.

All the attorneys in the Justice Legal Network are specially trained to work with victims of violence and abuse and they receive ongoing support from Alliance for HOPE International.

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"Without this network, I don't know where I would have turned for help."

- Yolanda, Domestic Violence Survivor

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