



How Can You Help?

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services sponsors seminars for attorneys and volunteer interpreters throughout the year on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the U visa.

Step One

Attend one of the training seminars offered throughout the year.

To be a pro bono attorney:

- You must be a licensed attorney from any state
- You do not have to be experienced in immigration law as we will train you

To be a pro bono interpreter:

- You must be a native speaker or proficient in a second language
- You do not have to be court certified

Participants will learn:

- The requirements for eligibility for immigration benefits under VAWA and the U visa
- The basic principles of working with survivors
- How to prepare and submit self-petitions or applications
- How to monitor cases and correspond with US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Step Two

Sign up to take a case.

- Catholic Charities staff will provide legal and technical support to attorneys and interpreters throughout this process
- All cases are prescreened by Catholic Charities before being offered as pro bono cases
- Time commitments will vary depending on individual cases
- Please be prepared to take at least one case if you attend a training seminar

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