



DISABILITY LAW CENTER OF ALASKA
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Volunteer Application for Membership on the:
Board of Directors
or the
Advisory Council on Mental Health Rights

Thank you for your interest in volunteer service!

Our mission is to vigorously enforce and advance the rights and interests of people with disabilities through legal representation, education, and strategic advocacy. We envision a future where people with disabilities are empowered to exercise individual choice and be equal participants in the community where they live, learn, work, and play.

Our Governing **Board of Directors** and the members of our **Advisory Council on Mental Health Rights** are groups of trusted advisors who provide oversight and guidance to the agency.

Time Commitment

Members of the Board of Directors or Advisory Council on Mental Health Rights should each expect to devote at least 5 hours per month working to support DLC's goals and mission. This includes time spent participating in regular meetings, as outlined below. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be held via video conference, with meetings by phone being the back-up plan.

Board of Directors

- Meet at least twice a year
- 1 to 2 days each (usually a Friday and Saturday)
- Between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Advisory Council on Mental Health Rights

- Meet at least three times per year
- Typically, 1 hour each
- During DLC business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Members of the Board of Directors will serve a three (3) year term and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. Directors who have served on the Board for their term limit will be eligible to serve on the Board again after a 2-year absence.

Members of the Advisory Council on Mental Health Rights will serve one four (4) year term and may serve again after a two (2) year absence. Members who have served their term limit will be eligible to serve again after a 1-year absence.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Federal regulations require that the Board of Directors and certain Committees be made up of certain individuals, including people with disabilities. To assist us in selecting diverse Board & Committee members, please identify to which of the following group(s) you belong:

Race (please select only one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian (Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, or other) | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander (Fijian, Tongan, or other) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | |

Education / Work History

Occupation: _____ Active Duty Military: Military Veteran:

Employment Status (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed for wages | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work and looking for work | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work but not currently looking for work | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

List/describe previous volunteer experience(s) and length of service (attach additional pages as necessary):

1. _____ Years: ____ Months: ____
2. _____ Years: ____ Months: ____
3. _____ Years: ____ Months: ____

Questions about your interest and experience or perspective.

Please answer all of the following questions. You may attach additional pages if you need more room to answer.

1. What qualifications will you bring to the DLC Board?

2. What is your interest and motivation for serving as a Board member?

3. Please explain your knowledge of the issues affecting persons with disabilities.

4. Describe your experience in community organizations, including service on boards or advisory committees.

5. Discuss your experience and knowledge working with specific underserved communities (e.g., Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Alaska Native, Spanish speaking, or rural communities).

6. Describe your experience advocating for people with disabilities, or others.

7. Discuss your leadership or policy development experience.

8. Are you a member of other disability or civil right organizations? If so, please identify those groups below.

