



Tenant Advocacy in Minnesota

Interested in Becoming a HOME Line Tenant Advocate Intern/Volunteer?

HOME Line's Mission:

HOME Line provides free legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. Since 1992 HOME Line has worked to improve public and private policies relating to rental housing by involving affected tenants in the process.

Hotline Services

HOME Line served over 11,000 tenants last year alone, and our call volume has dramatically increased recently due to issues such as foreclosure. With a hotline staff of three attorneys and one tenant advocate, it can be difficult for us to promptly reply to calls. This can be problematic for our clients, as some rental issues are emergencies and require immediate attention. Furthermore, because of our increased call volume, HOME line attorneys spend the majority of their time answering calls from tenants, thereby minimizing the time they can spend on other crucial services such as litigation.

Position Description:

HOME Line seeks Tenant Advocate Interns/Volunteers to assist us in manning our renter rights hotline. Traditionally, volunteers spend three hours per week answering questions from, and providing solutions to Minnesota tenants. Tenant Advocates work closely with our staff Tenant Advocates and Attorneys. We are here to answer any questions our advocates incur in providing legal advice to our clients.

Qualifications

Tenant Advocate Interns/volunteers are not required to have any legal experience. Advocates attend our mandatory MN Landlord Tenant Law training session to learn about Minnesota Landlord Tenant Law prior to volunteering. See our flyer or our website for details about this training

Tenant Advocates

- Assist in preventing homelessness, evictions, and illegal landlord activity in Minnesota
- Improve their client interviewing, teaching, and communication skills
- Gain invaluable legal experience
- Work in a fun, laid back environment
- Enjoy free coffee, plenty of off-street parking, bus access (on the #14 bus route)

Application Instructions

To register for training, visit www.homelinemn.org & Click on volunteer

Or contact Alex at:

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