



Day Laborer Mechanic's Lien Drop-In Clinic

Project Description:

The Wage Justice Center's ("WJC") mechanic's lien project aims to further the mission of the WJC: combating wage theft in the underground economy by using, developing and promoting innovative legal tools and strategies. The WJC, in collaboration with other advocacy organizations, is launching a mechanic's lien campaign to counter and to remedy the wage theft experienced by day laborers and to hold accountable abusive employers who exploit these workers with impunity. Mechanics' liens allow workers to secure their unpaid wages against the real property on which they have made a permanent work of improvement—so long as the lien is timely filed—and to foreclose on the lien if the employer or property owner does not pay the wages owed. To make mechanics' liens available to workers and to promote their use among advocates, drop-in clinics will be held as part of the project.

Drop-In Clinics:

Drop-in clinics will be held on Thursday, September 13th and 20th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the *UCLA Downtown Labor Center* located at 675 South Park View Street, Los Angeles, California 90057. Subsequent drop-in clinics will be held on the first and third Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the UCLA Downtown Labor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Volunteer participation in the drop-in clinics is critical to their success and to the success of the project. Additional volunteer opportunities in the project may be available, depending on willingness to commit additional time outside of the drop-in clinics.

At the drop-in clinics, volunteers will:

- **Learn about the statutory requirements for a mechanic's lien**
- **Conduct intakes with workers and assess whether a mechanic's lien claim exists**
- **Provide referral information to workers**
- **Develop client interviewing and communication skills**
- **Document and understand first-hand the challenges faced by low-wage workers**
- **Collect key data on wage theft experienced by day laborers**

Volunteers should hold the following minimum qualifications:

- **Fluent in Spanish**
- **Public interest oriented**
- **Current law student or graduate, attorney, or undergraduate interested in law**

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