



Ending Impunity for Violence against Women: Request for volunteer lawyers

The Campaign:

Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre (TLAC), People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA), Women's Legal Centre (WLC) Hlanganisa Institute for Development SA (Hlanganisa) and the Initiative for Strategic litigation in Africa (ISLA) are working together to assist survivors and victims of violence against women to hold the state accountable for its failure to protect them from violence. The project has a narrow remit, its focus is on the failure to act with due diligence to prevent violations and to respond effectively once violations have occurred.

Our ask:

The first phase of the project requires lawyers to assist in taking statements. We want to document the challenges that women confront when seeking assistance from the criminal justice system and the police in particular. As such lawyers will not be required to provide legal advice. We require lawyers to consult with victims and survivors and take detailed statements.

The process:

1. Below is a list of offices where statements will be taken;
2. Volunteer lawyers are required to select their preferred location and dates when they will be available to assist;
3. Pro Forma Statement Taking forms that will provide guidance to lawyers will be made available;
4. Volunteers will be required for a minimum of four hours a day. There are two slots available (09:00 -13:00) and afternoon (13:00 – 17:00). Please indicate your preferred slot;
5. The Law Society has confirmed that lawyers will be allocated pro bono hours. The Women’s Legal Centre is an accredited pro bono structure and will facilitate the process;
6. Should you require reimbursement for transport please indicate;
7. If you are able to assist kindly confirm by providing the following details: name, work address, cellphone number, and mark your preferred date and slot on this form that has a list of consultation venues. Please send the form to Aretha Louw: Aretha@wlce.co.za;
8. More consultation venues will be added;
9. Should you require further information please contact Seehaam Samaai on +27 833843448.

Consultation Venue	Volunteer lawyer name and contact details	26/08	02/09	09/09	16/09	23/09
1. Forum for the empowerment of women (FEW) 87 De Korte Street, Braamfontein						
2. Khulumani Support Group 2 ND Floor Khotso House, 62 Marshall Street Johannesburg						

3. NISAA Institute for Women’s Development 19 Link Street, Ext 1, Lenasia						
4. People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA) 64 Mitchel Street, Berea 667 Monies Section, Katlehong 2320 Cnr Long Beach and Marshall, Evaton						
5. Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre OPH Building, 112 Main Street, Johannesburg						
6. Women’s Legal Centre OPH Building, 112 Main Street, Johannesburg						

7. WOMIN

87 De Korte Street,
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