



2024 SPRING UDP APPLICATION

I, _____, a ____ year law student of _____ Law School,
residing at _____, with
telephone number(s) _____ and
email address (es) _____
who speaks the following languages¹ _____

am interested in volunteering as a law student advocate and participating in the Uncontested Divorce Project ("the UDP") at no cost to Sanctuary for Families ("SFF"), to assist a client that the UDP assigns to me for their Uncontested Divorce from its inception to the completion of the case assignment.

Please choose one for orientation availability:

February 5th, 5pm to 7pm (ZOOM) ____

February 6th, 5pm to 7pm (ZOOM) ____

I am interested in the UDP for the following reasons:

I hope to achieve the following personal goals through my participation in the UDP:

I have heard about Sanctuary for Families and/or UDP from:

Please include your resume (in PDF format) along with the application.

1 Only list the language(s) that you are able to speak with minimum professional proficiency, full professional proficiency or native/bilingual proficiency. "Minimum professional proficiency" is defined as ability to speak a language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical, social and professional topics. If you assert that you have language capacities, it is highly likely that you may be assigned to a client who is monolingual in that language

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand and agree that if I am accepted to participate in the **2024 Spring UDP**, I will commit to assisting a survivor of gender-based violence that the UDP assigns to me for her or his uncontested divorce from its inception to the completion of the case assignment, which may take 10-20 hours on average.

I understand that my assignment will begin in February 2024 and it may continue throughout the spring. I understand that each case is unique and progress varies on a case by case basis. Should the assignment need to be extended beyond the end of spring semester, the Supervising Attorney will consult with me regarding my availability during the summer semester, and I will be able to decide whether to extend my commitment.

I understand that I will work with a student partner under a SFF Attorney's supervision to perform all necessary tasks for the client's uncontested divorce case, including but not limited to:

- Treat the client and SFF's staff with respect and professionalism;
- Enter SFF's confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement;
- Share equitable workload with my partner on the case;
- Attend the UDP orientation training and utilize all available resources provided by SFF and UDP to assist the client;
- Interview the client to gather information and documents that are necessary to the preparation of the legal case from the client;
- Complete forms and draft documents;
- File the initial papers and the final papers for the case in a New York State Supreme Court;
- Assist the client to arrange service of process for the case;
- Report difficulties and seek guidance from the Supervising Attorney timely;
- Perform other case-related tasks that are requested by the Supervising Attorney;
- Assist Supervising Attorney to provide case management and necessary support to the client.

I understand that our work is fundamentally guided by each client's individual needs. I respect that a client may change her/his mind and decide not to go forward with the case.

Dated: _____

Signature