VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WITH THE MN LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD

The MN Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board invites volunteers to serve on local District Ethics Committees. These Committees are charged with investigating complaints of lawyer alleged unprofessional conduct and submitting reports and recommendations about those complaints. This is a great opportunity to contribute to your community, to help safeguard high ethical standards for Minnesota attorneys, and to help ensure the integrity of the judicial system.

Candidates should have an interest in justice, the law, and/or legal procedures.

Candidates do not need to be lawyers or to work in the legal profession to qualify – members of the public are strongly encouraged to apply. Candidates must also be comfortable investigating claims thoroughly and impartially (which will include interviewing people by phone and in person), be able to adhere to strict confidentiality rules, be comfortable working under deadlines, and be able to write clearly and concisely. Training and support are provided.

District Ethics Committee volunteers are appointed to a three-year term and can expect to investigate one to two complaints a year. The time commitment is flexible and varies.

There are 21 District Ethics Committees throughout Minnesota. Candidates will be appointed by the District Bar Association in their area.

If you are interested, please submit your resume to the Volunteer Coordinator
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