



Application for Board of Directors Membership—Client Board Member

Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to people who are low-income in Baltimore City and Maryland's 23 counties from 12 offices. Each MLA office is managed by a chief attorney. MLA offices are supervised by the Executive Director of MLA. The Board of Directors is the governing body of MLA and is committed to policies and practices that support MLA's mission and vision.

Mission: To provide high-quality legal services to the State's poor through a mix of services and to bring about the changes poor people want in the systems that affect them.

Vision: To lead in providing high-quality legal services; to build on mutual respect for clients, staff, and others; to advocate for justice; and to add maximum positive value to all who request legal assistance.

MLA is currently recruiting for Client Board members. To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be eligible to receive services from MLA;
- Be committed to attend all six regularly scheduled board meetings (which can include video or telephone attendance) and some conferences (e.g., MLA's annual All-Staff and Board Conference, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association [NLADA]);
- Participate on various board committees;
- Be willing to attend board training, if applicable;
- Be available to communicate to MLA about all issues concerning the board.

To apply, please submit a completed and signed application (page 2). The deadline for application submission is **August 1, 2021**. Completed applications can be submitted via email or by U.S. mail. Applications sent by mail must be postmarked by August 1, 2021.

Submit by email:

Include in the email subject line "Client Board Membership Application." Send to Yvonne Mathews (YMathews@mdl.org).

Submit by U.S. mail:

Yvonne Mathews
Maryland Legal Aid
Re: Client Board Membership Application
500 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

For questions related to completing the application, please contact Yvonne Mathews (YMathews@mdl.org or 410-951-7680).



Client Board Membership Application

Section 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Email Address _____

Home Phone: ____ / ____ / ____ Cell: ____ / ____ / ____

Household Income: _____ Individual income: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children/Dependents: _____

Section 2

1. Do you have any affiliation / relationship with MLA, including with board members or employees?

2. With what community-based organizations are you or have you been involved? For instance, community activities, leadership roles or other efforts to enhance underserved / low-income communities.

3. Please write a brief essay that tells us about who you are. The essay should include what you are passionate about and why you want to become a board member. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.



4. (OPTIONAL) Reflecting on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: What are some good or bad things that have been exposed in your community as a result of the pandemic?

SECTION 3

Please list two references. References can be close friends, professional colleagues, or those with whom you are involved in your community.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Address, email and phone number: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Address, email and phone number: _____

Your Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Please be sure to complete each section of the application. Applications with missing or incomplete information will not be considered. Thank you.