

**Brooklyn Defender Services
Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project
Brooklyn Bar Association
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present:

**HAITIAN IMMIGRATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HILAP):
Volunteer Attorney Training**

When: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 -- 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Brooklyn Bar Association – Auditorium
123 Remsen Street, Brooklyn

2 MCLE CREDITS: SKILLS

Appropriate for both newly admitted & experienced attorneys

Presentations by: *CAROLYN GEORGE*, Supervising Attorney, Dwa Fanm
JOANNE MACRI, Director, Criminal Defense Immigration Project, New York State Defenders Association
PREMILA REDDY, HILAP Volunteer Attorney
SARAH VENDZULES, Immigration Unit Attorney, Brooklyn Defender Services
MARIANNE YANG, Immigration Unit Director, Brooklyn Defender Services

Topics include: **Temporary Protected Status (TPS):** Benefits and Risks; Eligibility Requirements; Fee Requirements and Fee Waiver Requests
Clinic Process: Intake; Criminal Check; Filling Out Forms and Exit Procedures

This course is FREE to those who agree to volunteer for a minimum of two three-hour sessions with the Haitian Immigration Legal Assistance Program. Experienced attorneys receive additional MCLE credit for every 6 hours of eligible pro bono service. TO REGISTER, PLEASE FILL OUT FORM ON REVERSE.

About HILAP

The Haitian Immigration Legal Assistance Program (HILAP) was formed soon after January's tragic earthquake to assist Haitian immigrants in Brooklyn who may be eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). TPS allows Haitians who were in the United States on the date of the earthquake to obtain legal status and work authorization. Since February, HILAP has held a series of immigration clinics staffed by volunteer attorneys and immigration experts and assisted over 280 members of Brooklyn's Haitian community. **There is still a great need for volunteer attorneys** to staff ongoing weekly HILAP clinics every Monday from 10 am – 4 pm and additional clinics (including Saturdays) in the heart of Brooklyn's Haitian communities. Under the supervision of immigration experts, HILAP volunteer attorneys provide advice and information about the risks and benefits of TPS, prepare TPS applications and related forms, and provide referrals to other resources as needed.

If you are an experienced immigration attorney and/or a Creole speaker and are interested in volunteering for HILAP, please contact Jessica Spiegel at 718-624-3894, ext. 4 or Marianne Yang at 718-254-0700, ext. 167

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Attorney? YES NO

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Tel. (Bus.) _____ **(Fax)** _____

Email: _____

Your Commitment:

By attending this course free of charge, I agree to volunteer for a minimum of two three-hour sessions with the Haitian Immigration Legal Assistance Program (HILAP).

SIGNATURE: _____

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For more information, please call 718.624.3894, ext. 4.