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ASIAN LAW ALLIANCE

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Organizational Profile

The Asian Law Alliance (ALA) is a non-profit law center founded in 1977 to help make justice a reality for the Santa Clara County community. Their services include multi-lingual legal services, presentations and pamphlets in Asian languages on legal rights and responsibilities, coordination of community action/education, and legal assistance to ensure basic human and civil rights for Asian Pacific and low income people. Their programs focus on the following issues: the elderly, immigration, housing, government benefits, and family violence.

Most of the Law Center's clients are recently arrived immigrants, as well as longtime residents who speak languages other than English, e.g., Vietnamese, Mandarin, Spanish, Laotian or Tagalog. Many of ALA's staff and volunteers speak these languages.

SCU Student's Role

Undergraduate participants will work with ALA's staff to assist with intake screening. **AT NO TIME** should students ever give legal advice--or anything bordering on legal advice--to persons calling or coming in. **The ability to speak Mandarin, Vietnamese, or Spanish would be especially helpful, but is not required at this placement.**

To Do Before Orientation

- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.