

Role	Volunteer asylum lawyer
Location	Lesvos, Athens or Thessaloniki - Greece
Duration	Three weeks (minimum)

European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL) is an NGO registered in Germany and Greece that provides free, independent legal assistance to asylum seekers in Greece.

ELIL was founded in 2016 by the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the German Bar Association (DAV) and is now also supported by the French Bar Association (CNB).

ELIL was inspired by belief in the fundamental importance of upholding the rule of law, protecting human rights and ensuring meaningful access to legal assistance. We believe that all asylum seekers should be able to receive free legal support, from an independent lawyer, before their asylum interview.

Our team of Greek asylum lawyers and volunteer asylum lawyers from other European countries work together to provide expert legal assistance to asylum seekers on Lesvos, Athens and Thessaloniki.

We offer support for first instance asylum interviews and family reunification applications. We also provide group legal information sessions and tailored legal support to unaccompanied minors, particularly with age assessment.

Description of main tasks:

- a. Participation in first instance asylum interview preparations under the 1951 Convention/ Dir. 2011/95/EU /L. 4636/2019
 - In collaboration with the Greek asylum lawyers and under the supervision and the guidance of the legal coordinator, provision of legal assistance, counselling, information for the asylum seekers during the first instance stage of their asylum application

- Researching and drafting of legal memoranda after the first instance interview in collaboration with the Greek lawyers and with the supervision and guidance of the legal coordinator.
- b. Participation in family reunification cases under the R. 604/2013 and R. 1560/2003
- Preparation of family reunification applications
 - Communication with applicants, if necessary
 - Preparation of additional evidence and drafting of legal memoranda

Required knowledge, skills and competences:

- Law degree and registration with an European Bar Association
- Detailed knowledge of asylum law and asylum procedures
- Excellent verbal and written English skills
- At least two years' experience of practising asylum law
- Knowledge of human rights law desirable
- Ability to adapt to a changing legal, humanitarian/emergency response environment
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, multicultural environment and to cope with competing demands under tight deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills and experience of establishing good working relationships with a variety of people of different nationalities
- Culturally sensitive
- High professional ethics

How to apply:

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We look forward to working with you in the team!