

Volunteer Opportunity – Alameda County Law Library Board of Trustees

The Alameda County Bar Association's representative to the Board of Trustees of the Alameda County Law Library has retired from the Board, thus creating a vacancy and a volunteer opportunity. The Board of Trustees is the Alameda County Law Library's governing body and meets on the last Tuesday of every month except for July and December. Applicants for this unpaid position must be a member of the State Bar of California.

If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please send your resume, brief letter of interest, and completed [application](#) to the ACBA executive director, Tiela Chalmers, tiela@acbanet.org. If you have questions about the Alameda County Law Library or the role of the Board of Trustees, contact the Law Library Director, Emily Bergfeld, emily.bergfeld@acgov.org. Applications due by June 1st.

About the Alameda County Law Library:

Established under the provisions of CA Bus & Prof Code 6300-6365 and located in downtown Oakland, the Alameda County Law Library offers the public free access to current, authoritative sources of legal information. Visitors use library resources to research the law, prepare for court, and draft legal documents. By providing equal access to the tools needed to successfully participate in the legal system, Alameda County Law Library helps facilitate access to justice for all members of the community. Professional law librarians are available to help patrons use the library's print materials and legal databases (Westlaw, Lexis Advance, CEB OnLaw, Bloomberg, Trellis, etc.).

The library also offers free legal education classes via Zoom, virtual legal clinics in conjunction with local organizations, and has low-cost meeting rooms available for rent. The Bay Area Legal Incubator Hub, a project of ACBA's Legal Access Alameda, is housed on the 2nd floor of the library. To improve access to legal information in Alameda County, the Law Library established "satellite legal collections" at the Fremont and Dublin public libraries.

Over 90% of Alameda County Law Library's funding comes from a portion of Superior Court civil filing fees. Since 2009, that income has fallen over 40%. Over 75% of the library's users are non-attorneys.