



Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

If you have any questions about this document, please wait to sign this document until you review it with an attorney volunteer.

Attorneys and those assisting legal service providers are strictly bound by ethical rules of professional conduct. All those working or affiliated with legal service providers, whether or not they are attorneys or legal services staff including volunteers, interpreters, translators or other individuals volunteering to assist with a legal support on a volunteer basis, are bound by these rules. It is a violation of ethical rules for anyone to reveal privileged information to anyone besides the attorneys and volunteers providing assistance.

Many clients are either in danger, or have family members who remain in danger. Participants in the program are often asked to share information for the purposes of their asylum application that they have never shared with anyone before. They do so with the understanding that the participant's information will only be shared with others insofar as it is in the interest of advancing the participant's legal case. It is important that clients and their family members feel secure in their knowledge that the information they share during attorney-client meetings remains private and confidential.

By signing this agreement, you agree to not reveal any names, facts, biographical information, or other details about any respondents you work with to anyone other than the volunteers and staff. You agree to not ask the clients being served by the program permission to release their names or for any other confidential information. If you are not working with a participant to complete their application, you agree to not ask the participant, or the legal volunteers they meet with, to reveal any facts pertinent to their asylum claim.

Lastly, if you work for a government agency or on a government contract, we ask that you name the organization below before volunteering with Defend Asylum. If in the future you accept employment with a government agency or on a government contract and wish to continue volunteering, we ask that you inform us of the change at that time.

Name

Organization

Signature

Date