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PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT



SARA WRIGHT

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Licensed in California, but not Nevada (she will be taking this month's Nevada bar exam), Sara Wright thought she would not be allowed to do pro bono work in this state. Thankfully, a co-worker, who had formerly worked for LACSN, encouraged Wright to research a Nevada Supreme Court rule that allows non-Nevada-licensed attorneys to participate in limited practice for pro bono purposes.

Wright jumped at the chance and, since receiving her emeritus certification earlier this year, she's been taking on family law cases, including those centered on divorce and children's law. These assignments are completely different from her day-to-day occupation at Lawyer's Title of Nevada where she works on titles and getting approval for short sales. In spite of this, she doesn't find it to be a dramatic shift in focus.

"To me they [cases] are all very simple. To me there's no difference, other than having to go to court for different things," Wright said.

Wright said, with her pro bono cases and in general, she's discovered that many people who need legal help are intimidated by the legal process. "There are a lot of people out there that need help, that can't afford an attorney because of the economy ... they need someone to help advocate for the people who don't have the education and can't articulate for themselves," Wright said. Often she found that simply having someone as a support base makes clients feel a bit more hopeful. "Just having someone there brings out their confidence," she said.

Wright encourages attorneys who may be apprehensive about pro bono work to branch out and explore different areas of the law and to be brave. "You won't know how to do it until you try it," she said. ■