

Southwest Women's Law Center  
Board of Directors Application

Thank you for your interest in the Southwest Women's Law Center (SWLC). Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire. After we receive your completed application, we may schedule a meeting with you and a couple of current board members so we can learn more about each other and we can answer questions you might have about the Southwest Women's Law Center. We encourage you to look at our website: [www.swwomenslaw.org](http://www.swwomenslaw.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Preferred phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current employment/position:How you heard about us:

Please take a moment to review the SWLC Mission and Vision:

The mission of the Southwest Women's Law Center (SWLC) is to create opportunities for women to realize their full economic and personal potential. Since our inception in 2005, we have worked to eliminate gender bias, discrimination, and harassment; to lift women and their families out of poverty; and to ensure all women have full control over their reproductive lives through access to comprehensive reproductive health services and information, including safe, legal abortion services.

We seek to advance the well-being, rights and power of women through legal research, policy analysis, advocacy, community and stakeholder education, and coalition work at the local, state and national levels.

Do you support comprehensive reproductive rights and access, including abortion rights and access?

Do you fully support the mission and vision of the SWLC?

Please list other boards you currently serve on or any other volunteer work:

If you have served on a board in the past, please explain what type(s) of board(s) and in what capacity you served. Tell us more about your experience, such as the number of years served on each board, leadership roles, and committee involvement.

Please explain how your educational, professional, volunteer and/or other board experiences can be related or contribute to SWLC. We would love to understand your background and experience fully.

What skills, qualifications, affiliations, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the organization?

We hold board meetings (in person, by videoconference or by phone) for 90 to 120 minutes at noon on the second Thursday of the month. We also anticipate holding an in-person board convening once or twice annually. Would you be able to attend these meetings regularly?

Are you willing to commit to serve the SWLC as a board member for minimum of 2 years?

Everyone on our board tries to share equally in the work of the board. Can you commit to this engagement by regularly reviewing emails and documents, preparing for and attending board meetings, participating on a committee and attending SWLC events?

Board members support the financial sustainability of SWLC in a wide variety of ways. Some board members give their time and expertise outside board meetings. Some donate items to our fundraising auctions, while some make financial donations. Are you willing to support financial sustainability efforts for the SWLC?

If so, please explain what that might look like for you.

Briefly describe your experience with women's rights issues.

We believe that people volunteer because they care and also because each of us seeks to gain something from our volunteer activities. Please tell us more about your interest and goals in joining the board.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? Please feel free to share with us any other relevant information you think might be helpful as we get to know you.

**Thank you very much for taking the time to respond.**