

## HELP PROJECT

WASHBURN LAW CLINIC  
**HELP Project**  
 HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES LEGAL PREPAREDNESS

Washburn Law Clinic faculty, staff, and students are teaming up with local volunteer attorneys to assist hospital employees\* with:

**Durable Powers of Attorney for Healthcare and Finance and Living Wills**

If you would like assistance with advance directive documents, please email your name and phone number to:  
[help@washburnlaw.edu](mailto:help@washburnlaw.edu)

You may call 785.670.1191 if you do not have access to email.  
 THIS SERVICE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS

Clients will be represented by Washburn Law Clinic certified student interns or community attorneys who have volunteered to represent hospital employees on a *pro bono* (for free) basis.

Some volunteer attorneys will also prepare wills, in addition to durable powers of attorney and living wills.

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\* This service is available to hospital employees in Shawnee County, Kansas. Hospital employees must meet financial eligibility guidelines.

After much planning, on April 16 Washburn Law Clinic launched the Washburn Hospital Employees Legal Preparedness (HELP) Project to provide legal preparedness services for Topeka hospital employees who are otherwise unable to afford attorneys. The project is intended to support the many hospital employees who are risking exposure to COVID-19 in order to keep local hospitals operating.

HELP Project students and volunteer attorneys are drafting living wills and durable powers of attorney for healthcare and finance. Some volunteer attorneys may also draft simple wills.

“The Washburn Law Clinic is launching our HELP Project to assist in providing peace of mind to hospital workers who are bravely facing the pandemic each day,” said Director Gillian Chadwick.

The Washburn Law Clinic worked with local bar groups to recruit volunteer attorneys, and with Topeka hospitals to identify hospital employees who need these documents. The hospital employees will visit with their interns or volunteer attorneys by phone or videoconference and documents can be executed remotely. All services will be provided free of charge to the hospital employees.