

## **CHESTER COUNTY PRO BONO OPTIONS, January 21, 2010**

### **A. Chester County Bar Association's Access to Justice Program**

The Chester County Bar Association's "Access to Justice" Program was designed to reach beyond the poor who are already served by Legal Aid of Southeastern PA (LASP) and Community Impact Legal Services (CILS) and encompass those of modest means – families and individuals with incomes too high to obtain subsidized services and too low to afford the fees associated with traditional representation. This group is defined as those who earn between 125% to 200% above the poverty line.

The Access to Justice program provides free legal services to Chester County residents when their income is too high to qualify for Legal Aid, their case cannot be handled by Legal Aid or their case presents a conflict for Legal Aid. Individuals must financially qualify for services, but the guidelines are higher than the requirements for Legal Aid.

### **B. LASP Pro Bono Program**

For more information, please contact:

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### **C. Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (PVLA)**

PVLA helps artists and arts and cultural organizations resolve their art-related legal problems on a pro bono and low cost basis through a range of services:

- Legal Lines: Call us to be referred for a confidential, one-time telephone consultation with a volunteer attorney on an arts-related legal issue.
- ArtFax: If you need a short document reviewed, our volunteer lawyers provide feedback to clients on legal documents up to three pages in length
- Full Service Representation: PVLA volunteer lawyers take on cases for artists and arts and cultural organizations pro-bono, subject to all of the ethical and other requirements of any attorney-client relationship. Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with an annual budget of \$1 million or less and artists whose gross income is \$35,000 or less per year (\$55,000 for a married or cohabiting couple) with a \$3000 credit per dependent qualify for Full Service Representation.

Nominal application fees may be waived upon showing of financial hardship.

To access legal assistance artists and arts/cultural organizations can: (1) submit an online request; (2) email PVLA at [pvlalegal@artsandbusinessphila.org](mailto:pvlalegal@artsandbusinessphila.org); or (3) call one of PVLA's Legal Services Coordinators at 215.790.3836 ext. 1. He or she will gather all the pertinent information about your legal issue and make arrangements for you to receive one-time telephone consultation with a volunteer PVLA attorney (a Legal Line) , one-time telephone consultation with a volunteer PVLA attorney regarding a one- to three-page document (an ArtFax) or Full Service Representation.

For more information about volunteering, please contact:

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#### **D. Community Impact Legal Services**

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