

## DCBA Pro Bono Letter

Dear Attorney:

As you may know, our Dauphin County Bar Association administers a very successful Pro Bono Program in conjunction with MidPenn Legal Services. Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the membership, each Association member is asked to participate annually by either accepting two pro bono referrals or contributing \$300.

We have reached your name on our alphabetical membership list. Thus, we would like to schedule you to see two clients at MidPenn Legal Services, 213 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, on June 5, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m., if that date is convenient. If you would prefer to interview the clients at your office or on another date, please contact Sally Heffelfinger at 232-0581. Approximately one week prior to your appointment, you will receive a memo providing you with the names of the clients and the types of legal problems they appear to have.

If you receive a case in a substantive area about which you do not feel completely comfortable, MidPenn staff attorneys are available to provide assistance. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute has also agreed to make relevant videotapes available at no charge to pro bono participants. Also, the Miller Center for Public Interest Advocacy at Dickinson Law School can provide volunteer law students to assist you. Finally, a group of DCBA Civil Dispute Resolution Program mediators is available to do a free mediation for pro bono cases. Mediation may be a useful way to resolve your pro bono matter in a more timely fashion. If you would like more information on any of these resources, please contact me.

I have attached a copy of our Pro Bono Handbook. As explained in the Pro Bono Program Guidelines (see Handbook Appendix 3), forms regarding waiver of filing fees will be available at the Legal Services office. You will also notice in the Guidelines that Legal Services carries malpractice insurance to cover your work.

Finally, let me know if you would like information about other pro bono options (like the Pro Se Custody Clinics, Homeless Outreach Project, or new Guardianship Monitors Program). These projects may be interesting options for in-house corporate counsel and/or government attorneys.

Thank you for helping to provide access to justice for all. Please let me know if you have any questions.

P.S. If you prefer to opt out by making a financial contribution, please make your check payable to MidPenn Legal Services, 213 North Front St, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101.