

ARMSTRONG COUNTY PRO BONO OPTIONS, January 7, 2010

A. Armstrong County Bar Association Pro Bono Program

Armstrong County's pro bono program started in 1980. Armstrong County is a small bar so all of the attorneys are on a rotating list and are assigned cases in turn. There are two lists: one civil and one criminal.

The program was instituted to provide representation for conflict cases from Laurel Legal Services or from the Public Defenders Office. A party seeking representation must first apply to Laurel Legal Services or the Public Defenders. There, the individual is screened for income eligibility. If the individual is income eligible, and if the matter is one for which the particular office provides representation, the individual is represented by that office unless there is a conflict which precludes such representation.

In the case of a conflict, the office (Laurel Legal or the Public Defenders') fills out a form which the individual then presents to the Court Administrator. The individual is then provided pro bono representation on the matter.

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