

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

### **A. Montgomery County Bar Association and Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania Pro Bono Program**

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### **B. 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:

Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia  
200 S. Broad St., Suite 700  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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### **C. Community Impact Legal Services**

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### **D. Montgomery Child Advocacy Project (MCAP)**

MCAP is a 501(c)(3) organization designed to provide free legal representation and social services to children of Montgomery County who are victims of abuse and neglect. Over 100 MCAP advocate attorneys volunteer their time to represent these children each and every day in Montgomery County.

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<http://www.mcapkids.org>

### **E. Lawyering Together: Villanova School of Law's Pro Bono Project**

Villanova University School of Law's Pro Bono Project works to blend service and learning by partnering Villanova Law students with attorney mentors to work on pro bono cases in Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

In an effort to make pro bono legal service an important part of legal education, the law school created Lawyering Together, an innovative partnership involving law students, attorneys, the law school and pro bono organizations. Interested attorneys and students are matched based on their indicated case preferences. Each pair is assigned to work with one of three co-sponsoring public interest organizations.

The program's co-sponsoring organizations are SeniorLaw Center, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and the Support Center for Child Advocates. Students are also available to assist on on-going pro bono cases, whether or not assigned through our partner organizations.

The types of cases include: Domestic relations (including custody, adoption, and domestic violence), Immigration, Wills and other personal planning documents, Consumer rights and Personal injury litigation defense.

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