

## **PIKE COUNTY PRO BONO OPTIONS, January 11, 2010**

### **A. Pike County Bar Association**

Pike County Bar Association has 100% participation in a pro bono program through Safe Haven, a crisis intervention center providing support to victims, survivors and their families dealing with past or current domestic violence and/or sexual abuse issues. It works on a rotating list where the organization calls the next attorney on the list. Attorneys will also help veterans with pro bono will preparation.

There is no other formal pro bono program through the Pike County Bar Association. The local North Penn Legal Services office offers free legal representation to income eligible individuals, but it is not considered pro bono because NPLS employees are paid by state funding.

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### **B. Other Local Pro Bono Options**

#### **1. Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association (Northern Tier)**

The Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association (MDBBA) has established a pro bono program that provides attorneys to represent indigent parties in civil litigation after the Court has preliminarily evaluated the case and made a determination to seek counsel for the unrepresented indigent party. The MDBBA's pro bono chair is responsible for acting upon the Court's requests for volunteer attorneys.

Assignments generally are not made to a given attorney more frequently than twice a year, assuming that the volume of cases and the number of panel attorneys permit this approach. Upon occasion, the Court may also refer requests for pro bono counsel to Betty Abraham, Pro Bono Coordinator for North Penn Legal Services, Inc., for a possible referral to the MDBBA's pro bono panel.

Or, in the alternative, to Mollie Oleyar, Administrator of the MDBBA, for referral to a member of the MDBBA panel for a low-cost private attorney.

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## **2. Middle District Federal Bar Association**

The Middle District Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has established a pro bono program that provides attorneys to represent indigent parties in civil litigation after the Court has preliminarily evaluated the case and made a determination to seek counsel for the unrepresented indigent party. The Chapter's pro bono chair is responsible for acting upon the Court's requests for volunteer attorneys.

Assignments generally are not made to a given attorney more frequently than once every five years, assuming that the volume of cases and the number of panel attorneys permit this approach. Another important feature of the program is the availability of a panel of mentors to assist volunteer attorneys in the mentors' specialized areas of practice.

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