

II. TYPES OF PRO BONO SERVICE BEING PROVIDED -

A. SPECIAL PRO BONO SERVICE PROJECTS - Please briefly describe any special pro bono service projects such as community education programs, pro se clinics, etc., for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:

PROJECT

Through the Pro Bono Program of Mid-Florida (a project of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida):

1. Monthly Pro Se Divorce Workshops were held in Kissimmee, Osceola County. The Pro Se Workshops are three hour sessions in which a pro bono attorney is available to assist pro se petitioners with the completion of their required forms and instruct on the procedure for obtaining their own dissolution of marriage.
2. Osceola County Teen Court Program has attorneys volunteering with the juvenile diversion program and serve as advisers to the teens who fill all the roles, prosecutor, defender, jury. Preference given to government and corporate attorneys for available participation slots.
3. Pro Bono Case Referrals are made to pro bono attorneys for consultation or full representation.

Through Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc, in Orange County:

1. Aids Project
A panel that provides simple wills and related documents to persons with AIDS, ARC, and who are HIV positive, at three outreach sites.
2. Attorneys Fighting For Seriously Ill Children Project
Attorneys provide legal assistance for families with children who are suffering from a critical illness. Families need help with insurance, wills, trusts, credit and bankruptcy information, public benefits issues.
3. Citizen Dispute Settlement/Family Mediation
Attorneys serve as mediators for the local bar sponsored programs. CDS mediates disputes over civil matters such as neighborhood disputes, Landlord/tenant, appliance repair. Family Mediation uses attorneys who are certified as family mediators. Government and corporate attorneys get preference for participation slots.
4. Community Education Panel
Government attorneys and corporate counsel speak at community groups and festivals, fairs, schools that impact low income residents of Orange County.
5. Earned Income Credit/Tax Assistance Project
Attorneys, as VITA volunteers, provide assistance in preparing returns primarily to assist people eligible for the earned income tax credit. Clinics are held in February at 15 food and shelter sites, the Legal Aid office

- and AIDS support agencies.
6. Homeless Advocacy Project
Attorneys conduct intake at a variety of food and shelter sites around the county and at the Legal Aid walk in intake.
 7. Teen Court
Attorneys volunteer with the juvenile diversion program and serve as advisers to the teens who fill all the roles, prosecutor, defender, jury. Preference given to government and corporate attorneys for available participation slots.
 8. Telephone Screening
Government and corporate attorneys screen callers on Saturday mornings for eligibility, and appointments or referrals.
 9. Teen Parent Education Program
An extension of an EJW grant, pro bono attorneys teach 9th graders in six public high schools about teen parent legal issues in a monthly class.

B. JUDICIAL AND GOVERNMENT LAWYER PARTICIPATION IN PRO BONO SERVICE - If not described above as a special project, please describe any pro bono service being provided by members of the judiciary, their staff and government lawyers as well as any special support services being provided to enable their participation:

Through LASOCBA:

Judges in Orange County participate primarily through Teen Court, and by serving as instructors for trainings for pro bono attorneys for the GAL Program.

Government attorneys are the only participants in Telephone Screening Project and Community Education Panel listed in 'A'. In addition they are given preference over private attorneys in other projects such as Citizen Dispute Settlement and Teen Court.

C. CORPORATE ATTORNEY PARTICIPATION IN PRO BONO SERVICE - If not described above as special project, please describe any pro bono service being provided by corporation attorneys as well as any special support services being provided to enable their participation:

Through LASOCBA:

See comment to 'B' above, corporate attorneys are offered the same projects and preference as government attorneys.

D. LAW FIRM COLLECTIVE SATISFACTION PROJECTS - Please provide the name of the law firm, and a brief description of the collective satisfaction project:

LAW FIRM	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
NONE	

[PLEASE ALSO REPORT HERE IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ANY LAW FIRM PROJECTS EVEN IF NOT FORMALLY A COLLECTIVE SATISFACTION PROJECT]

III. **TRAINING PROVIDED TO PRO BONO ATTORNEYS** - Please provide a brief description of any training provided to pro bono attorneys from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:

TRAINING PROVIDED

Pro Bono Program of Mid-Florida:

1. Staff provides training and support to pro bono attorneys, volunteers, and student interns.

Through Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc.:

1. Guardian ad Litem Trainings
Basic GAL trainings and on specialized issue of adolescents in foster care
Special one-on- one support and training sessions
Materials prepared: new supplements to basic manuals on health, education, permanency
Education packet on McKinny-Vento Act
Step-by-step for gal in a dependency case
Updated criminal and domestic manuals
2. Aids Project
Offered disk with forms and information for participants.
3. Tax Clinic
Training through VITA for attorney participants.
4. Homeless Advocacy Project
Training and manual on identification of legal issues for homeless.
5. Community Education Panel
Offered training on LASOCBA services before assignment of events.
6. Teen Parent Education Program
Training with curriculum/syllabus for class.
7. Telephone Screening
Training on intake and services and on computer data entry for making appointments.

IV. **RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES** - Please describe any recruitment activities carried out

from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 and if available, the results from the recruitment activity:

RECRUITING ACTIVITY

RESULTS

ORANGE COUNTY

Through Legal Aid Society of the OCBA, Inc.:

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| 1. Annual solicitation | 2400 participating raising \$400,000 |
| 2. Presentation at new members luncheons | encourage new members to take cases rather than pay |
| 3. Presentation at monthly luncheons on special issues | increase GAL participation |
| 4. Special presentation at law firms. | Maintain support at firms, work with firm support staff as well as attorneys, encourage new attorneys to serve as GAL |

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Through Pro Bono Program of Mid-Florida

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| 1. Annual Solicitation/Recruitment letter | Increased attorneys on panel. |
| 2. Attended Osceola County Bar Luncheons. | Building rapport and contacts with Osceola County private attorneys and continually making contacts with new attorneys joining the bar. |

- V. RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES** - Please describe any pro bono service recognition activities or events carried out from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:

ORANGE COUNTY

Through Legal Aid Society of the OCBA, Inc.:

1. Nominations for pro bono awards.
2. Annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon.
Presented awards to individuals and law firms, used a Powerpoint presentation of winners and their work.
3. Articles in monthly bar association newsletter.
4. Thank you letters with each case closing.
5. Special certificate for case closed with over 25 hours. A member of the Board of Trustees

calls the attorney to thank him/her for their work.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Through Pro Bono Program of Mid-Florida.:

1. Nominations for pro bono awards.
2. Thank you letters and cards for case handlers and workshop participants.

VI. COMPELLING PRO BONO SERVICE STORIES - Please provide two or three brief examples of a person or group that was significantly helped through pro bono service:

A 52 year old woman with two children was renting a home where the back door did not lock, the fire alarm did not work, the stove did not work, and many other issues. She complained to the landlord and they filed an eviction. The pro bono attorney who accepted her case successfully defended the eviction and the landlord was ordered to make repairs. Unfortunately the landlord did not make repairs immediately and the pro bono attorney worked with the client over the next several months to see that all the repairs were made. The client said "I must say that your company has the best lawyers...(he)is the best."

VII. OTHER - Please provide any other information that you feel would be helpful in accurately describing the pro bono service activities and the results from those activities in your circuit:

VIII. PRO BONO PLAN MODIFICATIONS - Please provide information on any modifications made to the circuit pro bono plan in the last year:

A. NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITY AREAS:

NONE

B. SHORT TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (NEXT 6 MONTHS) TO ADDRESS PRIORITY LEGAL NEEDS AND ENCOURAGE LAWYERS TO PARTICIPATE:

NONE

C. LONG TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, IF DIFFERENT FROM 1994 REPORTING, (NEXT 2 YEARS) TO ADDRESS PRIORITY LEGAL NEEDS AND ENCOURAGE LAWYERS TO PARTICIPATE:

NONE

D. RESOURCES COMMITTED BY CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS:

E. SUPPORT FOR PRO BONO ACTIVITIES:

F. OTHER:

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