

Pro Bono Report for 2005

Referrals

North Penn Legal Services referred 160 matters to the private bar in Lycoming County during calendar year 2005. Of those referrals 128 were Protection from Abuse cases. Bankruptcy, unemployment compensation, school expulsion, elder law issues and miscellaneous matters made up the other 32 referrals.

Two Divorce clinics were held during 2005. Twenty four custody clinics were held facilitated by paralegals from private law firms.

In addition an effort to refer custody matters to the mediators who were trained through an IOLTA grant several years ago has been rekindled and resulted in one completed mediation which translated into a court order.

This year attorneys in Pennsylvania who are active pro bono volunteers can access research tools specifically designed to assist them in the representation of pro bono clients and others in specific substantive areas of the law. If you participate in the Lycoming Las Association's Pro Bono referral system you can join this web site by going to www.paprobono.net and signing on as a member. For more information contact Danna Rich-Collins at North Penn Legal Services 323-8741.