

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Lycoming Law Association

FROM: John P. Pietrovito, Chairperson

DATE: January 2, 2009

RE: Annual Report of the Legal Services for the Indigent Committee

The Legal Services for the Indigent Committee met once during calendar year 2008.

The following topics or issues were discussed at the meeting:

1. Danna Rich-Collins advised the Committee that the number of attorneys participating in the Protection From Abuse Panel continues to decline. Several ways of increasing the number of attorneys serving on the panel were discussed. This matter will be a priority for the Committee in 2009.

2. The Committee voted to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Equal Access to Justice Award be re-named as the "Thomas Wood, Jr., Equal Access to Justice Award" in recognition of Judge Wood's work with Susquehanna Legal Services and his efforts in establishing an organized legal aide program in Lycoming County. The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the recommendation. A new plaque will be purchased and all of the names of the past recipients of the award will be transferred to the new plaque which will be displayed on the second floor of the Courthouse.

3. The recipient of the first Thomas Wood, Jr., Equal Access to Justice Award was discussed, but the name of the recipient will not be revealed until the Annual Banquet. The Committee also discussed the Fair Share Awards to be distributed at the Annual Banquet to the attorneys participating in the Pro Bono Panel.