

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lycoming Law Association

FROM: John P. Pietrovito, Chairperson

DATE: January 4, 2010

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

The Legal Services for the Indigent Committee met twice during calendar year 2009.

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 continue to be a priority for the Committee in 2010.

2. The recipient of the Thomas Wood, Jr., Equal Access to Justice Award was discussed, but the name of the recipient will not be revealed until the Annual Banquet.

3. The Committee recommended and the Executive Committee of the LLA approved an alternative to the Customary Fair Share Awards that were distributed at the Annual Banquet to the attorneys participating in the Pro Bono Panel. In 2010, a \$500.00 donation will be made to the Shepherd of the Streets for its fuel assistance program. The donation will be made in the names of the attorneys who participated in the Pro Bono Panel in 2009. Each attorney will receive a certificate recognizing his or her participation in the Pro Bono Panel.

4. Jason Fetter, Esquire, suggested the formation of a clinic to provide basic legal information and/or assistance to persons who cannot afford the services of an attorney. The Committee is working with Jason to determine the feasibility and possible implementation of such a clinic.