

2012 PROBONO REPORT

In 2012, 94 Lycoming County attorneys handled 268 pro bono cases for the Williamsport Office of North Penn Legal Services. Protection from abuse matters continue to be the largest case type. The Mortgage Diversion Program provided representation to 37 individuals and families. Cases also included POA's, guardianships, unemployment compensation matters, lawsuit defenses, bankruptcy, landlord tenant, and other civil matters.

Attorneys supervised 25 custody clinics and 5 divorce clinics during 2012. These clinics are facilitated by paralegals from private firms and Penn College paralegal students, and are supervised by Law Association members.

Two attorneys are now volunteering at least one day a week in the Williamsport Office. They are handling mainly brief service advice-calls for landlord tenant and other case types conducive to brief service. They also fill in at hearings, help with research, basically volunteering wherever needed.

Attorneys continue to generously donate from one to all of their arbitration fees to the Foundation in support of North Penn Legal Services.

A CLE on mortgage foreclosure procedures was presented to pro bono volunteers by NPLS staff in 2012.

We are also proud to report that the Pennsylvania Legal Aide Network (PLAN) recognized the Lycoming Law Association and the Lycoming Bar Foundation for outstanding support of clients served by civil legal services in Pennsylvania, with its excellence award for 2013.