

2015 PROBONO REPORT

In 2015, 93 Lycoming County attorneys handled 212 pro bono cases for the Williamsport Office of North Penn Legal Services. Protection from Abuse matters continue to be the largest case type at 158. The Mortgage Diversion Program provided representation to 16 individuals and families. There were 4 custody cases, 6 private Landlord-tenant, 1 debt collection, 5 advance Directives/Powers of Attorney, 3 Adult Guardianships, 2 employment, 1 education, 3 unemployment compensation, 222 Federal subsidized Landlord-tenant and 9 divorce cases for victims of abuse.

Attorneys supervised 24 Custody Clinics and 2 Divorce Clinics during 2015. These clinics were facilitated by paralegals from private firms and Penn College paralegal students, and supervised by Law Association members and Law Professors from Penn College's Paralegal program.

One attorney volunteered for two and a half months in the office on a daily basis. The volunteer attorney largely handled brief service advice calls for landlord tenant and attended custody conferences. He also filled in at hearings, helped with research, and handled some PFA hearings.

Attorneys continue to generously donate from one to all of their arbitration fees to the Foundation in support of North Penn Legal Services. This source of revenue, however, has diminished due to the restructuring of the arbitration program.

Attorneys continue to receive discount coupons for PBI events upon completion of 2 referrals and this year online CLE availability has been added at no charge to the volunteer.

In 2016 there is hope to expand the Custody Clinics and to add an Expungement/Pardon Clinic to the pro se assistance component of Pro Bono.