

2016 PROBONO REPORT

In 2016, 98 Lycoming County attorneys handled 178 pro bono cases for the Williamsport Office of North Penn Legal Services. Protection from Abuse matters continue to be the largest case type at 137 cases. The remaining 40 cases comprised of the Mortgage Diversion Program, private Landlord-tenant matters, debt collection, advanced Powers of Attorney and Adult Guardianship, and unemployment compensation cases.

North Penn Legal Services handled 24 custody clinics and 2 divorce clinics during the year of 2016. Divorce clinics were facilitated by a paralegal from a private firm and supervised by a Law Association attorney. This year the custody clinics were done entirely by North Penn staff.

Attorneys continue to generously donate arbitration fees to the Law Foundation in support of North Penn Legal Services.

Attorneys continue to receive discount coupons for PBI events upon completion of 2 referrals and access to online CLE courses are available at no charge to the attorney.

A Williamsport High School senior, Amanda Southard, working on her gold award in Girl Scouting, volunteered to help design an expungement clinic for North Penn Legal Services. Amanda, with help from Bob Cronin and her father Bret Southard, put together pro se materials and a video to be used at the clinic. A number of attorneys have already volunteered to facilitate the clinics when they are up and running. This project is still ongoing and we are hopeful of getting the clinics running soon.