

Availability of Legal Services Minutes for December 13, 2005

Present: Gina Weitzenkorn, Kate Arganese, Kathleen Schoen, Kenneth Hubbard, Barbara Chamberlain, Jonathan Asher. On Phone: William Benjamin.

I. Pro Bono Survey Response

The Committee reviewed the Pro Bono Survey results and discussed the survey's findings. The Committee decided that before they draw any conclusions from the survey they would like to call the pro bono coordinators directly to get a larger sampling.

II. Access to Justice Conference

The Access to Justice Commission recently approved funding for a Local Access to Justice Support Sub-Committee Conference to be held in late May. The agenda of the conference will include an evening banquet and presentation of the Pro Bono Awards. Also, the Local ATJ Support Committee is in the process of solidifying speakers for the event. The ALS Committee discussed possible collaboration with the Local ATJ Support Committee on this project. The Committee feels that the conference would not only be an excellent opportunity for Local ATJ Support Committees to meet, but also would be a great opportunity for pro bono coordinators from around the state to network and share ideas. The Committee will explore the possibility of collaborating with the Local ATJ Support Committee and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

III. Nominations for Pro Bono Awards

Being as the Committee has already received several nominations for Pro Bono Awards, the Committee decided to solicit more nominations at this time. The nomination forms and descriptions of each award will be sent out over the Access to Justice, Colorado Bar Association, Denver Bar Association, and Pro Bono Coordinator list serves after January 1, 2006.

IV. Possible CLE Presentations for Pro Bono Coordinators

- A. Protection Orders, Divorce, and Bankruptcy were all suggested as possible topics for the Committee to focus on offering a CLE presentation on. The Committee will discuss this topic further at the next meeting.
- B. Kathleen Schoen, CBA Staff, informed the Committee that the CBA has been sending out a CLE on DVD with materials to pro bono coordinators this past year called Family Law Basic Skills. The DVD has been found to be very useful to the pro bono coordinators.
- C. On March 9, 2006, the CBA will be co-sponsoring its second CLE accredited program about financial exploitation of the elderly in Boulder. The Committee suggested that this program be videotaped and offered as a DVD CLE to pro bono coordinators.

V. The Next Meeting is February 14, 2006, at 12 p.m. The meeting will take place at the CBA offices (1900 Grant Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO, 80203).