

Celebrating 45 Years of Service to Our Community

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. 2006 PRO BONO PREFERENCE FORM

Print Name: _____

Firm: _____ Fla. Bar No.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

I speak a foreign language: No Yes If yes, specify: _____

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE PREFERENCES

If you make no selection or do not return your form, you will be assigned casework in the areas of greatest need.

Current areas of critical need are family law and guardian ad litem work.

- CONTRIBUTION:** I will contribute a minimum of \$350 in lieu of casework. My check in the amount of _____ payable to LEGAL AID SOCIETY is enclosed. If the amount is \$500 or more, you may charge it to your MasterCard or Visa. (All checks will be converted and processed electronically).
- CASEWORK:** I will accept a total of two (2) cases in the following area(s): Please note that Legal Aid will make every effort to accommodate your choice of subject area, but if no cases are available in that area, you will be contacted to take cases in the areas of greatest need.

Family Law – Last year, there were over 150 parents of minor children who needed assistance with custody and child support. There were over 60 relatives who sought guardianship or temporary custody of family members.

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Post Judgment Custody and Support
- Guardianship of Adult or Minor Child
- Chapter 751 (temporary custody of minor child by relative)
- Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing

Guardian ad Litem Program - Last year we received requests for GALs for over 700 children, including children in domestic relations cases or child victims or witnesses in criminal cases.

- Guardian ad Litem - Juvenile Court (you may choose more than one)
 - Dependency (traditional best interests, all ages)
 - Transitions cases (foster teens age 16-19, special training)
 - Multidisciplinary Team cases (unique team support with training)
 - LNC cases (complex medical or psychological issues)
 - Appeal cases (represent or advise GAL on appeal to 5DCA)
 - Delinquency (not attorney of record in delinq, best interest issues)
- Guardian ad Litem - Criminal Court, child victim/witness

Consumer Law – Last year there were 50 families who sought bankruptcy assistance, and 30 who had problems with their cars.

- Bankruptcy - Chapter 7
- Bankruptcy - Chapter 13
- Bankruptcy – Adversary/Contested Matters
- Car Repossession, Deficiency Judgment, Car Repairs
- Contract/Warranties
- Debt Collection Problems/Garnishment

Housing Law - Last year we referred 60 families with eviction defenses and 35 who sought help with mortgage foreclosures.

- Eviction Defense
- Rental Housing Conditions
- Mortgage Foreclosure

Other Areas of Law – Last year there were 150 cases in other areas of law, with 20 employment matters and 15 immigration as well as other miscellaneous matters.

- Unemployment Compensation & Other Employment
- Immigration
- Expungement of record/restoration of civil rights
- Simple wills and related documents for special circumstances

3. **PROJECTS:** I will participate in the following project. *Preference will be given to government attorneys and corporate counsel.* Projects have **limited enrollment** and special requirements. Please read the enclosed description when making your selection. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE LIMITED SLOTS, SO SIGN UP EARLY.**

- AIDS Special Will Project - 20 slots, return by 12/31/05
- Attorneys Fighting for Seriously Ill Children – 5 slots
- Citizen Dispute Settlement and Family Mediation - 44 and 22 slots, **return by 12/15/ to have opportunity for slot**
- Community Education Panel - Government/in-house corporate counsel only
- Earned Income Credit/Tax Assistance Project – 20 slots, return by 12/31/05
- Homeless Advocacy Project – 45 slots, return by 12/31/05
- Teen Court – 45 slots, **return by 12/15/05 to have opportunity for slot**
- Teen Parent Education Project – 10 slots
- Telephone Screening – 5 slots – Government/in-house corporate counsel only, return by 12/31/05

4. **I WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE:** Please find enclosed is my check for \$_____. (All checks will be converted and processed electronically).

You may also pay by [] MasterCard [] Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: ____/____

Credit Card Verification Code: _____ (a 3 or 4 digit number on back of card)

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ (Required for all charges)

Credit Card billing address if different from address on front: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 31, 2005
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