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LEGAL SERVICES
OF LONG ISLAND

Suffolk Pro Bono Project

**PRO BONO LAWYERS
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**

Our Mission

Legal Services of Long Island is committed to helping people in need assert and secure their rights under the law. We provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

INTRODUCTION

The Suffolk County Bar Association, in partnership with Legal Services of Long Island, proudly sponsors the Suffolk Pro Bono Project to address the needs of the unrepresented in our courts. The Project was originally created in 1980 as a means by which attorneys can engage in pro bono service.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

What We Do

Suffolk County has a significant volume of disabled and financially disadvantaged residents, including veterans. Access to the legal system is only one of the needs, and every practicing attorney can help. Preserving voluntary pro bono service is an essential goal of our profession. Suffolk County Lawyers continue to provide free legal services to residents with disabilities or financial difficulty. The Suffolk Pro Bono Project has helped increase the type and volume of services provided throughout recent years.

The Suffolk Pro Bono Project carefully screens each applicant to confirm that they meet federally established financial guidelines. The Project staff then reach out to a volunteer attorney to see if they are interested in the referral. The attorneys are never required to accept a referral and only decide whether to offer their services once they have met the client and reviewed the file. Help is especially needed in the following areas:

- Divorce and Child Support
- Bankruptcy
- Guardianships (Article 17A)
- Wills and Advanced Care Directives
- Name Changes

How Can You Help?

- Provide direct client representation
- Be a mentor to other volunteer attorneys
- Assist Project staff with intake, case analysis, referral and recruitment of volunteer attorneys

Please call (631) 232-2400 and ask for the Suffolk Pro Bono Project Coordinator or visit our website at www.legalservicesli.org/volunteer

