

# 6<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT PRO BONO NEWSLETTER

## Recognition



The Clearwater Bar Young Lawyers Division, with a grant from The Florida Bar YLD, and in cooperation with the Pinellas County Clerk, Ken Burke, updated a reading corner for children whose parents are involved in court or clerk proceedings at the Clearwater Courthouse. Pictured here are (left to right) attorneys Staci Chisholm, Rachael Wood, Shelly Beach, Dane Heptner and Michelle Nadeau. The freshly painted bookshelf with a new crop of books for toddlers and young children and tiny table plus a few toys makes the cozy corner into a Reading Retreat.

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Share an Event!

*Do you have a story to share or know of a pro bono event? Let us know:*

<http://www.spcollege.edu/survey/16056>

View this Newsletter online:

<https://sites.google.com/site/fl6circuitpr/obononewsletter/>



## St. Petersburg College Legal Studies Society Student Legal Clinic

St. Petersburg College's Legal Studies Society and Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. are hosting a free legal clinic. Local attorneys are will be on site to answer student's legal questions!

**Family, Criminal, Bankruptcy, Landlord/Tenant, Personal Injury, etc.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**PLACE:** St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus, ES Building, Room 104

Volunteer attorneys are needed. To volunteer, please contact Rachel Bennett, Esq. [Bennett.rachel@spcollege.edu](mailto:Bennett.rachel@spcollege.edu) or (727) 791-2458



## Ask a Lawyer...

The St. Petersburg Bar Association in Partnership with The Pinellas County Urban League Presents: "Ask A Lawyer..."

### VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS NEEDED

Can you answer legal questions? Do you have answers to questions about child support, divorce, social security, employer issues, bankruptcy, unfair arrest, wills, disability, etc.?

**Contact:** Wendy Lane - Pinellas County Urban League  
[wlane@pcul.org](mailto:wlane@pcul.org); Phone: 727-327-3568

Each session will include an informational question and answer period.

#### Monthly Topics

- April 16, 2015 – Employment Law/Workers' Compensation
- May 21, 2015 – Criminal Law (DUI's, Unfair Arrest)
- June 18, 2015 – Probate/Elder Law
- July 16, 2015 – Bankruptcy/Credit Issues

The St. Petersburg Bar Association  
in Partnership with  
The Pinellas County Urban League  
Presents  
**"Ask A Lawyer...."**  
If you ever wanted to just "Ask a Lawyer..." - this is your chance!  
**Need answers to legal questions?**  
Questions about an unfair arrest, bankruptcy, child support, disability, divorce, employer issues, social security, wills, & etc can be answered at one of our monthly seminars.  
Each seminar session will be led by a trusted, local St. Pete Bar Attorneys who will review each topic in simple, straightforward terms. More importantly each session will include an informational question and answer period.  
All Sessions are held at  
Pinellas County Courthouse  
333 Main Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
Date: 1st Tuesday of Each Month  
Time: 6:20pm (light refreshments served at 5:30pm)  
To Register: Call Wendy Lane @ 727-327-3568 or email [wlane@pcul.org](mailto:wlane@pcul.org)  
**Monthly Topics**  
February 9, 2015 - Probate & Estate Planning (Wills)  
March 9, 2015 - Family Law (Divorce, Child Custody/Support)  
April 16, 2015 - Employment Law/Worker's Comp.  
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## Bay Area Legal Services



This is a new year for growth. Over the past few months, we surveyed the needs of our community and have developed the following sites for pro bono opportunities to provide legal services:

New! Citizens Alliance for Progress (CAP) in Tarpon Springs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month 4 to 7 pm.

New! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Family Center, Clearwater the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 4 to 7 pm.

New! Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center, Safety Harbor, TBA

New! The Haven Outreach Center to provide legal advice and counseling to victims of Domestic Violence.

Attorneys that are members of the Clearwater Bar Association will be assisting clients with interviews/intake to assess the needs and the appropriate representation for those seeking legal services.

Also, through our Tampa Bay region Community Counsel Program there is always a need for volunteer attorneys to assist local non-profit organizations with transactional work and counseling.

Additionally, we are always looking for volunteer attorneys to join our Case Referral Panel to take cases that are in need of extended representation.

**Sixth Judicial Circuit**  
The Sixth Judicial Circuit  
Cordially Invites You to its  
Pro-Bono Recognition Ceremony on  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015  
3:00 P.M.  
PINELLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COURTROOM ONE  
14250 49TH ST. N  
CLEARWATER, FL 33762  
In honor of those who  
give their time to serve others  
in our community  
Presented by:  
The Sixth Judicial Circuit's Pro-Bono Advisory  
Committee Chair, Honorable Kimberly Todd,  
Circuit Judge in collaboration with circuit wide  
partners  
Reception immediately following in the first floor cafe  
Sponsored by:  
Clearwater Bar Association, St. Pete Bar  
Association, and their sponsors Felice Catering  
McFarland, Gould, Lyons, Sullivan & Hogan, P.A.

# People's Law School

Clearwater Bar Association has presented People's Law School annually for 27 years. The program runs from mid-January through May, every Thursday from 7-9 pm. Each week a different topic is covered by volunteer judges and attorneys. The program is designed to help increase knowledge of legal concepts that may affect our everyday lives.

People's Law School is free to the public and no registration is required. Just show up! People of all ages and all professions are welcome, from high schoolers to seniors.

Special thanks to St. Petersburg College for their partnership in this program.

Date	Topic	Presenter
4/2/15	Aging is a Family Matter	Professor Rebecca Morgan Esq.
4/9/15	Personal Injury Law	Rebecca Leisure, Esq.
4/9/15	Mediation	Retired Judge George Greer and Mark Esparaza, Esq.
4/16/15	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	Tom Michaels, Esq.
4/23/15	Consumer Protection Law	Noel White, Esq.
4/23/15	Labor and Employment Law	Coleen Flynn, Esq.
4/30/15	Business Entities	Mike Faehner, Esq.
4/30/15	Contracts	Erica Peterson, Esq.
5/7/15	State of Our Circuit Certificates of Attendance	Chief Judge McGrady
5/7/15	Women's Suffrage	Amy Bhatt

## Ongoing Events



### Attorney Volunteers Needed for Community Law Program Clinics

See the list of clinics here:

[http://www.lawprogram.org/our\\_services.aspx](http://www.lawprogram.org/our_services.aspx)

See more about volunteering here:

<http://www.lawprogram.org/attorneys.aspx>

Contact CLP: (727) 582-7480



### Gulf Coast Legal Services

See the list of clinics & events here:

<http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org/events>

Contact St. Petersburg: (727) 821-0726

Contact Clearwater: (727) 443-0657



### Bay Area Legal Services

Attorney volunteers are needed for Client Intake Clinics, Referral Panels, Community Counsel, and Mentoring Opportunities. Interested individuals can contact the Pro Bono Coordinator, Jane Helms:

[jhelms@bals.org](mailto:jhelms@bals.org)

### Stetson University College of Law: Veterans Pro Bono Initiative Team

Seeking attorneys to volunteer civil legal services to military members, veterans and their families. Volunteer attorneys will receive a weekly email message containing current case digests outlining pro bono opportunities in their geographical and legal practice areas. After selecting a case, attorneys will be provided with client and student volunteer contact information. Volunteers will also gain access to future Stetson CLE workshops focused on veterans law. Attorneys interested in volunteering may apply with no obligation at [stetson.edu/veteransprobono](http://stetson.edu/veteransprobono). For more information about volunteering with Stetson's Veterans Pro Bono Initiative Team, contact [vetprobono@law.stetson.edu](mailto:vetprobono@law.stetson.edu) or call 727-562-7333.

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