

Working Together: Legal Hotlines, Pro Bono, and the Bar

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Brief Description:

Legal Hotlines and the private bar work together to benefit both clients and attorneys. The panelists discuss how a hotline program can cultivate and maintain a vibrant relationship with the state bar association to yield an effective pro bono network. Experienced hotlines describe their variable-fee referral panels which provide financial support for hotline operations. A private attorney member of a hotline referral panel gives his view on this partnership. Panelists provide information on using bar association resources for pro bono case placement, recruitment, education and development of programs.

Topical Outline: Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut

- I. Delivery in Partnership is Integral Component of Pro Bono Connecticut
 - a. Partnership with legal services programs around the state
 - b. Partnership with Connecticut Bar Association
- II. Pro Bono Delivery on Connecticut
 - a. Role of Statewide Legal Service
- III. Partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association
 - a. The “Law Works for People Program”
 - b. Statewide Pro Bono Committee
 - c. Recruitment Coordinator at the Conn. Bar Association
- IV. Understanding the Volunteer Resource
- V. Development of Alternative Pro Bono Opportunities
 - a. Collaboration
- VI. Marketing of Pro Bono Opportunities
- VII. Volunteer Recognition