Pro Bono Opportunities

NJ State Bar Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information			
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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to provide advice, support and skilled negotiation to individuals and families in crisis.

Help Now! Advocacy is a non-profit corporation that has been based in Oregon from 2004 until late last year. Clients are not charged any fee for its services although those who can donate. The organization is now in the process of expanding its nationally-unique services by establishing the first-ever national advocacy hotline to assist individuals and families across the nation who find themselves in the throes of a crisis. Help Now!'s services are unique because the organization will assist on any type of crisis, and there are no pre-qualifiers or "red tape" to gaining assistance. The process is streamlined and immediate. Hence the name. Hotline calls, identified as such, are routed through the phone system to attorneys working from their homes or offices at times they choose to be "on call" to take hotline calls.

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

There are no eligibility requirements although the lowest age group the organization has ever assisted are individuals in their mid-teen years.

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

The organization performs both non-legal and legal advocacy on behalf of clients. Common issues on which Help Now! would perform legal advocacy for clients include landlord-tenant disputes, creditor harassment, issues with unscrupulous merchants, recovering monies lost in scams, and issues arising from non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

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If yes, please describe: We have a comprehensive handbook that addresses, among other things, various procedures and issues including the specifics of handling frequently-arising matters presented by clients. We also have had, and are re-creating, a training video. Advocates may also listen to advocate call recordings for training purposes. Senior advocates and the advocacy director are also readily available to provide guidance as individual cases may require.

7.	Does your organization provide other types of support? If yes, please explain.				
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