One Child, One Attorney, One Life Made Better

The Tracey McPharlin Pro Bono Dependency Recruitment Initiative

What? A collaborative effort of the Broward County Bar Association, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc., The 17th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, and Florida's Children First to recruit, train and support pro bono attorneys to represent children in Dependency Court.

Why? By joining this Initiative you can have a lasting and profound impact on the life of a child. Children, the subjects of Juvenile Dependency Court proceedings, are the only parties who are <u>not</u> provided with counsel. As a pro bono attorney you will speak for your child client and ensure that his or her rights are not obscured by and lost to the maze of bureaucracy of our child welfare system.

Who? The Initiative will serve newborns to children 19 years of age currently in or at-risk of entering the child welfare system. These children have legal issues involving permanency (excessive time in state care), mental health and medical problems, assistance with transitioning out of foster care, denial of needed social and educational services, and other concerns identified by the Judges of The Juvenile Court.

When? The launch will be on June 9, 2011 at the Broward County Bar Association Installation Dinner. Attorneys will be provided with training (dates to be announced) in basic Dependency Court process and procedure and then matched with a child client.

How? To participate, attorneys <u>MUST</u> enroll in Broward Lawyer's Care and attend a CLE certified Dependency Court training. Upon completion, attorneys will be matched to a child client and mentored and supported throughout the case by attorneys experienced in Juvenile Court proceedings. **Pro bono attorneys will have one million dollars malpractice coverage through Broward Lawyer's Care.**

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